

Important Safety Notice about Methylene Chloride

Like other manufacturers, our products contain Methylene Chloride (also called Dichloromethane or DCM). **It is important to read and follow all instructions on the labels of methylene chloride containing products and to ventilate the work area as instructed.**

Methylene Chloride is a volatile organic compound with a high vapor pressure and vapors can build up in small spaces when proper ventilation is not used. Effects of acute over-exposure to Methylene Chloride can range from upper respiratory, ocular and dermal irritation, to severe effects such as respiratory irritation, respiratory suppression, loss of consciousness or death.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued new guidance for labeling of certain household products containing Methylene Chloride on March 21, 2018. CPSC recommends the following statements be present on the front panels of paint strippers and certain other household products that contain methylene chloride:

WARNING: INHALATION OF VAPOR VERY HARMFUL. VAPOR CAN KILL YOU IN ENCLOSED AREAS. EYE AND SKIN IRRITANT. Read All Cautions on Back/Side Panel.

CPSC reminds consumers to read and follow all instructions on the labels of methylene chloride containing products and to ventilate as instructed.

CPSC's guidance document can be found here:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-21/pdf/2018-05580.pdf>

What we want you to know about DCM:

- DCM vapors are heavier than air and therefore, tend to accumulate closer to the floor. This is not as important for outdoor usage, but certainly is an important consideration indoors.
- **For indoor usage:** This is where our label talks about plenty of good fan ventilation moving air to the outdoors. In **small, confined areas** this becomes extremely important. A ceiling fan is completely inadequate for this purpose.

Why do we use Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane, DCM) as one of our ingredients?

Although DCM is more expensive than components used by other companies, it is the only way we can give you a product that is:

- **Not rated flammable.** Keeping you safe from fire hazard is a big, big concern for us.
- DCM is "VOC Exempt". That means it does not hurt air quality.