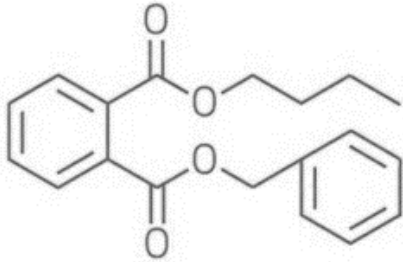


# Phthalates



## What are phthalates?

Phthalates are industrial chemicals that are added to plastics to impart flexibility and resilience, often referred to as *plasticizers*.

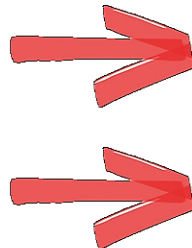
## How do phthalates enter the environment?

Phthalates can be released from a product by **heat**, agitation, and prolonged storage. Using phthalates is a commonly acceptable practice in the flooring industry, especially Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP).

Since heat can cause a release of phthalates, **a phthalate free floor is ideal in food plant environments** where heat is generated during production and sanitation.

**Cornerstone removed phthalates from its formulation more than 10 years ago.**

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because**



Our phthalate-free plasticizers are **better for our employees**, including our manufacturing staff and installers.

It is also **better for the environment**, since BBP will bind to soil and water.