

Minnesota Commercial Truck and Passenger Regulations Fact Sheet

Fueling/Contractor Tanks on Trucks or Trailers

A **Fueling or Contractor Tank** is a tank mounted on a truck or trailer used to fuel equipment or vehicles at job sites. Fueling tanks may be bulk packages-Cargo Tanks-(greater than 119 gallons capacity) or non-bulk packages (119 gallons or less) and carry gasoline or diesel fuel. Requirements for these tanks depend on the product carried and the capacity of the tank.

Gasoline must be transported in an authorized specification package. Many commonly available fueling tanks are non-specification, and may be used for diesel fuel only. USDOT regulations prohibit the discharge of hazardous materials from any container, other than a cargo tank, prior to removal from the vehicle, unless authorized by a USDOT Special Permit or an exception in the USDOT Hazardous Materials Regulations.



Common Examples of Fueling/Contractor Tanks

Fueling Tanks Transporting Gasoline

Bulk Fueling Tanks (Cargo Tanks) - Gasoline

- ◆ Built, marked, inspected, and maintained to a USDOT cargo tank specification;
- ◆ Class 3 flammable liquid placards and ID #1203, on all four sides of vehicle;
- ◆ Hazmat shipping papers and emergency information must be offered and carried;
- ◆ Cargo tank may be off-loaded while on the vehicle;
- ◆ Vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, driver needs a CDL with hazmat and tanker endorsements; **Exception:** Minnesota intrastate farmers, no CDL required; and
- ◆ No person may fill or transport a specification cargo tank that is past its prescribed periodic tests and inspections.

Non-bulk Fueling Tanks - Gasoline

- ◆ Built and marked to a UN standard, USDOT specification, or USDOT Special Permits 11911 or 14227. No person may offer or load hazardous materials into an unauthorized package;
- ◆ Hazmat shipping papers and emergency information offered and carried;
- ◆ Tank must be marked with the Proper Shipping Name and ID number, and labeled with Class 3 labels, or marked and placarded as required in USDOT Special Permits 11911 or 14227;
- ◆ Placards required if gross weight of tank and product over 1,000 pounds; and
- ◆ Tanks operated under USDOT Special Permits 11911 or 14227 may be unloaded while on the vehicle. Discharge of gasoline from any other non-bulk package prohibited while container is on the vehicle.

Fueling Tanks Transporting Diesel Fuel

Bulk Fueling Tanks (Cargo Tanks) - Diesel fuel

- ◆ Non-specification cargo tanks are authorized, tank must provide strong, leak-free containment;
- ◆ Class 3 flammable liquid placards and ID # 1993 on all four sides;
- ◆ Hazmat shipping papers and emergency information offered and carried; and
- ◆ Vehicle is commercial motor vehicle, driver needs CDL with hazmat and tanker endorsements; **Exception:** Minnesota intrastate farmers, No CDL required.

Non-bulk Fueling Tanks - Diesel Fuel

- ◆ Non-specification tanks are authorized, but must provide strong, leak-free containment;
- ◆ Placards and hazardous materials marking not required;
- ◆ Shipping papers and emergency information not required; and
- ◆ Diesel fuel may be classed as a combustible liquid, and non-bulk tanks of combustible liquids may be unloaded while the tank is on the vehicle.

All rules on grounding, and bonding between tanks during product transfer, apply to fueling tank operations. Loading and unloading must be attended by a qualified person. Minnesota intrastate farmers, transporting fuel for use on their own farm, in tanks of less than 1,500 gallons capacity, are not required to carry hazardous materials shipping papers.

This Fact Sheet is intended as a resource. It is not intended to explain all the requirements of Minnesota or Federal law. The actual Statutes and Regulations are recommended as a resource, and can be purchased at the Minnesota Bookstore (phone number 651/297-3000 or 1-800-657-3757). For additional assistance contact the USDOT Office of Hazardous Materials Safety at (800) 467-4922, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at (651)291-6150, or Mn/DOT's Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations.



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