



Shippable Drum General Guidance Document



Is the waste in a proper shipping container for the hazard class?

- Use proper DOT specifications for hazard class.
- Verify waste is compatible with drum type.
- Label container when waste is first placed in drum.

Are the drums clean? Inspect them prior to shipping.

- Use new or reconditioned drums.
- Clean dust, grease, splatters and smudged from drum top and sides.

<u>Drum Condition</u>		<u>Resolution</u>
<i>Physical Condition?</i>		
DENTS:	Small dents. No obvious impairment.	OK
	Large dents. Possible structural impairment.	Repack or overpack
CREASE:	< 6 inches with NO metal loss	OK
	> 6 inches or any metal separation or other obvious impairment.	Repack or overpack
	Dents and/or creases on chime or seem.	Repack or overpack
	Damaged lid.	Replace lid/repack or overpack
METAL:	Splatters, streaks or runs, etc.	Wipe/scrape clean, repaint if necessary.
FIBER:	Globs of materials on the outside or stains from chemicals.	Wipe/remove as practical
<i>Structural Integrity?</i>		
	Leaking contents.	Repack or overpack
RUST:	Incidental rusting on less than 50% of the surface with no apparent structural damage.	OK
	Rusting on more than 50% of the surface with or without structural damage. Surface may be flaking, crumbling or otherwise losing drum wall thickness.	Repack or overpack
<i>Other</i>		
*LABELING:	Missing or illegible EPA or DOT labels	Replace with new legible labels

*Appropriate DOT labels as required – 49CFR 172.406 – Placement of Labels

- Labels must be located on the same surface of the package and near the proper shipping name marking, if the package dimensions are adequate.
- Placement of multiple labels. When primary and subsidiary hazard labels are required, they must be displayed next to each other. Placement conforms to this requirement if labels are within 150mm (6 inches) of one another.