



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: California Proposition 65 Warning Requirements


Dear Valued Customer,

As you may know, Proposition 65 (Prop 65) is a California initiative that became a state law in 1986 (most recently updated in 2016) known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act. Prop 65 and its implementation regulations set forth requirements that businesses are subject to when they, for example, sell merchandise in that state containing certain chemical substances.

California has published a list of more than 900 chemicals covered by Prop 65, including lead, chromium, nickel, and other elements, regardless of whether such substances may be naturally occurring in the environment. Businesses are required to provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing a Californian to a Prop 65 listed chemical if the exposure to the average consumer of the product exceeds threshold "safe harbor" levels.

Brass products distributed by Merit Brass may contain lead. Although lead may only be present in trace amounts, it is listed under Prop 65 as known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Stainless steel products distributed by Merit Brass contain nickel and chromium. Even if they are in elemental form and non-leaching, they are listed under Prop 65 as known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm.

Merit Brass does not control or have knowledge of the end uses of our products. Therefore, Merit Brass cannot make any determinations regarding actual exposure levels to Prop 65 chemicals. Merit Brass recommends that companies review the Prop 65 regulations to determine the appropriate requirements for their specific application(s). If deemed applicable, the following warning is an example of what must be provided to purchasers and consumers of these products through labels or signage for retail sales, on websites for online sales, and/or in catalogs. Every end user has the responsibility to select products appropriate to their specific application.

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

Additional information concerning Prop 65 can be found at the following web-sites:
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/> and <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html>.

Sincerely,

MERIT BRASS COMPANY