

## Gas Information Sheet No. 29

# Clearance from gas cylinder compartment drains

### Introduction

Some caravan manufacturers are failing to comply with the required separation between an LP Gas cylinder compartment drain and a source of ignition, or opening.

The requirements for cylinder compartments in caravans and mobile homes etc are given in *AS 5601- 2004 Gas Installations*.

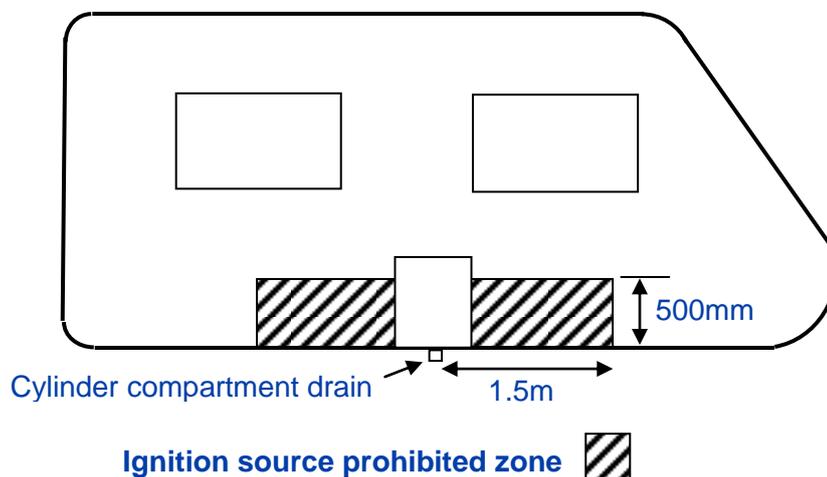
Clause 6.2.3.2 (f) requires the compartment to:

*Have a drain in the base which has a minimum diameter of 25 mm and terminates at a point which faces away from the forward direction of travel of the caravan and is directed away from and-*

- (i) at least 1m from any opening into the caravan, unless the opening is at least 150mm above the drain outlet; and*
- (ii) at least 1.5m from any source of ignition unless the ignition source is at least 500mm above the drain outlet.*

### Compliance

ESV requires any design that does not comply to be brought into compliance before 1 January 2006. Existing units do not need to be modified.



If further information is required, please phone the Gas Safety Technical Information Line on 1800 652 563.