



## POR-15 FUEL TANK SEALER

### Application Information

Almost all fuel tanks are dirty and have to be cleaned out before sealing. It is very difficult to see the dirt and contamination inside the tank, but it's there. In English, we call this bad stuff "gum and varnish", and it's almost always invisible to the naked eye. If you try to seal a tank without cleaning it first, the new coating will probably fail, because tank sealer won't stick to gum and varnish. Here's how to clean out a 25 gallon fuel tank:

1. Mix 1 quart of Marine-Clean with 1 quart of very hot water and pour it into the tank **GLOVES AND EYE PROTECTION SHOULD BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.** Shake the tank, then place it in a different position every 2 hours so the solution can cover all inside surfaces. When all surfaces have been subjected to the cleaning solution, shake it again, then dump out the tank, rinse it with water, dump out the water, and start all over again. The first time you dump the solution, it'll be very dirty; after the second solution has been discarded, the tank should be clean. Rinse the tank out with fresh hot water, drain thoroughly, then pour in the full container of Metal-Ready.
2. With the Metal-Ready in the tank, again shake, then place the tank in different positions every half hour until the entire inside of the tank has been treated with Metal-Ready. Then rinse the tank thoroughly with hot water several times and drain it. In order to get the tank completely dry, you must blow warm air into it for a long time. No tank will dry out on the inside by itself. The only way to do this job is to use forced air. **TANKS MUST BE COMPLETELY DRY INSIDE BEFORE SEALING. THE SEALER WILL NOT STICK TO A DAMP OR WET TANK.**
3. Pour in the entire can of fuel tank sealer and "roll" the tank around so that all surfaces come in contact with the sealer. Then drain for at least 30 minutes to ensure that sealer has not "puddled" in tank. After you've done this, dump out the left-over sealer back into the can, but **DON'T PUT THE LID BACK ON THE CAN TIGHTLY OR IT MAY EXPLODE!** Leave the can open and it will harden overnight. Then throw it out the next day. Allow 72 - 96 hours for sealer to dry. Air dry tank in a well-ventilated area. Maximum cure will be reached in 96 hours. Setup time can be improved by using a low pressure blower or hair dryer (low or no heat) and circulating it through one hole in tank and out another.

#### PATCHING

The best time to add patches on the outside of the tank is when you have finished drying the tank after using Metal Ready, when the holes in the tank are too big to be sealed by the sealer alone. Here's how you do this: Paint the area where the hole is with POR-15, then place a piece of reinforcing fabric into the paint. Now paint the cloth outward from the center with more POR-15. The next day or 5 hours later, paint it again. You have now sealed the tank from both the inside and the outside.

And remember, whenever you want to seal a tank, you must use Metal-Ready on the inside and/or the outside, because the adhesion must be perfect. After the tank is sealed, wait at least 5 days before putting fuel into it.

#### OLD SEALER

Sometimes you will be asked how to seal a tank that was sealed years ago with some other sealer that has now failed. In this case, you must use our paint stripper first to remove that old sealer, and a gallon of stripper should do it properly. First, pour in about a quart of stripper and let it work on each inside surface. It may take 4 strippings to do the job completely. The old finish may come loose in chunks or pieces or strips, so a long tweezer-type tool is helpful for removal. After the stripping job is done, the tank should be rinsed out with hot water and then cleaned with Marine-Clean. This is not easy work, but it's the only way to do the job right. People who follow our directions perfectly always get a perfect job, no exceptions. Special care must be taken to make sure the sealer doesn't clog up feeder lines or other tubes inside the tank, and the tank must be propped before drying so the sealer doesn't "puddle" in places where it could cause problems.

