

**Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 - 3M Unitek  
Customer Communication**

Proposition 65 requires “clear and reasonable” warnings be given before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to chemicals listed by the state of California. The law is quite complex, but there are a variety of websites that may assist you in learning more. For example, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html>) and the California EPA ([www.calepa.ca.gov/publications/factsheets/1997/prop65fs.htm](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/publications/factsheets/1997/prop65fs.htm)).

Proposition 65 generally includes warning requirements regarding nickel which led to questions in the past regarding the content of Nickel in 3M Unitek stainless steel products. 3M Unitek was able to determine in court that the level of exposure, if any, to Proposition 65-listed chemicals did not require any warning under the statute. Furthermore, 3M Unitek’s failure to include a Proposition 65 warning to its employees, customers, customers’ employees or individuals in California who may use 3M Unitek’s products was **not** a violation of Proposition 65. This entry of judgment in favor of 3M Unitek operates to prevent any other person or groups from bringing any further claims against 3M Unitek.

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