



## California Proposition 65 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **What is Proposition 65?**

In November 1986, California voters approved a ballot initiative to address concerns about exposure to certain chemicals. That initiative became the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, better known and commonly referred to as Proposition or Prop 65. Recent changes to the law have made it applicable to a larger number of products than in the past.

### **What does Proposition 65 require?**

Prop 65 requires the State of California to publish a list of chemicals and materials that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. As of January 2018, over 900 chemicals and materials, including many metals and coatings, have been listed. Prop 65 also requires manufacturers whose products contain one or more of the listed chemicals/materials to provide a “clear and reasonable” warning prior to exposure. For example, this warning can be given by labeling a product.

### **What does a Proposition 65 warning label mean?**

When a manufacturer utilizes the warning label, it means that one or more listed chemicals is present in its product, even if only in trace quantities.

### **Why does Crosby include a warning on its products?**

Many Crosby products use common materials such as brass, steel or other materials that contain one or more of the chemicals found on the Prop 65 list. If there is the possibility that exposure to these chemicals might exceed the safe harbor levels set by the State of California, the business must provide a warning. California, however, does not provide safe harbor levels for all chemicals and demonstrating there is no significant risk can be very complicated. Therefore, Crosby has chosen to label products that are sold in California and contain listed chemicals, even though there should be little risk of exposure if a product is used as intended.

It is important to understand that even though a product may contain a Proposition 65 listed chemical, it does not mean that use of the product will cause any adverse health effects, nor does it mean that the product is in any way unsafe.

### **Why is this label included on Crosby products that I purchased outside of California?**

Crosby products are sold throughout North America. If a Crosby product has a Prop 65 label that means it was initially sold or shipped to a distributor or customer located in the State of California.

### **Where can I get more information?**

The State of California provides Proposition 65 information. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) administers the Proposition 65 program and maintains a website at [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov). The site provides information on the law, commonly asked questions, a list of all the chemicals, and has staff available for any inquiries.