

# Know the Difference

MISTAKING A 5-GAL FUEL CAN FOR A 5-GAL WATER CAN COULD BE A FORMULA FOR **DISASTER!**

THESE DISASTERS INCLUDE: DAMAGED EQUIPMENT, LOST PROPERTY, AND THIRD-DEGREE BURNS.

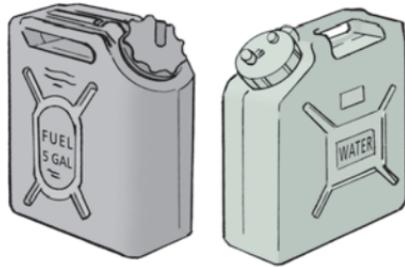
FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, LEARN TO TELL CANS APART. HERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO START YOUR SCHOOLING...



Fuel and water cans are alike in some ways. Both have the same size and basically the same shape. They have an X depressed into the surrounding plastic surface. And both come in olive drab and sand colors.

## Similarities

Fuel and water cans have basically the same shape



## Differences

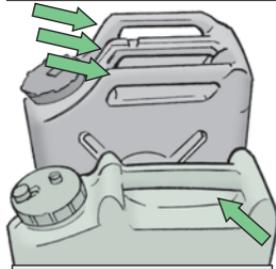
In outward appearance, fuel and water cans differ in three ways: by the **labels**, **caps** and **handles**. Get to know all three.

	Fuel Cans	Water Cans
Label	FUEL	WATER
Cap	Smooth on top. Retaining strap fixed to its center.	Has two small caps within the larger cap: one for the breather, another for the pouring spout.
Handle	Has three handles.	Has one handle.

Remember to use your senses to tell the difference between the cans:

- **Sight:** See the number of handles and the FUEL or WATER label.
- **Touch:** Feel the number of handles and the shape of the cap.
- **Smell:** Smell for fuel odor.
- **Hearing:** Listen when you unscrew the cap. A fuel can has pent-up vapors and will always make a hissing sound.

Fuel can has three handles



Water can has one handle

Smell for fuel odor

