

# Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin No. 11

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## Safety Warning on LPG Vehicle Tanks

### Background

In August 2005, the SIDEK PRX pressure relief valve was the subject of a Recall Notice by the Manchester tank company. Since the Recall Notice was published there have been more tank ruptures, usually involving multiple LPG tank installations.

On 21 December 2006, the Federal Government issued a Safety Warning on LPG Vehicle Tanks which drew further attention to the issue.

### Vehicles Affected:

The vehicles affected by this advice are those fitted with a SIDEK brand valve (**see picture below**) with the following words "SIDEK PRX, AGA 6394, 2.55 MPa. The vehicles fall into two categories as follows:

Vehicles fitted with "Manchester" brand LPG Autogas cylinders with test dates August 2003 to March 2005.

Vehicles fitted with older LPG Autogas cylinders (10 years or older) of any brand that have been retested between November 2002 and August 2005.



How to identify the valve :

The valve is stamped on the top with the words **SIDEK PRX**  
**AGA 6394 2.55 MPa**

#### Darwin

Vehicle Standards Centre  
Goyder Road, Parap  
Phone: (08) 8999 3127  
(08) 8999 3133  
Fax: (08) 8999 3187

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Katherine Weigh Bridge  
Stuart Highway  
Phone: (08) 8973 8791  
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#### Alice Springs

Vehicle Standards Centre  
North Stuart Highway  
Phone: (08) 8951 5297  
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## **Requirement**

Any Vehicle LPG installation utilising a tank fitted with the above type of relief valve will require that the valve be replaced as soon as possible. The owner should contact Manchester Tank on (03) 5482 0500 between AEST 8.00am to 8.00pm, 7 days per week.

Further advice is available from the following web link:

<http://www.lpgaaustralia.com.au/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=17>

## **Action**

Where an LPG installation includes a tank or tanks fitted with the above valve, the vehicle owner must be advised to take the vehicle to an authorised LPG installer, repairer or tester to have the valve replaced. The owner should be advised to contact the LPG Autogas Helpline on: (03) 5482 0500.