So what do we do when one of these drums is delivered to us? The best thing to do is immediately bring it into our drum storage area and let it warm back up on its own to room temperature - around 70°F - before use. Trying to warm the drum too quickly with band or blanket heaters can cause the blowing agent in the 183M/183MW to boil out of solution which can then cause the drum to distend or bow. If you try to open a distended or bowed drum, valuable blowing agent will be lost affecting the performance of the foam.

If you don't have a storage area for drums and you immediately put the drum on your trailer for use, you are likely to have problems trying to process the chemical. Cold and/or frozen 183M/183MW will become too thick for your transfer pumps to push chemical to the reactor, and will cause E24 errors and pressure imbalances.

So the bottom line here is that the best thing to do is the only thing to do – let the drum warm back up on its own to about 70°F before use.

Winter is here and many parts of the country are experiencing unusually cold weather – in these conditions it becomes difficult to avoid getting a cold or possibly even a frozen drum.

**Having trouble with foam? Just pick up the phone!**

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