

## User Advisory

### Incorrect Packaging – GMC and GME-P100 Advantage<sup>®</sup> Bayonet-Style Respirator Cartridges

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MSA recently learned that an isolated lot of Advantage GMC Cartridges were packaged in plastic bags identified as containing GME-P100 Cartridges. The bags are marked with the date code: “4111”, “4211”, or “4311”. These packages of cartridges may have been used to fill orders for both the MSA Part Number 815366 package of two GME-P100 Cartridges and MSA Part Number 815357 package of two GMC Cartridges.

Although packaged in bags identified as GME-P100, the GMC Cartridges are labeled correctly and each package contains a NIOSH approval insert for the GMC Cartridge. In addition, over-pack cartons containing 30 individual packages of these incorrectly packaged cartridges are labeled as containing MSA Part Number 815357 GMC Cartridges. The over-pack cartons are marked as Lot 157.

The GMC and GME-P100 cartridges are NIOSH approved for the following:

- GMC – organic vapors, chlorine, sulfur dioxide, chlorine dioxide, hydrogen chloride, and hydrogen sulfide\*
- GME-P100 – organic vapors, chlorine, sulfur dioxide, chlorine dioxide, hydrogen chloride, hydrogen sulfide\*, ammonia, methylamine, formaldehyde, hydrogen fluoride, and all particulate aerosols

\* Escape only

The incorrectly packaged cartridges were shipped from MSA between October 21, 2011 and December 23, 2011.

Purchasers of 815366 GME-P100 or 815357 GMC Cartridges should perform the following inspections and return affected product to MSA. All other cartridges are unaffected:

- Inspect the cartridge bags received from potentially affected orders for GME-P100 bags with date codes of “4111”, “4211”, or “4311” and return any with these date codes to MSA for replacement.

**Note:** Do not return cartridges that have a blue dot next to the date code on the bag or if there is a blue dot on the over-pack label. These cartridges have already been inspected by MSA and are packaged properly.

- Purchasers of over-packs of 815357 cartridges should inspect the over-pack cartons for Lot 157 and return any over-packs with this lot number to MSA for replacement. All other cartridges are unaffected.



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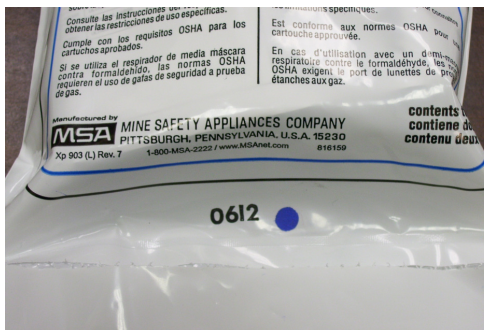
GMC Cartridge



GME-P100 Bag



GMC Over-Pack Label



GME-P100 Bag with Blue Dot



To return affected cartridges and obtain replacements, please complete the enclosed return form/replacement order.

Please fax the form to MSA at 724-741-1551.

Please return affected cartridges to MSA at the applicable address indicated below. The return shipping is free of charge. Please include a copy of the completed form with the cartridges and ship them to:

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- United States: Cartridges in the United States should be shipped via UPS using MSA's account number: "5768VA". Please ship them to:

MSA – Attn: Return Material  
c/o PCR Return 021012-QK  
352 White Street  
Jacksonville, NC 28546

- Canada: Cartridges in Canada should be shipped via Purolator Courier using MSA's account number: "4095210". Please ship them to:

MSA  
c/o PCR Return 021012-QK  
6905 Kenderry Gate, Unit 1  
Mississauga, Ontario, L5T 2Y8

Replacement cartridges will be shipped to you immediately.

We regret any inconvenience that this situation may cause. If you have any questions, please contact MSA Customer Service at 1-866-672-0005.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Seibel, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Charles J. Seibel, Jr.  
Manager of Product Safety

Enclosure  
PS12004-03

**Mislabeled GMC/GME-P100 Cartridge**  
Return/Replacement Order Form



Please provide the information below and fax this form to MSA at: 724-741-1551.

Total quantity of individual GME-P100 (P/N 815366) Cartridge Bags (**Date codes 4111, 4211, and 4311**) to be returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Total quantity of GMC over pack boxes (P/N 815357) **LOT 157** to be returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Physical shipping address, please no P.O box)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return affected cartridges along with a copy of the completed form to:

*Customers within US, ship via UPS account number "5768VA" to:*

*Customers within Canada, ship via Purolator Courier account "4095210" to:*

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Customer Service – Enter ZC warranty order, use account 200501. Manually change the billing address, and shipping address. Ship from PIDC. Charge Warranty Account.			
Cartridges Returned:	P/N Returned	Quantity	
	815336	_____	
	815357	_____	
Replacement Cartridges Shipped.		Warranty Order Number: _____	
P/N Shipped	Quantity	Ship Date	Tracking Number
_____	_____	_____	_____

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