## EDB Poses Fire Hazard

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Ethylene Dibromide (also known as Soilbrom 90, Dowfune W-85 and Royal Fume 85) presents a hazard when used with aluminum and the heat from the reaction can result in explosion and fire. There has been one report of a fire when the applicator used a pump with aluminum parts and an aluminum suction pipe which extended into the pesticide.

This compound also reacts vigorously with other metals such as magnesium, sodium and potassium, strong alkalies and oxidizing agents.

If a fire should occur, use water spray, dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide in areas where ethylene dibromide is stored. Use water to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

When using any of the products containing ehtylene dibromide, avoid using any aluminum equipment for storage, application or transfer.

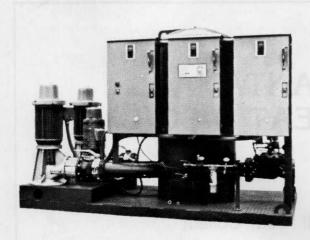
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