

Farrell Oil

Drum Storage & Maintenance Tips

Drum Handling and Storage

Equipment failure can often be traced directly to contaminants found in that equipment's lubricant. Care must be taken anytime a lubricant is handled, transported, dispensed or stored. Listed below are several methods of storing lubricants to minimize contamination.

- **Storing Drums Inside**

Inside storage is the preferred method for storing full drums. Refer to safety instructions on the package label or the product MSDS for any special handling issues related to the lubricant. Be sure to keep drum tops free of any dust, dirt, and water. Be sure to keep drums away from open flames, sparks, and extreme heat.

- **Storing Drums Outside**

If it becomes necessary to store lubricants outdoors, be sure to take measures to insure that the lubricant is protected from weather and dirt. Drums will breathe with changes in ambient temperature. As a drum "inhales," it draws in water, dirt, and any other forms of contamination that may be present. Uncovered drums stored in an upright position collect water and dirt that will contaminate the lubricant as the drum breathes. For these reasons, it will be necessary to employ one of the methods listed below when storing drums outdoors:

1. Makes sure the bung closures are tight and use a form-fitting drum cover on all drums stored in an upright position.
2. Store the drums on their side with the bung closures tight and orientated in a position parallel to the ground.
3. Set the drums upside down, making sure that the bung closures are tight. Do not store the drums in low areas that collect water.
4. Tilt upright drums in such a way that any collecting water will not reach the bungs.

Returning Drums for Credit

Farrell Oil will pick up "empty" drums as the term is defined in the national EPA regulations, 40 CFR 261.7 and if they have been properly prepared for transportation under regulations of the US DOT, 49 CFR 173.29.

1. Completely empty (less than one half inch of **original** fluid remaining on the bottom)
2. All bung closures installed and tight.
3. **NO** puncture holes exist.
4. The outside of the drum must be reasonably clean.

Farrell Oil reserves the right to determine if credit is due for returned drums based on the above criteria and whether they are suitable for reconditioning.

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