



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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SAFETY ALERT

**Subject: ROTHENBERGER/WORTHINGTON CYLINDER RECALL
NOTICE**

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Who Should Read this:

Top Level Budget Holders, Prime Contractors, Private Finance Initiatives, Public, Private Partnership and other traditionally procured contracts, Project Managers, Site Estate Authority Teams and Property Managers with responsibility for MOD projects and Property Management Works Services (including the legacy work of EWCs/WSMs), Coordinating Authorising Engineers, Authorising Engineers Mechanical, Authorised Persons Mechanical and Registered Persons (Gas).

When it takes effect: Immediately

When it is due to expire: When advised

Health and Safety

Document Aim.

To raise awareness of a voluntary recall notice issued by Rothenberger for their 400g disposable gas cylinders due to a potential problem with residue product leaking from the valve after disconnection.

1. Introduction

a. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THIS ALERT WILL ENABLE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK ETC ACT 1974 AND ITS SUBORDINATE REGULATIONS.

b. The appropriate MOD officer shall arrange for the Maintenance Management Organisation (MMO) contractor to carry out all actions in accordance with this Alert.

c. Any work required as a result of this Safety Alert must be carried out in accordance with JSP 375 Volume 3 – MOD's Safety Rules & Procedures.

d. On MOD Establishments occupied by United States Visiting Forces (USVF) responsibility is jointly held by USVF and DIO (USF). At base level this jointly managed organisation is to take appropriate action to implement the contents of this Alert. Where this Alert contains procedures which differ significantly from USVF practice DIO (USF) code of practice will be issued.

2. Background

a. There is a potential for un-burnt gas product to escape from the cylinder valve after it has been disconnected. There are no known incidents of fire or injury associated with this issue, but Worthington is undertaking this recall as a precaution.

b. Cylinders affected are MAP-Pro, propylene and MAPP. They are coloured either yellow (MAP//Pro) or black (PROPANE) and sold before 15 January 2012. Cylinders with a black or white diamond on their body are not covered by the recall.

c. The cylinders are all 400g and 75mm diameter by 280mm high. They are either black or yellow in colour and each cylinder has a yearly lot code on its bottom, as detailed in the table below:

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
-	W1E	W1F	W1G	W1H	W1J	W1K	W1L
-	W2E	W2F	W2G	W2H	W2J	W2K	W2L
-	W3E	W3F	W3G	W3H	W3J	W3K	W3L
-	W4E	W4F	W4G	W4H	W4J	W4K	W4L
-	W5E	W5F	W5G	W5H	W5J	W5K	W5L
-	W6E	W6F	W6G	W6H	W6J	W6K	W6L
-	W7E	W7F	W7G	W7H	W7J	W7K	W7L
-	W8E	W8F	W8G	W8H	W8J	W8K	W8L
W9D	W9E	W9F	W9G	W9H	W9J	W9K	W9L
W10D	W10E	W10F	W10G	W10H	W10J	W10K	W10L
W11D	W11E	W11F	W11G	W11H	W11J	W11K	W11L
W12D	W12E	W12F	W12G	W12H	W12J	W12K	W12L

d. Cylinders are sold as both replacements and in torch kits under the following brand names: Ameriflame, Bromic, Castolin, Go-System, Hotery, Nevax, Rothenberger, SuperEgo, Turbotorch, Turner, Uniweld and Worthington.

e. Further information is available at: www.MAPCylinderRecall.com and Rothenberger (UK) Ltd customer services can be contacted on: 01536 310300. This matter is also covered by Gas Safe Register Safety Alert 009.

f. A copy of the Worthington Cylinders' recall notice is attached to this Safety Alert.

3. Requirement

a. If the cylinder has never been connected to a torch or other device, it should not be used, but returned to where it was purchased for exchange or refund. If the cylinder is in use it should not be disconnected, but taken outdoors and the entire contents burnt off. The empty cylinder should then be, either disposed of in accordance with the instructions on its label, or returned to where it was purchased for exchange or refund. Partially used cylinders that are currently disconnected should be re-attached to a torch, or other device, taken outdoors and the entire contents burnt off. Again the empty cylinder should be, either disposed of in accordance with the instructions on its label, or returned to where it was purchased for exchange or refund.

b. Worthington are recommending the use of blue propane cylinders, which are unaffected by this recall, until replacement stocks are available.

Notice to Worthington Customers
January 17, 2012



Voluntary Product Recall of MAP-Pro, Propylene and MAPP Cylinders

Worthington is voluntarily recalling its MAP-Pro, Propylene and MAPP cylinders due to a quality issue with the valve which is purchased from a vendor. There are no known incidents of fire or injury associated with this issue. New cylinders in customers' inventory that have never had a torch attached will not leak due to this issue when stored, transported or moved. Worthington is undertaking this voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution.



Products affected:

- 14.1 oz MAP-Pro (yellow cylinder)
- 14.1 oz Propylene (black cylinder)
- 16 oz MAPP (yellow cylinder)
- Hand torch kits containing 14.1 oz MAP-Pro

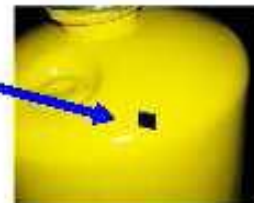
Not affected by this recall

- 14.1 oz propane (blue cylinder)
- 1.4 oz oxygen (red cylinder)
- 16.4 oz propane (green cylinder)

Worthington's Course of Action

Worthington has notified the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Health Canada of this issue and is working with other consumer product commissions worldwide to provide appropriate notice to consumers. Worthington is pulling back its customers' inventory in parallel with the consumer recall and will help coordinate product inventory collection.

New cylinders produced after January 12, 2012 will be marked with a black or white diamond on the top shoulder of the cylinder. The master carton is marked with date of manufacture. Cylinders produced after January 12, 2012 are not part of the recall.



Instructions for Customers

1. Discontinue selling current inventory
2. Quarantine inventory and consolidate it with consumer returns.
 - a. Full cylinders should be returned to Worthington in full container load quantities. Contact Worthington to arrange transportation.
 - b. Partially full or empty cylinders should be properly disposed of. Do not return partially full or empty cylinders to Worthington. Contact Worthington to arrange for credit.
3. Post the "Important Safety Recall" notice for consumers

We apologize for this inconvenience and are aggressively working to provide customers with appropriate replacement products as well as provide a reasonable mechanism for returning the affected products.