

SAFETY COMPENDIUM – GASOLINE CANS



Can, Gasoline

Cylindrical-shaped, enamel-coated metal can is designed for temporary storage or handling of gasoline and other flammable liquids. Safety is enhanced because openings are fitted with flame arrester. Has domed top with handle.

Per handbook PO 701, Fleet Management, the following information identifies the only approved safety container for storing and transporting gasoline within the postal service.

GSA Item NSN 7420-00-240-6958: Can, safety, for temporary storage of gasoline spout, safety screen, and spring closure; or similar, metal, self-venting, spring-closure gasoline cans (see example pictured above).

Storage and handling requirements for the approved safety container for gasoline:

- Metal construction.
- Self-venting.
- Store flammable liquids (up to 5 gallons) *only* in approved safety cans. Store safety cans *only* in approved storage cabinets.
- May NOT be replaced by plastic gas container.
- Storage area must be identified by red line painted 25 feet in all directions from storage sight and labeled “No Smoking”.
- A maximum of five gallons of gasoline may be transported on service vehicles for “out of gas” road calls.

Sources: PO-701, Fleet Management; EL-803, Maintenance Employee’s Guide to Safety; OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106