

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Fuel Storage Capability

Owens Corning manufactured and sold underground storage tanks between 1965 and 1994. The Company's fiberglass tank division was sold December 31, 1994. Owens Corning has not manufactured or sold tanks since that time.

With limited exceptions, Owens Corning fiberglass tanks were not warranted, tested for, or intended to store fuel with more than a 10% ethanol blend.

**Single-Wall Tanks (SWT):** No Owens Corning SWT was ever warranted or intended to store fuel with more than a 10% ethanol blend.

**Double-Wall Tanks (DWT):** *Prior to July 1, 1990.* With the exception of a small number of specially manufactured tanks, DWTs sold before July 1, 1990 were not warranted or intended to store fuel with more than a 10% ethanol blend.

After July 1, 1990. Owens corning DWTs that were manufactured and sold between July 1, 1990 and December 31, 1994 were warranted for the storage of fuel with no limitation on ethanol content.

For additional details, please refer to the attached letter from Owens Corning to customers from April 1995. Please also note that in addition to these compatibility limitations, in 2006 Owens Corning completed reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Under the confirmed plan of reorganization, all past and future claims against Owens Corning for alleged breach of warranty were discharged in bankruptcy.

Sincerely,

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To Owens-Coming Tank Customers:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the use of fiberglass underground storage tanks produced by Owens-Corning for the storage of ether and alcohol fuel blends. All percentages are by volume.

# FUELS BLENDED WITH ETHER:

Owens-Corning has extensively tested fuels containing up to 20% MTBE, ETBE, and TAME. The results show very little effect on the laminate, and hence storage of these ether blends in underground storage tanks produced by Owens-Corning from 1964 through 1994 would not void the manufacturer's warranty.

## ALCOHOL FUELS:

## TANKS MADE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1981:

Tanks produced prior to January 1981 were not warranted for any alcohol or alcohol blend fuels. In addition, these tanks were not tested and listed by Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) for such fuels. The use of alcohol or alcohol blends in tanks produced and sold prior to January 1981 would void both the manufacturer's warranty and the UL listing for the tank.

## TANKS MADE BETWEEN JANUARY 1981 AND JUNE 1984:

In December 1981, Owens-Corning completed UL testing and introduced a 30-year warranty on the standard fiberglass tank for 10% ethanol blended fuel. For these tanks, the use of ethanol blends over 10% or any methanol blends in the standard fiberglass tank would void both the manufacturer's warranty and the UL listing for the tank.

For methanol blends or blends of ethanol exceeding 10%, an optional vinylester resin system was UL listed and available as an option from Owens-Corning.

# TANKS MADE BETWEEN JULY 1984 AND JUNE 1990:

In July 1984, Owens-Corning completed additional UL testing and introduced a 30-year warranty on the standard fiberglass tank for low levels of methanol such as 90.5% gasoline and 9.5% Oxinol-50 (4.75/4.75 methanol/GTBA). For these tanks, the use of ethanol blends over 10% and methanol blends over 4.75% would void the manufacturer's warranty and the UL listing for the tank.

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## TANKS MADE SINCE 1990:

In July of 1990, Owens-Coming issued a 30-year warranty for all levels of alcohol (ethanol or methanol) on standard double wall tanks. These tanks were UL listed for this service.

It is our belief that the prudent tank owner will want to secondarily contain any high level alcohol blends (over 10%), as higher levels could be considered hazardous material as defined in the underground tank regulations published by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. It is our recommendation that double wall fiberglass tanks be used to achieve that secondary containment.

The above should clarify the issue of fuel compatibility warranty coverage and UL listings for ether and alcohol blended fuels stored in tanks manufactured by Owens-Corning between 1964 and December 31, 1994.

Sincerely,

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