

COLLECTION AND NO COST SHIPPING PROCEDURES FOR MERCURY SWITCHES

*Note: Please make sure you are handling the switches in accordance with your state's waste handling requirements. These requirements are available from your state's environmental quality department and at the End of Life Vehicle Solutions Web site at www.elvsolutions.org. **IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING LIABILITY –in order to be indemnified for your shipments –you must follow the shipping instructions exactly as described below.** You may be required to reimburse UPS for any and all costs or expenses, including consequential damages, incurred as a result of any improperly classified, packaged, marked, labeled, prepared or otherwise non-compliant package containing mercury-containing equipment which is tendered by you to UPS*

There is no longer an automatic bucket replacement—you must call US ECOLOGY (800)495-6059 or e-mail elvsbuckets@usecology.com to request your replacement bucket.

In order to participate in this program, please use the following procedure:

- Immediately attach the Universal Waste label to the outside of the bucket and record the date you started accumulating switches. Please be sure not to exceed your state's time limit for the retention of mercury switches under their Universal Waste rule. **Universal Waste labels should be placed on the plastic bucket and NOT on the cardboard box.**
- Included in your bucket is a plastic bucket liner. Please line bucket with the plastic bag before placing your switches inside the bucket.
- Keep the lid on the bucket and store the bucket out of the weather. If possible, place the bucket in a locked cabinet. If your bucket arrived in a box, **please be sure to keep the box for the return shipment.**
- **NEVER exceed 450 automotive mercury switches per bucket.**
- Once the bucket is full, or if you have met the 450 switch count or your state's retention deadline, tie the liner in a knot and tightly seal the container. Place the bucket in a cardboard box for shipping and **include the number of switches being returned in the bucket.**
- To conform to federal and state laws, **no free mercury**, no switches that are broken or corroded enough to leak in transport, or any other **hazardous materials**, should be placed in the bucket before shipment. Any glass switches should remain in the assembly.
- If glass switches were removed from the assembly or the glass mercury ampule is unprotected by the switch housing, they should be placed inside a secondary container (e.g. a plastic tub), padded to prevent possible breakage and then placed into the larger collection bucket.
- **PLACING NON-AUTOMOTIVE MERCURY IN THE ELVS BUCKETS IS PROHIBITED.** We can't accept non-automotive mercury containing items of any kind. Examples of non-automotive mercury are: thermometers, thermostats, industrial mercury switches, appliance mercury switches, or any free/liquid mercury in any type of container.
- Buckets should not be used for automotive parts that are not identified as part of this program. We do not accept wheel sensors etc in the ELVS Buckets.
- All buckets must be sealed in a cardboard box and shipped **UPS GROUND** to ELVS contractor,

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Attention: ELVS Program
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- **A return UPS Label is included in your bucket. Please keep this label for your return shipment.** Simply apply this label to the cardboard box when you are ready to ship the bucket back to US Ecology. Give the sealed and labeled box to your UPS driver when at your facility. If you do not have visits from a UPS driver, simply drop off your package at the nearest UPS drop off outlet (a list of outlets are available on the web at www.ups.com).
- Should you have any questions regarding the return shipment instructions, please contact US Ecology at (800)495-6059 or elvsbuckets@usecology.com.

NEED A REPLACEMENT BUCKET —Contact US Ecology at (800)495-6059 or elvsbuckets@usecology.com
(Please allow 5-7 days for the arrival of a new bucket and shipping box)