

D.A. ROBERTS FUELS LTD.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR OIL TANKS
(Brief Summary)

DOMESTIC

A tank must be bunded if:-

- ***England only.*** Capacity exceeds 3500 Ltrs.
- Capacity exceeds 2500 Ltrs. If it is within 10 mtrs of controlled water such as a stream, ditch, river, lake, natural pond, canal or coastal water, watercourse or drains, or is within 50 mtrs of a borehole, well, or spring.

SINGLE SKIN TANKS

- Tanks should not be fitted within 1.8 mtrs of a door, window, roof eve or flue outlet of a dwelling or connecting building.
- If it is not possible to conform within the 1.8 mtr regulation a fire resistant barrier should be built around the back and two sides of the tank to create a 30-minute firebreak. The barrier should extend 300mm beyond and above the tank.
- Should be not less than 760 mm from a boundary.

INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL

- From 1st September all new installations must be bunded if holding over 200 Ltrs. This rule includes churches and village halls.
- No bunded tank can have an external gauge.
- Guns and hoses must be contained within the bund.
- Bund must contain 110% of the capacity of the tank.
- Where more than one tank is used (including drums etc.) the bund must contain 110% of largest tank or 25% of the combined volume.

AGRICULTURAL

- All new, substantially enlarged or substantially reconstructed tanks after September 1991 must be bunded if they exceed 1500 ltr.
- All ancillary equipment, guns and hoses etc., must be contained within the bund. Hoses must be fitted with a tap or valve, which closes automatically and is contained within the bund.
- Bund must be able to contain at least 110% of the capacity of the tank.

Several Tanks Drums etc.

- Bund must contain 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the total volume of oil, which could be stored at any one time.

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