

California Proposition 65 Warning – Important Information

Proposition 65 Warning Explanation

Katech Engineering provides Proposition 65 warnings on certain products, packaging, and online product pages in order to comply with the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, commonly referred to as Proposition 65.

The presence of a Proposition 65 warning does not mean that a product will necessarily cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. These warnings are required under California law for products that may contain, or may result in exposure to, one or more chemicals listed by the State of California, even when such exposure levels may be significantly below those considered harmful by federal or international standards.

What Is California Proposition 65?

Proposition 65 was enacted in 1986 and applies to companies that manufacture, distribute, sell, or market products that may be sold in, shipped to, or brought into the State of California.

The law requires warnings for products that contain, or may contain, any chemical identified by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) as a carcinogen or reproductive toxicant. The OEHHA list currently includes over 1,000 chemicals and is updated regularly.

The official list of Proposition 65 chemicals is available at:
<https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list>

What This Means for Consumers

Although Proposition 65 was originally intended to protect drinking water sources from chemical contamination, its scope has expanded substantially. The law now applies to potential exposure through various means, including but not limited to handling or installation, skin contact, inhalation, or ingestion.

California's Proposition 65 exposure thresholds are extremely conservative and are often far more stringent than standards used elsewhere, including federal U.S. regulations and international chemical safety frameworks.

As a result, Proposition 65 warnings may appear on a wide range of products, including those that contain materials commonly used throughout the automotive and motorsports industries, such as metals, coatings, plastics, elastomers, and surface treatments.

Why Katech Engineering Provides This Warning

Proposition 65 imposes strict penalties for noncompliance. While California has established safe harbor exposure levels for certain listed chemicals, testing every product configuration, material variation, or supply-chain component is often impractical, particularly given the size and evolving nature of the OEHHA chemical list.

Because there is no penalty for providing a warning when exposure may not exceed safe harbor limits, many manufacturers and motorsports companies elect to provide Proposition 65 warnings as a precautionary compliance measure. Katech Engineering provides these warnings to meet California regulatory requirements and to ensure transparency for customers.

Proposition 65 Warning Statement

WARNING: This product may expose you to chemicals, including but not limited to metals, metal compounds, lead, or plasticizers, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>

Additional Information

More information about California Proposition 65 is available at:
<https://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/background/p65plain.html>