

Berenfield Containers

DOT 178 Notice

Closure Requirements for Fibre Drums

In Regulation 49CFR 178.2(c), the Department of Transportation (DOT) requires drum manufacturers to inform their customers of how to close drum fittings and closure rings in order to ensure the drum will perform to the marking level indicated thereon. Please see that this information is available to those responsible for closing the drums after filling. The use of non-sparking tools is recommended to close drums containing hazardous materials.

After filling our container, it must be properly closed before being offered for transportation. The assembly guidelines listed below should be followed to ensure the container will perform to the marking level indicated thereon.

1. Covers must be firmly seated on the top of the drum.
2. For standard fibre drum rings, the latch must be snapped securely into place. For top lever locking rings, they must be fully closed into position.
3. Sealing the eyelets of the closing ring is necessary not only for evidence of tampering, but also to ensure the integrity of the closure.

CAUTION

The components of a drum from one drum manufacturer should not be intermingled with those of another. Components from the same manufacturer from different drum specifications likewise should not be intermingled. This ensures proper fit of the subassemblies and performance of the drum. Any alteration of the drum specification that varies the design of the package from the design that was tested by or on behalf of Berenfield Containers, voids said certification.