



## RIVETKING PRODUCTS AND PROPOSITION 65

### About Proposition 65

Proposition 65, or the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, is a California law that requires businesses to provide warnings to Californians about significant exposures to potentially dangerous chemicals. This applies to items Californians purchase as well as to products in their homes or workplaces or chemicals that are released into the environment. The intent behind Proposition 65 is to help Californians to make informed decisions about their exposures to these chemicals. To do this, Proposition 65 also requires the state of California to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list must be updated at least once a year and has grown to include approximately 900 chemicals since it was first published in 1987. When a company issues a Proposition 65 warning, it means one of two things: (1) the business has evaluated the exposure and has concluded that it exceeds the "no significant risk level"; or (2) the business has chosen to provide a warning simply based on its knowledge about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the exposure.

### Industrial Rivet and Fastener – Proposition 65 Warning

Industrial Rivet and Fastener has chosen to provide a warning based on the potential presence of one or more chemicals listed on the Proposition 65 list. We've made extensive efforts to minimize or eliminate hazardous chemicals in our products since 2006. This includes routinely taking random samples through XRay Florescence technology to detect substances of concern. However, we do not conduct any third party testing to evaluate the level of exposure. To the best of our knowledge, following are the materials used (or once used) to produce products with chemicals on the Proposition 65 list. It is possible that products contain listed chemicals at levels that are below the Proposition 65's level of concern. Levels could even be zero, but we've decided to err on the side of caution by placing the Proposition 65 warning notification on all the potentially affected products.

<b>Stainless Steel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nickel (Metallic) as an alloying element of stainless steel</li> <li>Chromium (Metallic) as an alloying element of stainless steel</li> </ul>	<i>Stainless steel is an alloy that does not have a suitable replacement and will not be removed from use in household or industrial products. Nickel and Chromium are elements in stainless steel that are in their stable metallic form. Products from dining ware, coins and cutlery to surgical appliances such as braces are produced from stainless steel. We believe Proposition 65 may be referring to liquid forms of the elements, however, due to the ambiguity, we will just label these products shipped under the Proposition 65 regulation.</i>
<b>Plating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hexavalent Chromium as a rust inhibitor</li> <li>Nickel (Metallic) as an alloying finish on steel Zinc Nickel plating</li> </ul>	<i>Hexavalent Chrome as an addition to zinc has been <u>obsolete as a standard process since 2006</u>, unless specifically requested by a customer. We now use Trivalent Chromium as a zinc top coat, which is widely accepted as the safe alternative. Nickel is present in the Zinc Nickel alloy finish, but is within safe harbor levels.</i>
<b>Painting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carbon Black (colorant) of black or dark painted products</li> <li>Lead (rust inhibitor) of painted products.</li> </ul>	<i><u>Carbon is not detectably by XRF, therefore, the is possibility of exposure on painted black surfaces.</u></i>  <i><u>Lead above safe harbor limits are restricted. We routinely scan painted products for lead.</u></i>
<b>Tool Handles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PVC used as a grip on tool products</li> </ul>	<i><u>Obsolete as a standard process since 2012.</u></i>

### Our Commitment:

Industrial Rivet is quite active in our industry and will continue to work with industry organizations, peers and customers to better clarify the Prop 65 narrative. We will also review enforcement actions to reduce ambiguity where it relates to the Prop 65 requirements and our industry. We remain committed to using technology that increases the detection of harmful chemicals and, of course, will continue to inform our customers about potentially hazardous chemicals in our products because we believe they have the "right to know".

### Our Actions:

Industrial Rivet will be compliant to the Prop 65 requirements as of August 30, 2018 for products manufactured and shipped after this date. Until this time, distributors themselves have the responsibility to label their products sold in California accordingly. We have provided our label graphics as a courtesy on our website and on page 2 of this document.

Signed,

Steven Sherman, Vice President



**Any Product Made of Stainless Steel:**

STANDARD WARNING:	TRUNCATED WARNING	STANDARD WARNING:
Used Where:	Box Labels	Web
Size (WxL):	1.75" x 1.25"	2.0 x 3.0"
Graphic:		
Text:	WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm	WARNING: This product is can expose you to Nickel (Metallic) which are known to the State of California to cause cancer. (For more information go to <a href="http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov">www.p65warnings.ca.gov</a> )

**Any Hand Tool, Pneumatics, Hydraulics or Mechanical Lever:**

STANDARD WARNING:	TRUNCATED WARNING	STANDARD WARNING:
Used Where:	Box Labels	Web and Instruction Manuals.
Size (WxL):	1.75" x 1.25"	2.0 x 3.0"
Graphic:		
Text:	WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm	WARNING: Handling this product can expose you to chemicals, including PVC, Lead and/or Carbon (Black) which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. (For more information go to <a href="http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov">www.p65warnings.ca.gov</a> )