



TECH BULLETIN

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Drum & Pail “Paneling”

This tech bulletin is to bring awareness to our customers of an issue called “paneling.” Paneling can occur in most steel or aluminum packages (including VP’s 1 gallon can, 5-gallon pail and 54-gallon drum). Paneling occurs when there is a variance in temperature, hot to cold, from when the product is packaged to when it is delivered to its destination. Most of VP’s products are packaged in Texas. If the product is shipped to a climate that is 30-40° lower than when the product was packaged, the internal vacuum created from this temperature change can result in the sides of the container bowing inward, which is known as paneling. See photos below for examples of what paneling looks like.

Paneling is not a packaging defect and is a sign of a well-sealed container. Unfortunately, paneling cannot be prevented. These products are not defective or damaged in transit. Despite the look of the packaging below, the integrity of the product contents inside has not been compromised. The packaging itself, although not in its original shape or form, did its job by staying airtight and not leaking.



The results of paneling are a direct effect of atmospheric changes. Because the product was not “damaged” by VP or the shipper, the manufacturer/shipper is not responsible for replacing product affected by paneling. The products are not damaged or defective goods and are suitable for the intended purpose.

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