

California Proposition 65

What is this warning?

You may have seen one of the following or similar warnings associated with our products, and on products purchased from other manufacturers:

 **WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

 **WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

We are providing this warning pursuant to a law passed by California in 1986 called the “California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986”, or “Proposition 65” for short.

What is California Proposition 65 (Prop 65)?

- Proposition 65 is a California law approved by voters in 1986.
- California publishes a list of chemicals **known*** to the State to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Currently, more than 850 chemicals are on the list.
- The law requires businesses to warn consumers if their products or facilities can expose consumers to a listed chemical above certain threshold levels.
- If a manufacturer does not provide a warning, the burden is on the manufacturer to prove that consumers’ will not be exposed to listed chemicals at levels that require a warning.

* The Prop 65 chemical list is regularly updated and is available on OEHHA’s website.

Where is Prop 65 applicable?

- Prop 65 applies to products that are shipped to or sold for use in the State of California.
- This includes online retailers that ship products to California from anywhere.

Things to Know

- The warning does not mean that our products will cause cancer or reproductive harm.
- A Proposition 65 warning does not mean a product is in violation of any product-safety standards or requirements. In fact, the California government has clarified that “[t]he fact that a product bears a Proposition 65 warning does not mean by itself that the product is unsafe.”
- The California agency tasked with implementing Proposition 65 has also explained, “You could think of Proposition 65 more as a ‘right to know’ law than a pure product safety law.” See <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/background/p65plain.html>.

Why does Hitachi Power Tools/Metabo HPT include this warning?

Hitachi Power Tools/Metabo HPT has chosen to provide a warning based on its understanding that the use of our products in certain applications may expose persons to listed chemicals. Therefore, it is out of an abundance of caution that Hitachi Power Tools/Metabo HPT has chosen to provide a Proposition 65 warning on its products.

Why am I seeing this warning outside of California?

Our products are sold nationwide to various retailers that may sell or distribute into California. It is not feasible for Hitachi Power Tools/Metabo HPT to identify and label only those specific products that will be sold into California prior to distribution. So, in order to comply with Proposition 65 law, the warning is provided on all applicable products.

Please visit www.P65Warnings.ca.gov for more information.