

A worker in a white protective suit and helmet is using a spray gun to apply a coating to a car body. The worker is wearing a white protective suit with a clear face shield and black gloves. The spray gun is connected to a red hose. The car body is white with green and orange markings. The background shows a factory setting with a grid ceiling.

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In the coming months, the compliance text for all Valspar Automotive product lines will be changing to align with the requirements of GHS. Product labels will now contain new pictograms, hazard and precautionary statements.

The modified labels will not have any effect whatsoever on the composition and quality of the Valspar Automotive product; these remain unchanged.

What Is GHS?

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals is an international system for the classification of hazardous materials. The new system ensures that users are provided with practical, reliable and easy-to-comprehend information on product hazards and therefore can take the appropriate preventive and protective measures for their health and safety.

What Will Change and When?

- New pictograms and signal words
- Updated MSDS — now referred to as Safety Data Sheets (SDS)








Products containing the new GHS compliance information will begin to enter the market in 2015. Products with the pre-GHS labeling can continue to be used as normal. It is intended that all products sold in the U.S. after June 2015 will contain the new GHS compliance information.

GHS Signal Words

- **DANGER** Used for more severe hazards
- **WARNING** Used for less severe hazards

GHS Pictograms and Updated MSDS

MSDS will be updated and will now contain new pictograms (see below), hazard and precautionary statements. MSDS will now be referred to as SDS. Updated SDS will be available on the product websites and future updates of Color Focus.

	Gas cylinder for gases under pressure		Health hazards for chronic health hazards
	Corrosion for corrosive items		Exclamation mark for health hazards
	Flame for flammable items		Environment for items impacting the environment
	Skull and crossbones to indicate acute toxicity		

