

Oily Rag Safety Cans (Self-Closing Lid)

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Oily rag safety cans are flame-arresting containers with self-closing lids that store solvent-soaked or oil-soaked rags safely, because oily rags can spontaneously combust. The lid and design starve the contents of oxygen while keeping the bin practical to use.

Key Features

- Self-closing spring lids
- Flame-arresting construction
- Galvanised or painted steel
- Explicit warning labels
- Sizes for workshop use

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Store oily and solvent-soaked rags
- Contain finishing waste safely
- Prevent spontaneous combustion risks
- Collect shop towels after use

Safe Operation

1. Drop rags through the self-closing lid
2. Keep the lid closed when not in use
3. Empty the can on the collection schedule
4. Keep the can away from heat
5. Log the disposal chain

SAFETY NOTES

- Oily rags self-heat - never pile them loose
- Do not leave the lid open
- Keep the can away from machines and ignition
- Do not store other waste in the can
- Empty by trained staff only

Maintenance & Consumables

- Check the lid springs and closure
- Inspect the flame-arresting parts
- Clean the can interior empty
- Replace worn cans
- Record the collection dates

Specification & Buying Notes

Certified oily-waste cans with self-closing lids suit the finishing and machine areas. Quality cans close fully and stay sealed; cheap bins defeat the purpose. Buy with the disposal service in mind.