



San Francisco Department of Public Health Green Programs

Auto Body and Paint Compliance Applicability Guide

Auto body and paint shops (repair shops guide also available) are regulated by a variety of agencies*. Auto body shops are required to maintain permits to operate from the SF Fire Department (SFFD). See below for other storage and use situations requiring SFFD permits. The Hazardous Materials Unified Program Agency (HMUPA) requires facilities to register if they store over regulated thresholds of hazardous materials (55 gallons, 500 pounds or 200 cubic feet of compressed gas) and generate and/or treat hazardous waste. This includes Chlorofluorocarbons or CFC (ozone depleting refrigeration gases) recovery and recycling operations. Auto body shops that have back-up generators, paint spray booths, and/or that apply over 30 gallons per year of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) need permits from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

Businesses may be required to obtain permits from the SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for wastewater discharge and oil-water separators. SFPUC prohibits vehicle fluids and other hazardous wastes from being discharged to sewer drains (sinks, toilets, floor drains) and outside storm drains. Air compressors require a CalOSHA permit.

***Note:** This is not a complete list of local regulatory requirements.

See detail below for common activities and storage situations that require compliance by your San Francisco facility and where to get compliance help or obtain required permits/registrations:

SFFD, Bureau of Fire Prevention, 698 2nd St., SF, CA 94107 415- 558-3303 www.sf-fire.org

Permits required for:

- All repair garages/shops and fuel dispensing facilities
- Storage/use of over 5 gal flammable liquids inside building, over 10 gal outside building
- Storage/use of over 25 gal combustible liquids inside building (examples include diesel, some degreasers)
- Application of flammable materials and paint spray booths
- Welding or Hot Work operations
- Any amount of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP) such as propane and butane
- Storage/use of compressed gas- over 200 cu. ft. flam. gases, over 504 cf oxygen, over 6000 cf inerts
- Underground Storage Tanks/Aboveground Storage Tanks (UST/AST) storing/dispensing flammable and combustible liquids only
- Storage, use, dispensing, transporting or handling of other hazardous materials (amounts vary per type)

BAAQMD, Engineering Division, 939 Ellis St., SF, CA 94109 415-771-6000 www.baaqmd.gov

- Paint spray booth
- Application/use of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) coatings over 30 gallons/yr. (Reg. 8, Rule 45)
- Solvent cleaning- cold cleaning parts washing tanks, spray gun cleaners/washers (Reg. 8, Rule 16)
- Back-up generator: fixed over 50Hp or 37Kw
- Gasoline dispensing (diesel exempt)

HMUPA, 1390 Market St., Ste. 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3907/415-252-3922 www.sfdph.org/dph/eh

SF Health & Safety Code, Articles 21, 21A, 22, 24 and 25; CA H&SC and CCR

- Over HMUPA thresholds of hazardous materials (55 gal liquid, 500 lbs solid, 200 cu ft gas) : compliance certificate required
- Generate any amount of hazardous waste: compliance certificate required
- CFC Recovery/recycling: permit required
- UST- permits required
- Aboveground Storage of Petroleum products, 1320 or more gallons Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans required
- Oil Water Separator waste generation
- Old, obsolete USTs- prohibition of abandonment
- Universal Waste generation and or collection: must be handled in accordance with current state and/or federal laws.



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SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise, Pretreatment Source Control Program, 3801 3rd St., Ste. 600, SF, CA 94124 415-695-7310 www.sfwater.org

- Must comply with Waste water discharge limits to sanitary sewer- possible industrial discharge permit (Wastewater discharge limits and prohibitions set forth in SF Municipal Code Section 123 of Article 4.1, Chapter X, Part II and DPW Order #158170)
- Facilities may be inspected if violations are suspected or reported

Other

- Air compressor- CA Dept of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) permit <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh>
- Biodiesel: Ask for our biodiesel compliance guide
- Workers' Compensation Insurance required for all businesses with employees- CA Dept of Industrial Relations Worker's Comp. Division. See http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwc_home_page.htm for more info.