



Bisphenol-A (BPA) Information

Cambro Manufacturing is committed to our valued customers by using the highest grade raw materials and providing products that are safe and manufactured for their intended use. Numerous statements have been recently made concerning the overall safety of Bisphenol-A (BPA, pronounced BIS-fen-all A), a chemical that is used in the manufacture of the resin called polycarbonate and some of its blends. Cambro uses polycarbonate to manufacture some of its products; polycarbonate is widely used due to its excellent properties of durability, clarity and stain resistance.

The following is intended to clarify current information on BPA. Bisphenol-A has been safely used in consumer products for over 40 years. During this time, extensive health and safety studies have been conducted by both manufacturers and government agencies. It has been repeatedly found to be safe for consumer use by governments around the world.

On August 15th, 2008 FDA officials released a draft assessment of the safety of BPA in food contact applications. The assessment STRONGLY REAFFIRMS the safety of food contact products made from polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins. "FDA concludes that an adequate margin of safety exists for BPA at current levels of exposure from food contact uses, for infants and adults." The FDA continues to recommend that consumers refrain from discontinuing use of BPA-containing products.

According to the American Chemistry Council, consumers would have to ingest more than 500 pounds of food and beverage in contact with polycarbonate plastic or epoxy resins every day of their lives to exceed exposure levels determined to be safe by the European Food Safety Authority and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Agencies and authorities that recognize the use of polycarbonate as safe and have authorized its use in applications of direct food contact are:

- o The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- o The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- o The European Commission Scientific Committee on Food
- o The European Food Safety Authority
- o The United Kingdom Food Standards Agency
- o The Japan Ministry for Health and Welfare
- o Health Canada

Bisphenol-A (BPA) can be found in products manufactured by Cambro with polycarbonate (CW) and high heat material (HP). BPA is not found in polypropylene or polyethylene storage containers or in most Cambro tumblers which are made from the resin SAN.

Recent news coverage has suggested that all plastic containers and bottles labeled with the number "7" contain BPA. While all polycarbonate plastics containing BPA are labeled with the number "7" recycling category, not all number "7" contain BPA. Based on the combination of materials used, some of our products that do not contain BPA fall into category "7" for recycling.

For additional sources of information regarding BPA, please refer to:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration – www.fda.gov
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) - www.efsa.europa.eu
- International Food and Information Council - www.ific.org
- Environmental Protection Agency – www.epa.gov
- American Plastics Council – www.americanplasticscouncil.org
- American Chemistry Council
 - o <http://www.americanchemistry.com/plastics/>
 - o www.bisphenol-a.org
 - o <http://www.factsonplastic.com/>
- Health Canada – www.hc-sc.gc.ca

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