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Propylene Cylinder Recall

Sherwood Valve Safety Notice (Propylene Service) 260 psi Service Pressure Cylinders in Propylene Service

Praxair Distribution, Inc. has informed Sherwood, a division of Harsco Corporation, of several unintended releases of propylene from 260 psi service pressure cylinders equipped with certain Sherwood PV3250A-405 and Sherwood PV3250ALG-405 valves with pressure release device start-to-discharge settings of 405 psi. These releases have taken place at various locations in North America. The unintended release of propylene, a flammable gas, under uncontrolled conditions, can result in fire, personal injury and property damage. Accordingly, Sherwood and Praxair recommend that you immediately identify and remove from service propylene cylinders equipped with the valves listed below. Such cylinders should be segregated and held for inspection.

The valve model number and date codes in question are:

Valve Model Number

Date Code (last two of four digits)

PV3250A-405

XX96, XX97, XX98, XX99, XX00,
XX01, XX02, XX03

PV3250ALG-405

The valves can be identified by the following markings: a "3250A" forged on the valve body; a "S405 psi" stamp on the safety relief cap; and date codes stamped on the wrench flat of the valve containing the following last two digit numbers: "96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02 or 03."

Sherwood Model PV 3250A-405 and Sherwood Model PV3250ALG-405 with safety relief devices set at 405 psi with date codes from XX60 to XX95 inclusive should be permanently removed from service as their service life has expired.

Please direct any questions about this Notice to:
John Piscitelli (724) 229 5510.



**Wrench Flats
"Sherwood"**

**Codes inclusive from
XX60 to XX94, Xx95,
xx96,xx97, xx98, xx99,
xx00, xx01, xx02, xx03
ie "4899"**

Don't Worry, Be Happy

Optimism, Pessimism & Your Health

When you've suffered a major loss, setback or disappointment, the last thing you might want to hear are the words, "cheer up." But the latest research suggests that's exactly what you should do, especially if you hope to live a long and healthy life.

Live a Longer, Healthier Life

A Yale and Miami University study which tracked the lives of people over the age of 50 for 23 years, found that those who embraced the aging process lived an average of **7.5 years longer** than those who were pessimistic about getting older.

Other studies reveal that optimists are not only less likely to die from heart disease, but if they do happen to develop it, recover considerably faster from coronary by-pass surgery than their negative counterparts.

Though there are no clear explanations for the health benefits a positive outlook brings, scientists believe there is a solid link between optimism and the immune system, providing it with the boost it needs to fight the pitfalls of aging and disease.

Nourishing Your Inner Optimist:

Dr. Martin Seligman, the godfather of research on optimism and pessimism believes how you respond to life events is more important than the event itself.

His research shows that when bad things happen, pessimists tend to explain incidents in permanent, universal and personal terms, while optimists focus on the temporary, specific and external aspects of the situation.

As the research suggests, this kind of negative self-talk can not only chip away at your self-esteem, but also, over time, begin to take its toll on your immune system and physical health.

Breaking thought patterns you've been using for a lifetime takes time, practice, and perseverance but through better self-understanding and a little effort, you'll perk up your mind, body and life with a healthy dose of optimism.



Cell Phones and Driving Don't Mix

The challenge is to persuade employees regarding the hazards of using the cell phone while driving. There are many studies showing that cell phone use impairs driving:

1. Cell phone users are four times more likely than non-cell phone users to get into accidents;
2. Cell phone users have the same risk of accidents as those driving with a blood alcohol level at the legal limit;
3. Cell phone users take three times longer to activate their brakes than drivers under the influence of alcohol;
4. Cell phone conversations distract the driver from the driving environment and potential hazards.

This can lead to many unsafe actions, such as:

- Not following at an appropriate distance in adverse driving conditions;
- Not maintaining proper lane position; and
- Not noticing or not recognizing traffic signals.

Studies also show that there is no difference in the level of safety between hands-free cell phone devices and hand-held cell phones.

How important is that call?