

3M Introduces Solutions to Help Automotive Professionals Meet New EPA Rule 40 CFR Part 63 – Subpart 6H

- **New PPS™ 3 Oz. Lids and Liners from 3M Address Reduced Paint Volume Requirement to Deliver Portable Priming, Proven Performance**
- **New Lids and Liners Designed to Complement Existing 3M PPS System, Work with Popular 3M Accuspray™ System**
- **Innovative Technology Delivers Environmental Benefits, Decreases Primer Waste and Can Significantly Reduce Solvent Consumption in the Clean Up Process**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (January 14, 2011) – With the clock ticking on the new EPA Rule 40 CFR Part 63 – Subpart 6H going into effect, automotive repair professionals around the country are looking for a simple, affordable solution that allows them to continue to spray primer at mobile repair locations or outside of the paint booth and meet the federal standard.

The rule, designed to reduce the release of targeted hazardous air pollutants, requires that anyone performing touch-up and spot repair work with coatings containing these pollutants to use hand-held devices with a maximum cup size of 3 oz or less when operating outside of a paint booth.

As a result, the rule impacts the operations of the mobile repair units that frequently operate in parking lots and open areas. But having to put all jobs through the paint booth creates significant challenges for facility owners in terms of cycle time, job cost and scheduling.

3M, inventor of the PPS Paint Protection System of cups, lids and liners a decade ago, has created a proprietary new design to help paint and repair professionals meet the new federal rule without significantly changing the way they do business today. The 3 oz lid and liner system fits inside an existing 3M PPS System, and allows the painter to quickly adapt to the new rule.



“The new 3 oz PPS System from 3M is intended to help customers continue business as usual and paint where they need to,” said Brian Shafer, U.S. marketing manager for 3M. “We understand the need to reduce hazardous airborne pollutants, but also understand the challenges this new standard presents to professionals. By providing a simple 3 oz lid and liner to fit into existing systems, it allows mobile repair operations to stay in business without a significant investment in training and equipment. We hope to help maximize efficiency for all users.”

New Lids, Liners Work with Accuspray System

The new 3 oz PPS system is designed to work with the popular Accuspray System, an innovative primer gun that allows paint professionals to have a brand new spray gun on demand. The atomizing head delivers a large, usable pattern, provides a flat smooth finish and reduces overspray. Replacing the atomizing head is as easy as click and spray.

Training Key to Rule Compliance

To help business owners fully understand the details of the new rule and educate their employees on the requirements and necessary painting processes, 3M Automotive Aftermarket has created a free online training program, available at www.3M.com/PPS under [3M™ 40 CFR Part 63 – Subpart 6H Training](#).

The training module includes a detailed review of the EPA rule and how it applies in various shop settings. It also provides hands-on training on the new procedures for paint gun set-up, paint application and job clean-up. It includes a quiz at the end, and 3M provides a certificate of completion for participants who pass the quiz.

For more information, contact 1-877-MMM-CARS, your local 3M Distributor or 3M Sales Representative or visit our website at <http://www.3M.com/PPS>.

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