

The secrets they keep...

Here's what the tobacco industry is hiding in cigarettes.

Methoprene

A chemical used to eliminate fleas on your pets.

Benzopyrene

You'll find it in coal tar and cigarette smoke. It's one of the most potent cancer-causing chemicals in the world.

Nicotine

Nicotine is an addictive drug and a deadly poison which increases blood pressure and heart rate.

Acetone

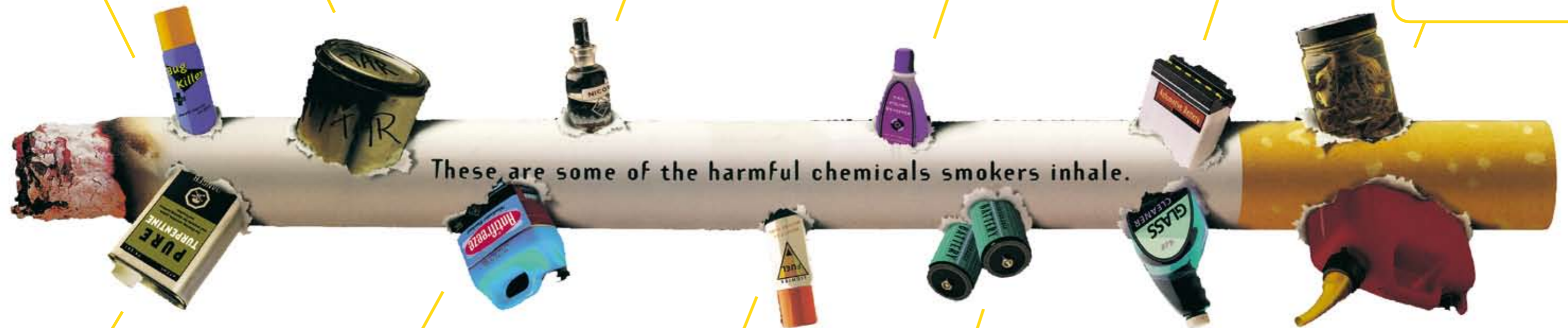
The tobacco industry refuses to say how acetone gets into cigarettes. It's one of the active ingredients in nail polish remover.

Lead

Lead poisoning stunts your growth, makes you vomit and damages your brain.

Formaldehyde

It causes cancer and can damage your lungs, skin and digestive system. Embalmers use it to preserve dead bodies.



These are some of the harmful chemicals smokers inhale.

Turpentine

Turpentine is very toxic. It is commonly used as a paint stripper.

Propylene glycol

The tobacco industry claims they add it to keep cheap 'reconstituted tobacco' from drying out. But scientists say it aids the delivery of nicotine – tobacco's addictive drug – to the brain.

Butane

Highly flammable, butane is one of the key components of gasoline.

Cadmium

It causes damage to the liver, kidneys and brain and stays in the body for years.

Ammonia

The tobacco industry says it adds flavour. But scientists have discovered that ammonia helps you absorb more nicotine – keeping you hooked on smoking.

Benzene

This cancer-causing chemical is used to make everything from pesticides to detergent to gasoline.



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Nicotine is one of the deadliest and most addictive drugs we know. Every year over 15,500 people in Australia die from smoking.

For more info, check out the website www.OxyGen.org.au

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