



# Aerosol Awareness

## **AEROSOL STORAGE & DISPOSAL**

With warmer temperatures approaching, the following tips will assist you in correctly storing and disposing of your aerosol cans:

### **AEROSOL STORAGE**

- ▶ Store aerosol cans out of direct sunlight in a cool, well-ventilated area.
- ▶ Do not store aerosol cans in vehicles under hot conditions. Studies have shown that closed vehicles left in an unshaded area can heat up to nearly double the outside temperature within 20 minutes. For example, on a 33°C day, the temperature in a vehicle parked outdoors may reach up to 66°C.
- ▶ Contents are under pressure - do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50°C.
- ▶ High temperatures may cause pressure build-up inside aerosol cans – this may compromise the integrity of the can.
- ▶ Protect aerosol cans against physical damage.
- ▶ Do not puncture or incinerate, even when empty.
- ▶ Where aerosols are being used in very hot conditions (e.g. construction sites, open cast mines etc), storing aerosol cans in an industrial Esky (cooler) may assist in keeping these at reasonable temperatures. Alternatively, store cans in a sealed storage container to minimise any damage that may result from the integrity of the can being compromised.
- ▶ Most importantly, managers and supervisors should make the relevant MSDS available to employees using aerosol products and also refer them to the instructions listed on the can.

### **AEROSOL DISPOSAL**

- ▶ Aerosol cans need to be completely emptied prior to disposal.
- ▶ Dy-Mark's aerosol cans are manufactured from recyclable steel.
- ▶ Seek advice from your local council regarding aerosol recycling programmes.

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