

SAVE THE LIDS!

Dear Editor,

We got gipped recently for leaving an open quart can of aircraft engine oil uncovered. It figured. The dust blows here all the time and the oil in the can was definitely contaminated.

Over a cup of java, brewed in the back room, we got to thinking that those plastic lids on 1-lb coffee cans might be the answer. If they kept the coffee clean and dry after the can was opened why wouldn't they do the same for an open can of oil?

Sure 'nuff, it turned out that the plastic lid is a perfect fit for the quart oil can. It keeps out all dirt and moisture. Fact is, we use them for hydraulic fluid, transmission oil and on just about any 1-qt can made.

Keeping the lid on has put an end to open can gigs here.

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(Ed Note — Actually, when you open a quart can of oil it's a good idea to use it up if you can, say by refilling your oil squirt cans. For those rare cases where you can't use a whole quart, the plastic lid will help prevent contamination.)