

Mercury Contamination Notice to Vendor (1/2009)

MERCURY CONTAMINATION NOTICE TO VENDOR

The Conditions of Purchase forming a part of this order stipulate that materials furnished under this order shall be free from contamination by presence of mercury. The requirements stated below form a part of this order.

BACKGROUND

Mercury is corrosive to gold, silver, nickel, stainless steels, aluminum, and copper alloys. Accidental trapping of mercury in a component could cause serious damage to vital parts. Mercury is also toxic if inhaled, ingested or absorbed through the skin. It is evident that grave consequences could result from small amounts of mercury vapor present in an unreplenished atmosphere.

DEFINITIONS

Functional Mercury - Mercury or mercury compound(s) contained in a component which are required for the component to operate properly.

Mercury Free Components - A component is mercury free if it does not contain functional mercury and is not contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Material furnished under this Purchase Order shall not contain functional mercury in any form without the specific written approval of Electric Boat Corporation.
2. Mercury-bearing instruments and/or equipment which might cause contamination shall not be used in the manufacture, fabrication, assembly, or testing of any material furnished under this Purchase Order. The most probable causes of contamination are direct connected mercury manometers, mercury vacuum pumps, mercury seals, mercury-in-glass thermometers, or handling of mercury in the immediate vicinity. In case of doubt or question of manufacturing procedures, you may call Electric Boat Corporation for assistance.
3. In the event of any accident involving mercury contamination of the material being furnished on the Purchase Order or suspicion of such contamination, Electric Boat Corporation shall be notified immediately.
4. Your subcontractors must be notified of, and must comply with, the requirements of this notice.

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