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

Customers often ask us "What makes LDC/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:



## **North American Competition**

Through a third party lab test, we found that two current North American 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 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 LDC/TMI Advantage

LDC/TMI only manufactures **100% DOP-Free and Tin-Free** flexible PVC materials. LDC/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. LDC/TMI has also pioneered the development of **non-phthalate PVC** products that comply with the most stringent North American and European legislation.

LDC/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 LDC/TMI's flexible PVC products, please contact your LDC Sales Professional at 1-866-864-5265.



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