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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to the use of ITW Ramset powder actuated loads. From time to time users may find themselves in possession of powder loads that are unusable for a variety of reasons. There are a few options to dispose of these loads. These options are often dependant on local disposal regulations. Local authorities should be consulted first for any unique regulations.

In most locations it is acceptable to place fired or spent loads in the trash, provided there are no misfires or unfired loads within the grouping to be disposed. Again, check with local authorities on methods of disposal.

The first and best option to dispose of any unspent loads would be to fire them in the applicable tool. If the load is a misfire and has a firing pin indent, in some cases the load can be reinserted into the tool and fired, or the load can sometimes be rotated, reinserted and fired in the tool.

The second option would be to find a local hazardous material disposal site to take any live loads. Sometimes there is a cost associated with this.

A third option is, small quantities of loads may be submersed in water for a period of time and disposed of in a normal manner, subject to local regulations. This submersion is also outlined in the misfire procedure contained in each Ramset tool manual. All powder-actuated manufacturers are required by ANSI A10.3 to color identify each load casing to dictate its power level. This coating will require long submersion times to assure water has penetrated the load rendering them useless.

If I can be of any other assistance please call me at 1-800-726-7386.

Best Regards,



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