



Gas Focus 6

Compliance Labels

Following the issue of the new sets of approved notices (Preliminary and Compliance) including compliance labels, we have received some calls from gasfitters seeking clarification as to the use of the compliance labels.

The following information is provided in addition to the instructions included in each pad of notices.

Regulation 19 (3) of the Gas Standards Regulations 1983 requires a gas fitter who has carried out any gas fitting work on or in a caravan, marine craft or mobile engine, to attach a notice supplied by the Office of Energy stating that the installation complies with the requirements of the regulations.

The notice referred to in the above regulation is for mobile installations and has not been withdrawn and must still be used where appropriate.

The recently issued compliance label is intended for fixed gas installations, eg gas meter box, tank/cylinder location.

Samples of the necessary labels/badges for caravan, marine and automotive LPG installations are shown as follows:

Gasfitter Receives an Electric Shock

In a recent incident, a gas fitter commissioning a gas space heater received an electric shock when he inadvertently touched "live" shrouded terminals. The shock was received whilst he was attempting to remove the appliance casing. The casing is normally removed when checking the appliance for the first time or when the appliance requires servicing.

An electrical inspector from the Office of Energy examined a similar appliance. It was recommended that the use of suitable guarding and a warning label should prevent a recurrence of this problem.

This incident serves as a reminder to all gasfitters who service gas appliances, to be aware of the dangers of working with "live" equipment, ie those appliances connected to a GPO (power point) or permanently connected.

Where possible, disconnect the appliance from electricity supply (ie remove the plug from the GPO) prior to working on the appliance.

Australian Gas Association Introduces New Compliance and Safety Certification Badges

As part of reforms to its Gas Appliance and Component Certification Scheme, the Australian Gas Association (AGA) has introduced new compliance and safety certification badges.

The new badges were introduced on 1 July 1996 and will replace the previous single badge.

There are four separate different coloured badges:

- for **full certification approval** of:

1. camping and leisure products;
2. barbecues;
3. other appliances; and

- for **safety certification** of:

4. commercial catering equipment.