

FAQ: PFAS

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances



NO INTENTIONALLY ADDED
NO PFAS
POLYFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS

The Basics

PFAS are a vast, complex group of synthetic chemicals used in consumer products since the 1950s.

Significance

PFAS is a "forever chemical" that does not break down easily in the environment and poses a potential exposure risk to humans and wildlife.

Regulation

Some states have regulations in place or proposed to restrict PFAS, and EPA is gathering data to set exposure limits.

PFAS molecules have a chain of linked carbon and fluorine atoms that provide stain, water, and grease-resistant properties, making them a staple in various consumer products (e.g., non-stick cookware, rain jackets, dental floss, shampoo). These strong carbon-fluorine bonds, however, also contribute to environmental persistence.

In the wood floor industry, PFAS have historically been used in formulations for their ability to enhance water resistance, durability, and the ability to create smooth finishes.

The wood floor industry now faces the dual challenge of meeting performance expectations while minimizing ecological and health footprints.

We take on the responsibility of providing products that meet strict regulations so you can focus on serving your customers.

basic[®]
COATINGS

Basic® Coatings Has Reformulated Affected Wood Floor Products to Remove Intentionally Added PFAS

With Minnesota's ban on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in floor care products starting January 1, 2025, Basic Coatings is proactively reformulating our products to ensure our customers remain compliant and have access to safe solutions no matter where they operate.

Replacing PFAS is challenging in specialized applications, but through collaboration with global experts, we have successfully developed alternatives that deliver equal or better performance without using PFAS.

Why This Matters:

- **PFAS Are a Growing Concern:** While a common ingredient, PFAS do not break down in the environment, leading to environmental and health risks.
- **Basic Coatings Is Focused on Sustainability:** Environmental responsibility is a core value for our company, and we recognize the risks PFAS pose to health and the environment. That's why we reformulated the impacted formulas to eliminate any intentionally added PFAS, aligning with our commitment to safer, sustainable solutions.

Next Steps:

- We are confident that our reformulated products deliver the same exceptional performance—if not better—without PFAS.
- **New No Intentionally Added PFAS Identification:** Look for the new “with no intentionally added PFAS” sticker on product packaging located on the outer cartons and pails to identify compliant products easily.
- Products converted to formulations with no intentionally added PFAS have updated product pages with a digital sticker.

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to Customer Service at 1-800-441-1934.



Where Great Finishes Start

©2026 Basic Coatings
All Rights Reserved.
400 Van Camp Road
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
800-441-1934
basiccoatings.com

