

Getting Started on Your MSDS Program

Every automotive recycler should have a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) program. Having this chemical product information readily available creates a safe work environment. Lack of MSDS is the #1 OSHA inspection violation. It is an easy safety compliance requirement to meet.

How Do I get Started?

- 1) Designate a Safety Supervisor to be responsible for maintaining the MSDSs;
- 2) Develop an *Inventory of Products* that require an MSDS to be maintained.
[Download Inventory Form.](#)
- 3) Establish a RED 3-ring binder of MSDSs gathered or downloaded based on the inventory.
 - a. Download an [MSDS for ANTIFREEZE](#). Over 90% of the antifreeze on the market is manufactured by Prestone ChemTrec so having this MSDS in your red binder will meet the product safety information for antifreeze recovered from evacuation.
 - b. Download the [MSDS for DEX COOL](#) for antifreeze recovered from evacuation.
 - c. Download the [MSDS for Sierra Brand](#) antifreeze (propylene glycol based) recovered from evacuation.
- 4) Develop procedures to follow when an MSDS is not received at the time of the first shipment (i.e., download from web or call supplier);
- 5) Make sure employees know where to find the MSDS binder;
- 6) Keep *Employee Safety Training* logs in the MSDS binder for easy access in the event of an inspection;
- 7) Consider reducing the number of different brands and/or products on hand in the shop to make MSDSs tracking more manageable.

Chemical manufacturers & importers are required to obtain or develop an MSDS for each hazardous chemical they produce. ***Distributors are responsible for ensuring that their customers are provided a copy of the MSDS.*** Employers must have an MSDS for each hazardous chemical they use. Employers may rely on the information received from suppliers.

Contact Sue Schauls for assistance in developing an MSDS program at your facility. Sue can be reached via email at Schauls3@mchsi.com or by phone at 319/233-7970.