**Frequently Asked Questions: Bisphenol A and Phthalates**

Look for the icon which lets you know that you are getting a bisphenol-A (BPA) free and phthalate-free, quality Playtex® Infant Care Product!

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**Answers:**

**Q1. What is Bisphenol A (BPA)?**

A1. BPA is an ingredient used to make plastics called polycarbonates. Polycarbonate is generally used in consumer products because it does not crack or shatter, can be cleaned with very hot water, sterilizes easily, does not absorb odor and is an extremely safe alternative to glass. Polycarbonate plastic is commonly found in general household products such as water bottles, food storage containers, and a variety of children's toys.

**Q2. What are Phthalates?**

Phthalates are used to make plastic more flexible. Currently, there are no Playtex® Infant Care feeding or soothing products that contain phthalates.

**Q3. Are Playtex® Infant Care products that contain BPA safe?**

A3. Yes. U.S. and worldwide regulatory bodies continue to deem the ingredient safe. However, we do understand that there is consumer confusion. As a leader in infant care, Playtex® is committed to eliminating any consumer confusion by providing parents with a full line of BPA-free products that also provide superior feeding and comfort benefits for infants and toddlers. These BPA-free products are appearing in stores now.

**Q4. Which Playtex Infant Care brands are BPA-free?**

A4.
Playtex® Infant Care currently provides U.S. consumers 80 products that are BPA-free. The following is a list of these products:

- All Playtex® Drop Ins® Original Nurser Bottles and Liners
- All Playtex® Nipples
- All Playtex® Pacifiers both Binky® and Ortho-Pro®
- All Playtex® Cups & Mealtime (except Baby Einstein® *sip & discover* spill proof cup)

Coming soon…VentAire® Advanced bottles will be BPA-Free this fall.

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**Q5. What is Playtex doing to address the growing concern over BPA?**

A5.
Playtex is in the process of converting the remaining products to BPA-Free materials.

**Q6. What measures does Playtex maintain to regulate quality and safety?**
A6. Our global manufacturing facilities are monitored by our Quality Assurance team and expert engineers. The Quality Assurance team includes experts with a minimum of 5 years of consumer product experience and a technical background.

Audits are performed to Playtex's own supplier requirements; these standards encompass the regulatory requirements of top U.S. government agencies, such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Consumer Products Safety Commission.

**Q7. Is there lead in the colorants used in Playtex® Infant Care products?**

A7. Playtex® certifies that all of the inks, paints, and colorants used in its infant care feeding products meet all U.S. and European regulatory and safety standards, including those for lead content. They are tested independently to verify that they comply with these requirements and this has been reconfirmed in light of recently reported events.

We make sure that our brands are not only of the highest quality but also comply with all governmental safety requirements.

**Q8. Where are Playtex® Infant Care products manufactured?**

A8. Our products are manufactured in countries around the world including the United States, Canada, China, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, and Thailand. All of the manufacturing facilities are subjected to the highest quality standards as set forth by U.S. government agencies, such as the FDA and the Consumer Products Safety Commission. The products are designed by Playtex® and we ensure that all materials surpass the most stringent regulations in the United States, Europe and countries around the world.

**Q9. Are the plastics and materials in Playtex® Infant Care feeding and soothing products safe for food contact application?**

A9. All Playtex® Infant Care products contain materials that are safe for food contact application. We hold ourselves to a higher standard when it comes to infant safety. Playtex conducts tests of its products, and we only release products for sale that surpass the most stringent domestic and international regulatory guidelines on this and other safety matters. All materials are tested to ensure functional safety and performance and are tested or certified to meet material safety standards. Material testing is performed by a third party laboratory.

**Q10. What do the recyclable numbers (or resin coding numbers) represent?**

A10. The majority of plastic packaging is made with one of six resins: polyethylene terephthalate (PETE); high density polyethylene (HDPE); polyvinyl chloride (PVC or vinyl); low density polyethylene (LDPE); polypropylene (PP); or polystyrene (PS). The SPI resin identification code assigns each of these resins a number from 1 to 6.

The SPI coding system also includes a seventh code, identified as "other." This code indicates that a product is made with a resin other than the six listed above, or is made with a combination of resins. The SPI claims that the "other" code (number 7) was developed to address legislative demands in some states that all consumer packages fitting certain size and functional parameters feature a resin identification code.

1
PETE

**Poly(ethylene terephthalate)**

2
HDPE

**High-density Polyethylene**

3
V

**Poly(vinyl cloride)**

4
LDPE

**Low-density Polyethylene**

5
PP

**Polypropylene**

6
PS

**Polystyrene**

7
OTHER

**All other plastics**

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