



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Polycarbonate and Bisphenol-A

Q: Does Tupperware use polycarbonate in any of its products?

A: Yes, Tupperware's Research and Development group has found that polycarbonate creates the highest quality and most durable products for our consumers. Consumers have consistently asked for durable, microwave-safe products, and we believe that polycarbonate is a good choice for meeting this need.

Polycarbonate is used in a small percentage of our products, primarily those intended for high heat resistance, as well as some serving lines (see listing of Tupperware products which contain polycarbonate.)

Currently in the United States and Canada we do NOT use polycarbonate in any children's products.

Q: What is Bisphenol-A?

A: Bisphenol A (BPA) <http://www.bisphenol-a.org/human/consafety.html> is a key industrial chemical used to make polycarbonate, a raw material found in hundreds of plastic household goods and other products. Recent media reports have raised questions about its safety, though bisphenol-A has been deemed safe for consumer use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other regulatory agencies around the world.

Q: Does Tupperware consider polycarbonate to be safe for use in its consumer products?

A: Based on the repeated governmental scrutiny that polycarbonate has had by various regulatory agencies, Tupperware continues to believe the material is safe. As we have the highest regard and concern for the safety of our consumers, however, we will continue to closely monitor this scientific debate and conduct our own research into the best materials for use in Tupperware products.

Q: Is it safe to microwave food in Tupperware® products?

A: Yes, Tupperware® products that are intended for use in the microwave, including products made from polycarbonate, are safe for such use.

Q: Is it safe to dishwash and re-use Tupperware® products?

A: Yes, it is safe to reuse Tupperware products and to dishwash Tupperware products that are approved for use in the dishwasher.

Q: Why does Tupperware not place recycling codes on the bottom of their products?

A: The raw material identification (recycling) code was created to facilitate plastic recycling. This code is a triangle symbol that features a number from 1 to 7 to assist consumers in separating plastics for recycling purposes based on the type of plastic material used.

Because Tupperware products contain a lifetime guarantee and were not originally intended for recycling, they were not labeled with recycle codes. Now that the code system and recycling practices have become more widely adopted internationally, Tupperware will begin to systematically place raw material codes (recycling codes) on all products. Raw material identification codes for all our main product ranges are currently available at www.tupperware.com.

Q: Are any of Tupperware's current children's products made from polycarbonate?

A: Currently in the United States and Canada we do NOT sell baby bottles, nor use polycarbonate in any children's products.