

# The Original IGBC Approved 10 Gallon Steel Bear Resistant Drum Owner's Manual

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## Use, Care, hints, maintenance, and warrantee guarantee

- The airtight/watertight seal is only as good as you make it. Be sure the gasket and the drum top are clean prior to installing the lid. Even installing the lid over a dirty "lip" once, could permanently damage the seal (keep reading).
- Be sure the ring is properly fitted and tightened before subjecting it to moisture or bears.
- If the drum is damaged or compromised, avoid subjecting it to moisture or bears (if at all possible) until repaired or replaced.
- Clean up spills on the drum...Many chemicals (some found in foods) will damage the coatings or the seal. Make it a habit to keep your bear drum clean.
- When not in use, store your drum in a clean and dry location with the lid off to prevent trapping moisture inside the drum.
- When in long term use in high moisture situations (e.g. high humidity), keep a bag of rice (or other moisture absorbing agent) inside the drum. Replace it regularly (usually every week or so, but that depends on the level of moisture you are dealing with). Adjust the replacement time to fit your specific situation.
- Protect the contents. Because the drum is airtight and watertight, it can't ventilate or dissipate heat. If stored in the sun or in a hot environment, stored items may become hot and/or the interior may produce a resin smell (this is normal, especially on a new drum). The drum itself may become dirty from lack of cleaning. Food might spill. All these things can contaminate your contents (though not necessarily be harmful). Individually package your inventory items is a matter of common sense. **Note:** By repackaging off-the-shelf food and other items, you can usually reduce your overall weight by a significant amount, while increasing the capacity of the drum and improving the organization of the contents. There have been times when we would be repackaging everything while enroute to our next destination...A normal occurrence when restocking on the road.
- Don't use abrasive, acid, or corrosive cleaners or cleaning techniques to clean your drum. These may remove paint or protective resin,

corrode the steel, or harm your precious cargo. Most of the time, liquid soap and a dishrag will do just fine.

- Over the life of your drum, protective coatings may become damaged or wear off. This is normal for almost any surface. When that happens, simply touchup or repaint with an exterior rated coating (if you're not sure which one to use, consult your local paint distributor).
- Remember, your bear resistant drum is "bear resistant" not bear-proof. To our knowledge there isn't any "bear-proof" rated container that a single person can pack into the back country. So as formidable as these drums may seem, there may one day come a bear that is even more formidable (and I want pictures).
- Also remember that bears have one of the best noses in the animal kingdom ( I recently watched a special on "The Ultimate Bear" and they believe that bloodhounds can smell 300 times better than us, and the bears' nose is 7 times more powerful than a bloodhounds. Bears can smell the food residue on washed and sterilized canned food cans). So be safe. Assume any bear can smell the contents of ANY bear resistant container. Whenever possible, store you drum well away from your campsite. Check with your local Forest Service Station (or other authority for your destination) to get specifics.
- Your Original IGBC Approved 10 Gallon Bear Resistant Steel Drum is guaranteed free of manufacture defects and functional (when used as advertized), for 90 days from date of purchase. Any drum failing to meet these standards will be replaced or repaired at no charge to the customer at the seller's option; however the owner will be responsible for all shipping fees. Any drum that has been altered in a way that might compromise the drum's integrity and function will automatically void any warrantee implied or expressed.
- **Note:** We are still using our original drum. It has been over six years now. Most of the year it sleeps in storage with the rest of our camping/canoeing supplies. But for a few weeks a year, we get it out of bed and it gets a real workout. And it still looks almost brand new, (we did damage the seal on our lid this last summer, so we will be fixing that before we use it again). During this same time period, we've haven't received any negative feedback from anybody we've turned on to our bear drum. We can never 100% guarantee anything (that would be foolish), but we are very confidant you will find this 10 gallon savior to be just as good and dependable as the rest of us have. Stay safe and enjoy!