

RANKINGS

5 STARS: Excellent, goal is to phase out all PVC products

4 STARS: Above average – will phaseout some PVC products

3 STARS: Average – will eliminate phthalates in toys for children under 3

2 STARS: Below average – will eliminate phthalates only in toys intended for the mouth

X: Fail, no policy change or company refused to provide information

COMPANY	GRADE	COMMENT
<i>FIVE STARS</i>		
Ambitoys Netherlands	*****	phaseout completed 11/98
Aprica Kassai Japan	*****	eliminated PVC 11/98
Babelito Argentina	*****	stopped production, import and sale of soft PVC
Continua Germany	*****	now labels toys PVC-free
Early Start USA	*****	no PVC is used; soft plastic is EVA
Educa Sallent, S.A. Spain	*****	pledged to not use PVC, products are 100% PVC-free
Fashy Germany	*****	now labels toys PVC-free
FUSTA Spain	*****	association representing 13 manufacturers that have pledged to not use PVC
Garbep, S.A. – Lanco Spain	*****	pledged to not use PVC 12/98
Giochi Preziosi Italy	*****	products in 1998 catalogue were PVC-free
Grazioli Italy	*****	eliminated PVC in toys, 11/98
Helly Germany	*****	now labels toys PVC-free
Kiko Internacional, S.A. Spain	*****	pledged to phaseout PVC 12/98
Lego Group Denmark	*****	PVC phaseout began in 1986, only components of Lego Scala remain

Little Tikes USA	*****	all PVC to be eliminated
Mapa Germany	*****	now labels toys PVC-free
Novatex Germany	*****	now labels toys PVC-free
Pilot Ink Co. Ltd. Japan	*****	policy to phaseout PVC in products and packaging
Playmobil Germany	*****	eliminated PVC in 1992
Primetime Playthings USA	*****	no PVC used
Ravensburger Netherlands	*****	PVC eliminated in 1997, including packaging
Richfield Co. Ltd Japan	*****	has PVC phaseout policy; now labels toys PVC-free
Sassy Products USA	*****	mouth toys to be PVC-free by March 1999, the rest of the products by the end of June
Tolico Denmark	*****	has a PVC avoidance policy and does not sell PVC toys for children under 3, no PVC packaging
Turner Toys USA	*****	no PVC products used

FOUR STARS

A-One Japan	****	stopped using PVC in products for children under 3
Artbaby Argentina	****	stopped sale of PVC products June 1998 until government gives final opinion
Chicco (Artsana and Prenatal) Italy	****	substitution completed in 1998 for toys for under 3 year olds that can be mouthed
The First Years USA	****	eliminated PVC in mouth toys in 1999
Juguetes Herrajes Joal, S.A. Spain	****	only a few PVC products left, new PVC-free products released
Lamaze Infant Development USA	****	by end of 1999, all PVC products for children under 3 will be eliminated

People Co. Ltd. Japan	****	no PVC will be used in products for children under 18 months
Play by Play Novelties Spain	****	eliminated PVC toys for children under 3
Riko (Richard Kohnstam Ltd) UK	****	policy to minimize PVC; products are aimed at older children
Toho Co. Ltd. Japan	****	stopped production of PVC toys for children under 3
Young Epoch Co. Ltd Japan	****	PVC will be eliminated by 2000 for products designed for children under 3
<i>THREE STARS</i>		
Brio Sweden	***	does not produce teethingers or rattles from PVC but continues to use it for a few other products
Mattel (Fisher-Price, Tyco, Arco) USA	***	announced plans to eliminate phthalates in toys intended for the mouth, eliminated all PVC packaging in Scandinavia in 1999
Ritvik (Mega Bloks) Canada	***	baby soft blocks still PVC, researching phthalate free products
<i>TWO STARS</i>		
Disney USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates in teethingers and rattles in early 1999
Early Learning Centre UK	**	from early 1999, teethingers will be phthalate-free
Evenflo USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates in teethingers and rattles by early 1999
Gerber USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates from PVC toys and baby care products
Hasbro (Playskool, Galoob) USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates in teething toys
Kids II USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates in mouth toys
Safety First USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates in teethingers
Shelcore Toys USA	**	agreed to eliminate phthalates in teethingers and rattles by early 1999

NO STARS

Agatsuma Japan	X	refused to provide information
Ampa Hispania S.A. Spain	X	continued use of PVC
Ars Edition Germany	X	still marketing PVC books
Babin Iberica S.A. Spain	X	continued use of PVC
Bandai Japan	X	refused to provide information
Combi Corporation Japan	X	continued use of PVC
Juguetes Font S.L. Spain	X	continued use of PVC
Kawada Co. Ltd. Japan	X	continued use of PVC
Pestalozzi Verlag Germany	X	still marketing PVC books
Royal Japan	X	refused to provide information
Sega Toys Japan	X	refused to provide information
Takara Co. Ltd. Japan	X	refused to provide information
Tomy Co. Ltd. Japan	X	refused to provide information
Wimmer-Ferguson USA	X	continued use of PVC
Warner Brothers USA	X	continued use of PVC