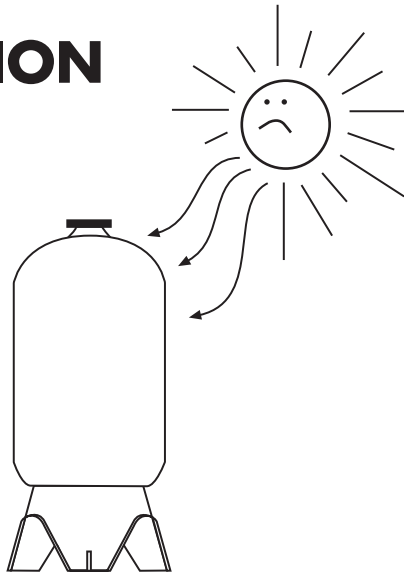


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## UV PROTECTION



### Painting a Composite Pressure Vessel for UV Protection

- 1.** Wash the pressure vessel with detergent and water, using a scrub brush. Use the brush actively over the pressure vessel surface to remove oil and grime.
- 2.** Rinse the pressure vessel several times with water to remove soap residue and let dry.
- 3.** Using a clean rag wetted with acetone, rinse the pressure vessel thoroughly with the acetone. Make sure that the rag does not become grimy, and use as much acetone as is practical to perform a “wet rinse” over the pressure vessel surface. **NOTE:** Acetone is extremely flammable. Should not be inhaled. Requires use of gloves.
- 4.** Spray paint or paint with a roller or brush.
- 5.** A 100% interior/exterior acrylic latex enamel is preferred. The paint has a good adhesion and will not chalk. This is a one-step paint with water clean-up. The 100% acrylic latex enamel can be purchased at a paint store.
- 6.** Coat the UV areas first, such as the top of the pressure vessel and the side, where sun rays directly hit the pressure vessel.
- 7.** A light-colored, pigmented paint is preferred. White paint is best.