

High phthalates are a family of chemical compounds primarily used to make polyvinyl chloride (PVC)—or vinyl—flexible, pliant and durable. Flexible vinyl products made with high phthalates can help reduce a building's environmental footprint. Phthalates are widely used, and even when scientists hypothesize extreme exposures from phthalates in building products, because of unique properties of high phthalates, the predicted exposure levels are **hundreds or thousands of times below** any level of concern established by regulatory authorities.

EXAMPLES

- Flexible vinyl made with phthalates can last longer than phthalate alternatives, and typically less energy and other resources are needed to manufacture and install it.
- Flexible vinyl made with phthalates is durable, weather, UV and stain resistant. Phthalates are tightly held in the structure of vinyl, are odorless and do not readily evaporate.