

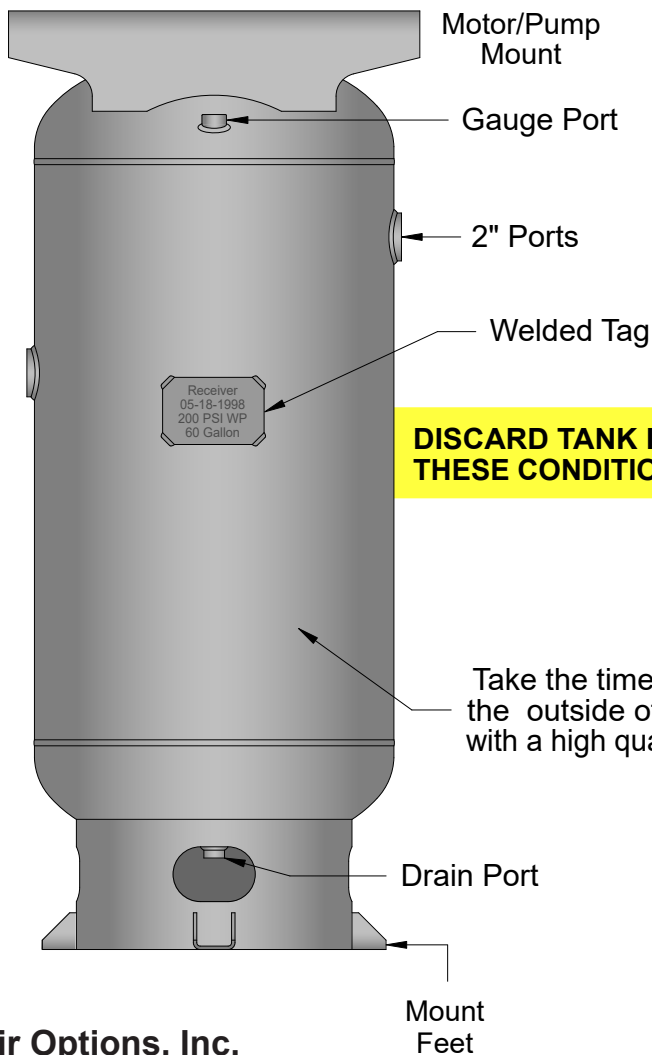
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## Is My Spare Compressed Air Tank Good for Anything?

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There are a lot of leftover compressed air receivers out there. One of the questions that most of us ask ourselves is are they good for anything? The default answer is NO! Receivers of an unknown origin will be of questionable internal condition and may not be safe to put into service. Adding an extra receiver to your system will not provide any real performance improvement. The fact of the matter is that they might actually deteriorate the performance of your compression system. A second receiver may have value for remote, high-momentary SCFM applications. See Technical Bulletin Num.: 31 "Remote Receivers." That being said, if one is to place a used compressed air receiver in service, then it should be thoroughly inspected and carefully serviced. Otherwise, all you really have is the basis for a nice BBQ pit.



**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

**DISCARD TANK IF ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS EXIST**

- Excessive Rust or Pitting
- Large Dents or Deformation
- Ports Plugged or Rusted Closed
- Cracks in the Tank, Ports or Welds
- Mounting Feet Rusted Away
- Tank is Full of Standing Water
- Excessive Internal Sludge Build-Up
- Internal Rust and/or Other Corrosion
- Animal or Insect Nest(s) Inside
- Missing or Illegible Welded Tag

Take the time to properly prepare the outside of the tank and paint it with a high quality industrial coating.



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