

Bisphenol-A (BPA) Information

Cambro is very much aware of the latest announcements about BPA. We consider this matter very important. We continue to stay in close contact with the applicable government regulatory agencies that are following up on this topic. 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.

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 5 decades. 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.

According to the American Chemistry Council, consumers would have to ingest more than 500 Pounds of food and beverage in contact with polycarbonate plastic every day to exceed The Tolerable Daily Intake amount recently determined by the European Food Safety Authority based on all available science.

In addition, the World Health Organization, (WHO), recently affirmed that consumer exposure to low levels of BPA do not accumulate and are rapidly eliminated from the body. As a result, “low doses of BPA are not a risk to human health.”

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

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

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

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 - <http://www.americanchemistry.com/plastics/>

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