

Safety Instruction

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Choosing an Appropriate Wash Bottle



It is recommended you use a wash bottle with safety venting, which is indicated by the droplet with a slash-through-it symbol. Safety Venting prevents dripping.

For a range of common solvents, use pre-labeled HDPE wash bottles.

For liquids that damage HDPE bottles, such as toluene or halogenated solvents, use fluorinated FPE wash bottles.

For liquids that do not match with a pre-labeled bottle, use either an unlabeled HDPE or FPE wash bottle.

Bottles must be labeled with both the chemical name, hazard statements, and pictograms. This information ensures that the bottle's contents are both used and stored safely.

Avoid writing on the bottles with markers, as they tend to bleed upon solvent contact.



When to Replace a Wash Bottle

Regularly assess wash bottles for signs of damage or stress. If signs of damage are present, stop using the bottle. Signs of damage include cracking, crazing, and whitening.

Submit the empty bottle as chemical hazardous waste and replace it with a new bottle.

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