

Hazard Alert

Pressurised Compression Fittings

Following investigation into a recent incident, it was found that staff are using compression fittings, commonly known by the trade name Swagelok, without proper training in the fitment and use of these devices.

It is essential that this equipment is fitted to the manufacturers' specifications and great care taken not to mix metric and imperial components, or components designed for different materials such as stainless, copper or plastic.

To ensure competency in the fitment and maintenance of these fittings all staff are to undertake regular certified training from the manufacturer or a registered training organisation in the selection, fitment and maintenance for each brand of compression fitting used.

At this point in time, the only manufacturer known to provide this training is Swagelok who require recertification on a biannual basis.

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