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California Proposition 65 Warning

Proposition 65, officially known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, is a California law that applies to any products sold in California. Proposition 65 requires businesses to provide warnings to Californians about significant exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. These chemicals can be in the products that Californians purchase, in their homes or workplaces, or that are released into the environment. By requiring that this information be provided, Proposition 65 enables Californians to make informed decisions about their exposures to these chemicals. Proposition 65 requires California to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list, which must be updated at least annually, has grown to include approximately 900 chemicals since it was first published in 1987.

A Proposition 65 warning means one of two things: (1) the business has evaluated the exposure and has concluded that it exceeds the "no significant risk level"; or (2) the business has chosen to provide a warning simply based on its knowledge about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the exposure.

We have reviewed the Proposition 65 chemical list, based on our knowledge of our operations and industry, to determine which listed chemicals are present and may possibly provide a means of exposure to people in California. We have not determined the level of exposure of the listed chemicals in these products. The chemicals that may have a presence in our products and may possibly provide a means of exposure to people in California are as follows:

Cadmium - Cadmium is a listed chemical for both cancer and reproductive harm. We manufacture cadmium plated fasteners. We have not determined the level of the chemical that a person may be exposed to by handling the cadmium plated fasteners and whether or not it would fall under the safe harbor level.

Chromium (hexavalent compounds) - Hexavalent chromium is a listed chemical for both cancer and reproductive harm. We manufacture hexavalent chromium plated fasteners. Our regular standard zinc plating is trivalent chromium which is not a listed chemical. However, when parts are plated and a color chromate is added they may contain hexavalent chromium. Examples of plated parts that would present a possible risk include olive drab, zinc and yellow and zinc and black. We have not determined the level of the chemical that a person may be exposed to by handling the hexavalent chromium plated fasteners and whether or not it would fall under the safe harbor level.

Lead - Lead is a listed chemical for both cancer and reproductive harm. Lead may be present in brass and galvanize coated fasteners. We have not determined the level of lead that a person may be exposed to by handling the brass and/or galvanize coated fasteners and whether or not it would fall under the safe harbor level.

Nickel - Nickel is a listed chemical for cancer. Safe harbor exposure levels for nickel have not been established. We manufacture nickel plated fasteners. We have not determined the level of the chemical that a person may be exposed to by handling the nickel-plated fasteners.

Western Wire Products will provide the required warnings on products which have cadmium, hexavalent chromium or nickel plating. Western Wire Products will also provide the required warnings on brass and galvanize coated products.

For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

