



California Prop 65 Warning Requirements

To our valued customers,

On August 30, 2018, California's Safe Drinking and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (otherwise known as Prop 65) enacted new requirements. This letter is to help you understand this complicated law and how it applies to ABS, PVC, and CPVC products. We have researched the proposition and new requirements to determine if our products are regulated under Prop 65.

The original proposition was enacted in November of 1986 and is intended to protect California's drinking water sources from being contaminated with chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Prop 65 requires that businesses inform customers of possible hazards. The governing body for Prop 65 is OEHHA. OEHHA provides a list of chemicals that require a warning on their website, <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65>. Some of the raw materials used to make ABS and PVC products do have components that are listed by OEHHA.

One such material is carbon black which is used to color ABS products black. Carbon black is only regulated when it is airborne and unbound particles are of respirable size. The carbon black contained in our ABS products is bound into the ABS plastic matrix and therefore not an airborne and respirable threat. Even if you cut the product, producing shavings, the carbon black is still bound into the plastic matrix. The carbon black used to manufacture ABS products is negligible and studies have shown that carbon black is bound to the products and not regulated by Prop 65.

Another chemical listed by Prop 65 is titanium dioxide which is used to color PVC products white. This situation with titanium dioxide is the same as carbon black. OEHHA is only regulating unbound and respirable titanium dioxide. The titanium dioxide in our PVC products is bound into the PVC matrix and is not at risk of becoming airborne at a respirable size, even when cut. Similarly, the amount of titanium dioxide used in our products is negligible, bound to the products, and not regulated by Prop 65.

With the current Prop 65 requirements, there is no need to place a hazard warning for any chemicals in our ABS, PVC, and CPVC products.

Please feel free to call us with any questions you have concerning Prop 65.