

United States Department of Transportation regulations state that packaging manufacturers are required to notify each person to whom the packaging is transferred of all requirements not met at the time of transfer. This requirement is given in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR), Part 178 Specifications for Packagings, § 178.2 (c). In addition this Paragraph requires the closing information to be provided to any person to whom this package is transferred who may need to close the packaging prior to re-shipment. Furthermore, it is the shipper's responsibility as set forth in §173.22(a)(4) to ensure that these closing instructions are carried out as described. In order to ensure the instructions are followed in a manner to result in safe transport of hazardous materials the shipper is obligated, as set forth in § 172.704(a)(4), namely - function specific training - to train his/her employees in the correct way to close the packaging for shipment. In order to fulfill this obligation the shipper often turns to the packaging manufacturer for this training since the manufacturer has designed, produced and tested the packaging to meet UN performance standards. MAUSER is prepared to provide this training in addition to supplying closing instructions. It has been the practice of MAUSER to send closing instructions attached to the shipping documents with each shipment of drums. This document provides specific information on closing MAUSER packagings.

These closing instructions must be given to the individuals responsible for closing the packagings prior to shipment. A hard copy (printed) must be maintained by the filler or offeror for shipment.

The following tables and text give examples of the parts and closing torque required to prepare the drum or IBC for shipment so that it is capable of meeting the performance standards indicated by the UN marking on the side or top of the packaging. **MAUSER recommends that only parts that have been tested and certified by MAUSER be used to close the packagings for shipment.** Each closure is supplied with the proper gasket in accordance with the UN design type tests for the packaging supplied. In the case of Intermediate Bulk Containers, IBC's, the lid, gaskets, plugs, cages, pallets, valves and service equipment are supplied as tested.

PRIOR TO CLOSING:

Inspect each closure to ensure that the closure has the proper gasket and that both closure and gasket are in good condition. Inspect the sealing surface for damage and make sure the threads and sealing surfaces are dry. Replace any defective gaskets, plugs or lids with new, defect free parts as sold with the original packaging.

CLOSING PROCEDURES FOR PLUGS AND CAPS:

The plug or cap is inserted into the appropriate opening and screwed down hand tight until the gasket is in contact with the sealing surface. A torque wrench capable of applying the proper torque to the fitting as specified by the closing instructions following is then used to tighten the plug or cap until it reaches the pre-set torque as indicated by a release or click. These wrenches should be calibrated at least annually.

INTERMEDIATE BULK CONTAINERS

	IBC Type	Gasket Type	Torque
A	Bulkdrum ® II	EPDM/FKM	70 ft.-lbs.
B	MAUSER ® SM series 275/330 gallon	EPDM	70 ft.-lbs.
C	MAUSER ® SM series 275/330 gallon	FKM/FPM	70 ft.-lbs.
D	2" plug in 150 mm lid, vented and solid	EPDM/FKM	20-25 ft.-lbs.

All UN 31HA1 and 31 HG1 Composite IBC's 49CFR § 178.707 (a) (5) that are supplied with lids, cages, pallets and service equipment must be **closed for shipment using only the components supplied and specified** in the design qualification tests for that IBC.

- Place the lid with gasket in place on the top opening of the IBC.
- Screw the lid by hand until the gasket is in contact with the sealing surface.
- Using the lid adaptor and torque wrench tighten the lid to the recommended torque. Recommended torque is reached when the wrench releases or clicks.
- Preset torque wrenches or adjustable torque wrenches are suitable for this procedure. Please calibrate wrenches at least annually.