





Identification of Fuel Containers

The ACT Rural Fire Service Chief Officer has issued this standard operating procedure (SOP) under Section 38(1) of the *Emergency Act 2004* – A Chief Officer may determine standards and protocols.

Purpose

This SOP is to inform RFS members of the correct labels to use for portable fuel containers.

Scope

This SOP is applicable to all personnel from the ACT Rural Fire Service (ACT RFS) brigades, as defined in the *Emergencies Act 2004*.

Background

The colour coding system used in this SOP is based on the Guideline issued by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC). It replaces the previous and now-withdrawn AFAC Colour coded Fuel Can Position.

Responsibilities

Members	Use correct labels for portable fuel containers.
Brigade Equipment Officer	Check that all portable fuel containers are correctly labelled.

Operating procedure

Portable fuel containers to be labelled according to the colour coding system described in the table.

Product	AS2700 colour	RAL colour (European colour standard)	ID tag example
Unleaded fuel	R13 Signal red	3000	UNLEADED
Ethanol	X15 Orange	2008	ETHANOL

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Product	AS2700 colour	RAL colour (European colour standard)	ID tag example
Diesel	Y41 Olive yellow	1020	DIESEL
25:1 Two stroke	G11 Bottle green	6009	25:1 TWO STROKE
Drip torch	G223 Shamrock green	6002	DRIP TORCH
Chain and bar oil	B23 bright blue	5005	CHAIN & BAR OIL
Kerosene	B32 powder blue	5024	KEROSENE
50:1 Two stroke	N43 Pipeline grey	7042	50:1 TWO STROKE
Oil	N61 Black	9005	OIL
Bio diesel	X55 Nut brown	8011	BIO DIESEL

Additional agency involvement

For ACT RFS members operating in cross border operations, the interstate organisation's operating procedures may override this SOP.

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Related documents

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