

ACRC Photo Guide

*Compare your containers
with the ones shown here.*

*Always follow the
instructions on the label
before handling any crop
protection products.*

*Wear the proper protective
equipment as specified on
the product label.*

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Acceptable



Container, thread, and lip are clean.



Handle and neck stained but clean.

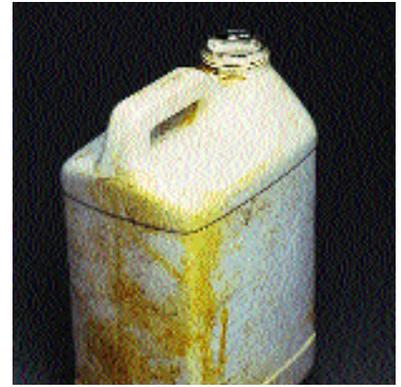


Inside stained but rinsed clean.



Inside is clean and dry.

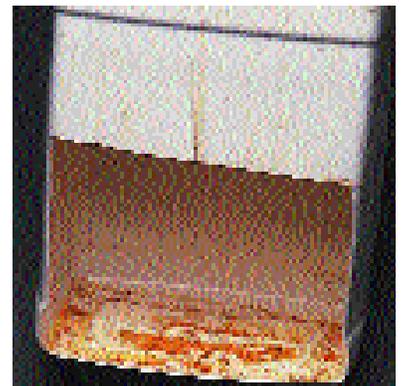
Not Acceptable



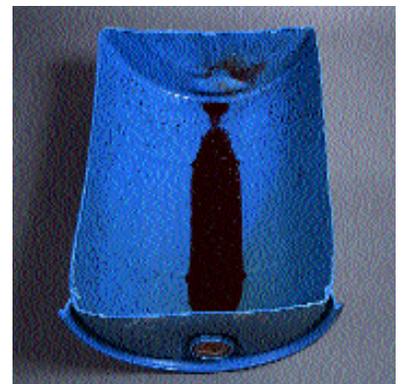
Dried formulation on container.



Dried formulation on thread.



Bottom is caked with dried residue.



Liquid residue in container.

ACRC Inspection Checklist



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The ACRC is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to develop and support the collection and recycling of properly rinsed crop protection product containers.

These containers can be recycled by the ACRC.



The ACRC program accepts containers when all of the conditions and actions listed below have been met:

- Containers:** These must be **non refillable** and made from **high density polyethylene (HDPE)**. Some HDPE containers have a thin barrier of other co-manufactured material that is acceptable. Containers will be embossed with recycling symbol #2, and sometimes #7.
- Use:** The container originally held an EPA registered pesticide labeled for agriculture, forestry, vegetative management, specialty pest control OR a non-EPA registered crop protection adjuvant, crop oil, or surfactant.
- Professional Use:** The contents of each container were used by a farmer, commercial applicator or a person under the direct supervision of a farmer or commercial applicator.
- Sizes:** Containers are accepted from the smallest sizes up to 35 gallons in capacity. For sizes greater than 35 gallons in capacity, but less than 56 gallons, contact the collection site or the ACRC contractor.
- Empty:** Containers must be empty to be recycled in the ACRC program.
- Non-Acceptable Parts:** Caps and other non-HDPE parts, such as metal handles and rubber linings, cannot be recycled. Clean and discard these parts as normal solid waste. **Never put a cap back on a rinsed container.**
- Clean:** Properly rinsed containers will be accepted into the recycling program. Pressure-rinse or triple-rinse the container immediately after it is emptied. Add the rinse water to the spray mix.
- Inspected:** Immediately after rinsing the container, look inside and make sure that all the formulation has been rinsed out. Also, inspect the outside of the container; particularly check that the pour spout, the spout threads and the container wall surrounding the spout are free of formulation residues that flake, smear or come off on a glove when touched. The recycler cannot process containers that have removable formulation in or on them.
- Stains:** Certain products discolor plastic with a penetrating stain. The stained containers are **acceptable** provided that no material can be smeared or removed when touched by a rubber glove.
- Labels:** Check with your local authority and follow their guidelines on label removal. Labels, and certainly booklets, do interfere with the recycling process. However, some inspection authorities prefer that labels remain affixed on containers so that any residues can be identified.
- Dry:** An acceptable container is a dry container. Store cleaned containers in an enclosed building or trailer or in plastic bags. The recycler will not accept a container that has liquid in it.
- Containers that originally held veterinary products, consumer products, or home and garden pesticides are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.