



## **SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.**

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### **Scrap Acceptance Guidelines**

This document clarifies our general guidelines for accepting recyclable metals. These requirements reflect our commitment to responsible environmental management.

Please be aware that many of our guidelines are controlled by state and federal environmental regulations which apply both to us and our suppliers.

This list is not inclusive; other items not listed may be inappropriate for recycling as scrap metal. Please read these guidelines carefully and contact your supervisor or buyer if you have questions about specific items. **Remember that any load may be rejected at the supplier's expense if these guidelines are not followed.**

### **The following materials will NOT be accepted at our facility:**

- Refrigerants (including CFCs and HCFCs) in refrigerators and air conditioners. Please note that Clean Air Act regulations (§608(b)(1) and (§608(c)) prohibit any release of refrigerants to the atmosphere, and require persons handling refrigerants to follow specific procedures. Our suppliers are Required to sign a statement certifying that all refrigerants have been properly removed (40 CFR §82).
- Asbestos or asbestos containing materials, such as pipe insulation, acetylene tanks and surfacing material commonly found on I-beams, tanks, and other structural and demolition debris (40 CFR §61.150).
- Oils, gasoline, other petroleum products and antifreeze. This includes hydraulic fluids, gear oils and grease. Hydraulic equipment must have hydraulic hoses removed and cylinders cut open and drained.
- Lead-acid or NiCad batteries or battery parts, including automobile batteries (40 CFR §273), unless sold as a separate commodity (lead-acid batteries) for recycling.
- Items that contain or have contained PCBs, including small capacitors, fluorescent light ballasts and electrical transformers or transformer components and paint (TSCA and 40 CFR §258 and §258). Transformers and transformer components may be accepted if properly drained and documented as "certified clean."
- Paint cans or other paint containers.
- Fluorescent lights, neon, high intensity mercury vapor lights, high pressure sodium, metal halide and associated ballasts.
- Circuit boards (unless sold as electronic scrap).
- Any material containing hazardous or toxic substances.
- Military scrap of any kind, unless approved in advance.
- Explosives or explosive residues.
- Radioactive material of any kind.
- Tires, wood, dirt, yard debris, concrete, asphalt, glass, rubber, or other non-metallic materials.
- Computers, televisions, computer monitors, CRT, LCD. (Computers may be accepted if previously approved for purchase as electronic scrap)

The following items will be accepted ONLY if prepared as described:

- Appliances: ALL fluids, including refrigerants, must be drained.
- Automobiles: Refer to Shredder In-Feed Guidelines and Procedures. Automobiles containing fluids may only be accepted if sold and processed as a "wet car."
- Air conditioning compressors: MUST be removed from item, cut in half, and drained
- Drums, barrels and other containers: MUST be thoroughly cleaned and the entire top removed and open for inspection. Gas cylinders, including air bottles, propane and other gas tanks, must be cut in half.
- Storage tanks must be clean and purged of all fluids/gases, as well as, free of plastic, fiberglass or asbestos coatings/liners. Tanks that held hazardous chemicals must be certified clean and free of hazardous material by competent authority. We must be able to inspect the inside of tanks; therefore all tanks must have the access panel removed or a "basketball" sized section removed for inspection purposes.
- Cable and wire: Must be cut in 3-foot lengths, or coiled and banded with 3/4 inch steel banding in at least four (4) places.
- Chain-link fencing: Must be cut in sections no larger than 18 feet by 4 feet.
- Aerosol cans: MUST be empty and crushed or punctured. Plastic caps must be removed.

#### Metal Theft

In an effort to curtail the rising incidence of metal theft, Schnitzer Steel's operations refuse to accept the following materials unless ownership is clear established:

- New production scrap or new materials that are part of a manufacturing process that are being sold by an individual, not a company.
- Items used only by governments, utilities, railroads or for very specific purposes. This includes guardrails, manhole covers, storm drain covers and grates, certain cables used only in high voltage transmission lines, historic markers, cemetery plaques and artwork.
- Full-sized, new materials such as those used in construction, or equipment tools used by contractors.
- Materials that may not be new, but are clearly suspect, such as bleachers from an athletic field or traffic signs.
- Beer kegs, soda cylinders and shopping carts.
- End-of-life vehicles from an unknown supplier unless a written record of title is presented.
- Materials that have been reported stolen.

Schnitzer Steel maintains records of all transactions and cooperates fully with local, state and federal law enforcement in the prosecution of metal theft.