


GRACO | OVERALL GRADE: D

	OVERALL GRADE	Transparency	Chemical Policies & RSLs	Assessment of Products	Chemical Advances	Public Policy
	D	F	B	F	D	C

GRACO SUMMARY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Public chemical statement: Develop a chemical statement that is specific to the Graco brand and specifies chemicals of concern. Make it easily accessible on Graco's website.
- ✓ Public chemical policy: Develop a chemical policy that is specific to the Graco brand and specifies chemicals of concern. Make it easily accessible on Graco's website.
- Public RSL
- ✓ Written chemical policy that includes specific chemical categories of concern.
- ✓ Ensure supplier compliance with company chemical policy
- Third-party certifications: Achieve 3rd party certifications that have public standards.
- Willingness to utilize Chemical Footprint Project
- Chemical Advances
- ✓ Update RSL to stay ahead of regulation
- ✓ Working to advance public policy to support the use of safer chemicals in car seats
- ✓ Extra credit: Production factories use the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (SEDEX) program for ethical and social auditing.

TRANSPARENCY: F

Graco points to multiple documents from their parent company, Newell Brands (parent company of more than 50 brands), for their chemical statements. The statements primarily call for suppliers to follow environmental protection laws and are not easily accessible. The statements are found within the Vendor Code of Conduct and other manuals on Newell Brands' website. Their public chemical policy is vague, using the term "environmentally-sustainable" without clearly defining the term. We encourage Graco to publish a public chemical statement and public chemical policy to include halogenated flame retardants and other chemicals of concern. We encourage Graco to make these and their RSL easily accessible on the brand's website.

CHEMICAL POLICIES & RSL: B

Graco reports using the minimum amount of flame retardant chemicals necessary to meet the flammability requirement and restricting certain halogenated chemicals from use. Graco reports they aim to avoid all of the categories of chemicals of concern about which we inquired. However, Graco products independently tested by Healthy Stuff tested positive for halogenated flame retardants, phosphorus-based flame retardants, and PFAS. We encourage Graco to eliminate all chemical flame retardants and PFAS.

ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCTS & PRACTICES: F

Graco did not indicate they were willing to utilize the Chemical Footprint Project Survey tool. Healthy Stuff encourages all car seat manufacturers to use an assessment tool to evaluate the chemicals used in their products and find the least toxic possible.

CHEMICAL ADVANCES: D

Graco reports only using flame retardant chemicals for products where flame resistance is required by law or regulation; and not on any other upholstered materials. We encourage Graco to develop and market an FR-free seat. Currently, all of the FR-free car seats are made by high end car seat companies. There is not an FR-free infant or convertible child car seat on the market selling for less than \$200. We call on Graco to be the first to develop an affordable FR-free child car seat.

PUBLIC POLICY: C

Graco reports working with the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) on public policy regarding NHTSA and auto flammability standards. We encourage all car seat companies to work within industry groups and beyond to advance safer chemicals public policy on all levels of government.