

# Pound-for-Pound the Best PVC Value in the Market

Customers often ask us “What makes TMI’s flexible PVC products different from anything else on the market?” Our PVC materials not only have exceptional clarity and consistency, but are much safer to human health and the environment. To prove this, we have taken samples of competitor products and commissioned third party tests to study their physical and chemical compositions. The results are as follows:



## US Competition

Through a third party lab test, we have found that two current **US manufacturers** of flexible PVC strip, sheet, and panel material have been using tin stabilizers. **Tin stabilizers cause considerable odors**, and are not suited for food related applications. Industries affected by this legislation include food service and distribution, restaurant, clean room, warehousing, and more.

## Overseas Competition

Other tests have shown that overseas manufacturers have been using **DOP plasticizers** in their PVC products. DOP Plasticizer, a phthalate, is a **Prop 65** ingredient that must be indicated as a known **carcinogen** when shipped to several states. Exposure to DOP plasticizer has been proven to cause health risks. The DOP plasticizer is most likely **imported from China**, since there are no domestic or European compound and resin suppliers that use DOP plasticizers. DOP plasticizer will be banned in the production of children’s toys in the United States beginning in 2010.

## The TMI Advantage

TMI only manufactures **100% DOP-Free and Tin-Free** flexible PVC materials. TMI uses **DINP**, a safer alternative. All of our PVC compounds and resins are **manufactured in the USA**. Current manufacturers that may attempt to offer both DOP and DOP-free plasticizers will be unable to avoid cross-contamination via their extrusion equipment. TMI has also pioneered the development of **non-phthalate PVC** products that comply with the most stringent domestic and European legislation.



TMI is committed to setting industry standards in the manufacturing of flexible PVC products. We use only the highest quality, USA-made **DINP and non-phthalate** compounds to manufacture the most energy-efficient and safest products. For more information on TMI’s flexible PVC products, please contact your TMI Sales Professional at 1-800-888-9750.



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