

## **California Proposition 65 Statement**

CA Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, is a California law to promote clean drinking water and to require businesses to provide a clear and reasonable warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals to chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. An official list of these substances is published and periodically updated by OEHHA. The list can be accessed at <a href="https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list">https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list</a>

Bel Fuse Inc. is committed to providing safe, quality products to its customers. Some products supplied by Bel do contain chemicals on the current Prop 65 list. Those chemicals are:

**Lead and Lead Compounds** 

Nickel (Metallic)

**Nickel Oxide** 

Toluene

**Antimony trioxide** 

## **Carbon black**

The lead state agency handling Proposition 65, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA; www.oehha.ca.gov), has established safe harbor levels which include No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for cancer-causing chemicals and Maximum Allowable Dose Levels (MADLs) for chemicals causing reproductive toxicity for many of the over 900 chemicals listed under Proposition 65. Exposure levels and discharges to drinking water sources that are below the safe harbor levels are not subject to the law's warning requirements or discharge prohibition. For exposures to consumer products, the level of exposure to the listed chemical is calculated using the "reasonably anticipated rate of intake or exposure for average users of the consumer product."

Exposure levels are influenced by many factors, including the intended use or application of the product. While the state of California has identified Safe Harbor Levels of exposure for some listed chemicals, there is little regulatory guidance to determine whether the use of a product results in exposure below those levels, and thus would pose no significant risk to the user.



Products, which can be demonstrated to have exposures less than the safe harbor level for specific chemicals, do not require labeling. We do not have sufficient information concerning the end usage of all of our products such that we can perform a Proposition 65 exposure assessment and, where necessary, risk assessment. Any customer who may have concerns about future exposure to the listed chemicals due to the inclusion of Bel Fuse product in their application should either perform their own exposure assessment and / or provide a warning that is compliant with current Prop 65 warning requirements as provided in the following link: <a href="https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/crnr/notice-adoption-article-6-clear-and-reasonable-warnings">https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/crnr/notice-adoption-article-6-clear-and-reasonable-warnings</a>.