

2K Non-Compliance

You may only purchase 2K products if you intend to use them for industrial or agricultural uses and not for automotive purposes as this is now illegal.

If purchasing non-compliant products, we will ask you to confirm that you are using suitable protective clothing/breathing equipment and you are aware of the poisonous nature of these products. You will also be required to tick a box to state that you have read and understood these terms and conditions so it is to your advantage to make sure you comply with these regulations.

Autopaints Plus T/A The Paint Store cannot be held responsible for any incidents, legal proceedings and other repercussions if you use any of our 2K products for automotive purposes or any purposes which may be illegal in the territory in which you use them. We trust our customers to be honest and fair and as such we are able to sell you 2K products in good faith but you must be aware that using them in an automotive context is illegal.

Paints containing isocyanate are used extensively in MVR as almost all motor vehicle repair bodyshops use 2-pack or "2K" isocyanate-containing paints. Isocyanates are used in some water-based paints, most base coats and almost all lacquers. 'Water-based' does not mean 'isocyanate-free', just that it is emulsion based and has reduced levels of solvents.

Vehicle Paint Sprayers

- The risk of developing occupational asthma occurs because paint spraying produces a lot of invisible airborne mist that you can breathe in. Never spray paint outside the booth or room.
- Your booth/room takes time to clear of mist, so know the clearance time and make sure everyone else does too.
- Always wear air-fed breathing apparatus (BA) when spraying and know how to safely leave or enter your booth or room during the clearance time.
- Your employer should check the controls are working by measuring your exposure to isocyanate.

Bodyshop Owners/Managers

- Spraying 2-pack isocyanate paints creates fine, invisible, airborne mist that can cause occupational asthma
- It spreads through the air like smoke.
- Your spray booth or room takes time to clear of fine paint mist.
- Measure the clearance time using a smoke/fog generator, clearly mark it on the entrance door(s) and make sure everyone who uses the booth/room knows what to do
- Make sure the booth/room runs at slight negative pressure so that if there are any leaks, air is drawn into the booth/room rather than paint mist leaking out into the workshop
- Make a list of simple daily and weekly checks to be done in the booth/room, appoint someone to do them, record the findings and act if things are wrong
- Check exposure is properly controlled by arranging for the analysis of urine samples of vehicle paint sprayers.

Cellulose Paint

Please note cellulose paint is not petrol resistant.

Cellulose products are for industrial use and for vintage/classic cars only. Unfortunately, the term

"classic" is not clear and it hasn't been specified in which year a vehicle becomes a classic. When ordering please state purpose of use and registration number of the vehicle if you are painting a classic vehicle.

It is against the law for us to supply and for you to use Cellulose on modern vehicles or any other use that falls outside the 3 applications listed below:

- **Industrial Use**
- **Restoration of Classic & Vintage Vehicles**
- **Aerosols**

Vehicle Refinishing Regulations on Solvent Based Products

It is against the law to use non-compliant solvent based paint and materials for refinishing / restoration of motor vehicles, unless the vehicle is classified as vintage (over 30 years old) or classic
Exceptions:

(1) None compliant vehicle paint / materials manufactured before 1 January 2007 can still be sold and purchased until stocks have depleted

(2) To avoid the environmental consequences of disposing of none compliant materials Defra and the Welsh assembly granted permission (August 2007) for Auto body repair / refinishing garages to use up any existing none compliant materials they have in stock.

What is not included?

Certain products, including plastic adhesion systems and polishes are excluded from the legislation. The legislation does not cover the repair coating of industrial projects, motor bikes, historic motor cars or any agricultural machinery, such as tractors.