#### WHO USES FUEL TANK SEALER?

*People who restore, rebuild, or repair cars, boats, or other vehicles; companies with fuel storage tanks; non-restoration people who have fuel tanks in need of repair.*

#### WHAT ARE SOME TYPICAL PROBLEMS REQUIRING NEED OF SEALER?

- A. Tanks may be very rusty inside due to years of non-use.
- B. Tanks may have gunk or caked sludge inside, which must be removed and the tank walls must then be coated.
- C. Tanks may have pinhole leaks or leaking seams.
- D. Tanks may have a combination of the above.

#### CAN MY TANK BE TREATED WITHOUT HAVING TO REMOVE IT FROM MY CAR?

*Usually not. Occasionally a tank will have a small leak on the bottom which can be treated without removal, but this is the exception. Proper fuel tank sealing almost always requires tank removal from the vehicle.*

#### YOU CLAIM US STANDARD FUEL TANK SEALER IS "THE BEST FUEL TANK SEALER MONEY CAN BUY". WHY IS IT BETTER THAN THE OTHERS?

*It's better because it seals pinholes and seams far better than any other sealer and has great intrinsic film strength, which the others do not have. Its film coating is non-porous, keeping moisture permanently away from metal, and in this way prevents future rusting.*

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## DOES US STANDARD FUEL TANK SEALER CONTAIN "RUST INHIBITORS" THAT OTHER SEALERS CLAIM TO HAVE?

*Any chemical can be called a rust inhibitor, since practically all coatings will stop rust for a short period of time until they are destroyed by moisture or wear and tear. Some types of oil, especially fish oil, have been known to inhibit rust for a limited period of time, also. But the only real way to stop rust permanently is to keep moisture away from metal with a non-porous coating that will get stronger as it is exposed to moisture. Only **US STANDARD FUEL TANK SEALER** does this, and that's why it's the best product.*

## HOW MANY TYPES OF FUEL TANK SEALER ARE THERE?

*There are two types of tank sealer other than **US STANDARD**, and they are similar to each other in basic structure:*

A. PVC type sealer is similar to the adhesive used to seal PVC pipe as used in waste disposal lines, sewer lines, etc. This material is white in color, coats well, but doesn't fill holes or seams well because it has poor film strength and is essentially an adhesive rather than a coating. It is highly flammable and has strong ketone vapors which are dangerous to people with heart conditions.

B. PVC-type non-curing sealer is yellow in color and will dissolve in gasoline containing alcohol and other additives, which makes it dangerous to use in ANY fuel tank. Adheres well but never loses its stickiness, and it can easily be scratched off with your fingernail. Contains highly hazardous ketone solvent M.E.K.

## SHOULD I ALWAYS USE A FUEL TANK SEALER AFTER THOROUGHLY CLEANING OUT MY TANK?

*No. Fuel tank sealer should be used as a last resort, and is not always necessary. Fuel tanks that are rust-free and have no pinholes or leaks may not need sealing at all. They should, however, always be kept full of gasoline, which prevents condensation and further rusting. If vehicles are not used frequently, fuel tanks should be treated with **POR-15 FUEL PRESERVATIVE/STABILIZER**, which will keep fuel fresh for more than two years and insure quick starts even after months of non-use.*

## CAN U.S. STANDARD FUEL TANK SEALER BE RE-USED?

*No. Used Fuel Tank Sealer should be discarded because it absorbs moisture from the atmosphere during application and will not adhere properly a second time.*

**DANGER: HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED  
KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN  
CONTAINS PETROLEUM DISTILLATE  
COMBUSTIBLE USE ONLY IN WELL VENTILATED AREAS  
DO NOT RE-USE SEALER.** Let drained sealer dry in open can, then discard in accordance with local regulations.

Avoid breathing vapors directly from can. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Use POR-15 Solvent or lacquer thinner to remove sealer from skin, then wash with soap and water.

**STIR WELL BEFORE USING**

**THIS SEALER CANNOT BE MIXED WITH ANY FUELS.**

Please remember these instructions are general guide lines only and cannot and do not cover every application and environment. If you remain unsure as how to proceed, please call toll-free for technical advice at 800-457-6715.

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