



Urgent Fire Safety Message

From: Fuel Safe

Date: 7/21/04

Re: Race Fuel Effects on all Fuel System Components

Dear Competitors:

It has come to Fuel Safe's attention that certain new race fuels may have an exaggerated degenerative effect on most fuel system rubber parts. The situation reportedly was initiated by the introduction of ethanol oxygenates, but Fuel Safe is not convinced these octane enhancers are the cause.

We urge you, as competitors, to examine your fuel hoses, rubber seals, flapper valves and, above all, **fuel cell bladders** for any signs of swell, blistering or fabric/rubber delamination?

These ill-effects seem to have manifested themselves among the entire range of rubber products and manufacturers. Hence, we highly recommend that **all** race teams closely examine their "elastomeric" fuel system components in the interest of fire safety.

Fuel Safe has set up an inspection station at its Redmond Oregon Plant offering no-charge evaluations of its customers' fuel cells, foam baffling, seals and valves. Your Fuel Safe contact is Harold Lawrence at 800-433-6524 and his extension is 240.

While there is no known "fix" for rubber deterioration, Mr. Lawrence will promptly assess and advise the options on a case-by-case basis.

Best regards from Fuel Safe.

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