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| <b>BATTAT<br/>(800) 822-8828</b>          | No   | Phased out PVC in all of its products.  | None  |
| <b>BERK CORP<br/>(909)923-0255</b>        | No   | Never had phthalates.   | None  |
| <b>BRIO<br/>(800) 558-6863</b>            | No   | Phased out phthalates in 1999.  | Unknown   |
| <b>CHICCO<br/>(732) 805-9200</b>          | No   | For over two years, has not used phthalates at all in production.   | Old stock   |
| <b>DISCOVERY TOYS<br/>(925) 606-2600</b>  | No   | Stopped making toys with phthalates available to its buyers- sells toys to out of home sellers.   | No  |
| <b>EARLY START<br/>(800) 631-1272</b>     | No   | Uses EVA instead of PVC.  | None  |
| <b>EVENFLO<br/>(800) 233-5921</b>         | No   | Took phthalates out of teething toys, does not use PVC in mouthing toys, discontinued some products containing phthalates.  | Old stock   |
| <b>THE FIRST YEARS<br/>(800) 533-6708</b> | No   | Took phthalates out of what they determine to be toys likely to be mouthed.<br><br>Now labels some products PVC and/or phthalate free.<br><br>Offers consumers PVC-free replacement for toy containing PVC. | Soft vinyl type toy that does not say phthalate or PVC free- they do not consider these vinyl books to be toys likely to be mouthed.<br>-Pooh's First Colors Squeaky Playbook #2611<br>-Squeakie Play Book #2309* |
| <b>GERBER<br/>(800) 443-7237</b>          | No   | Took phthalates out of vinyl and baby care products.  | -May be in old stock.   |
| <b>GUIDECRAFT<br/>(800)544-6526</b>       | No   | No, they make mostly wooden toys.<br>The plastic food they make is marked as "PVC free."  | -None   |
| <b>HASBRO<br/>(800) 242-7276</b>          | No   | Hasbro stopped making teething toys and rattles.  | May be in old stock.  |

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| <b>INTERNATIONAL PLAY THINGS<br/>(973) 316-2500</b>    | No   | Took phthalates out of products for infants. Is phasing out use of phthalates in all products.  | None  |
| <b>KIDS II<br/>(770) 751-0442</b>                      | No   | Discontinued using PVC in late 1998 and 1999. May be in tub toys. Does not label as PVC or phthalate free.  | Old stock: teethingers<br>May be in tub toys.   |
| <b>LAMAZE INFANT DEVELOPMENT<br/>(800) 368-4404</b>    | ---  | Licenses toys that are PVC and phthalate free.  | None  |
| <b>LEARNING CURVE INTERNATIONAL<br/>(800) 704-8697</b> | No   | Toys, except the 2 listed, are phthalate free.  | -Fill and Spill-#97306 lids have PVC<br>-Tub toy (frog)   |
| <b>LEGO SYSTEMS<br/>(860) 763-6731</b>                 | No   | Legos are made of ABS plastic. PVC is only used in products for older children.   | Not in mouthing toys, only in electrical cables in electric Legos.  |
| <b>LITTLE TIKES<br/>(800) 321-0183</b>                 | No   | In 1998 stopped production of toys w/ phthalates likely to be mouthed.<br>If a toy had phthalates, offered parents a replacement toy with out phthalates.                   | Not in mouthing toys, only in basketballs, soccer balls and pull plugs.   |
| <b>MANHATTAN BABY<br/>(800) 541-1345</b>               | No   | Does not use PVC or phthalates.   | None  |
| <b>MATTEL<br/>(800) 524-8697</b>                       | No   | Stopped making teethingers and rattles. Stopped using phthalates in toys intended for children under 3. Will give exchange to parent who wants to return toy w/ phthalates. | Old Stock   |
| <b>MEGA BLOKS<br/>(800)465-6342</b>                    | No   | Discontinued using phthalates 1 year ago in production. In October 2000 ended use of PVC in infant oriented product line.   | Old Stock:<br>-Baby Soft Blocks #7001<br>-Stackable Rockin' Friends Rattles- in various animal characters #7003*<br>-Peek A Boo Set, Baby Soft Blocks #7011 |

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| <b>PARADISE PRESS, INC<br/>(954) 349-9474</b>                | No   | Some products contain phthalates.  | -Tubby Buddies Bath Books #86943 00716*  |
| <b>PLAYSKOOL<br/>(800) 752-9755</b>                          | No   | PVC is not used in teethingers or rattles may be in toys intended for older children.                                      | In some toys, not teethingers or rattles.  |
| <b>REGENT BABY PRODUCT CORP.<br/>(718) 465-6857</b>          | No   | Does not use PVC. Labels toys as "PVC Free."   | None   |
| <b>SAFETY FIRST<br/>(800) 366-1282</b>                       | No   | Discontinued use of PVC in all teethingers in 1998. Labels some toys "PVC free." Non mouthing toys may contain phthalates. | Old stock  |
| <b>SASSY<br/>(616) 243-0767</b>                              | No   | Discontinued use of phthalates. Some toys contain PVC. Will offer consumer a PVC free replacement for toy containing PVC.  | Contain PVC do not contain phthalates:<br>"Who Loves Baby" Photo Book #844<br>Bath Book #859<br>Bath Book #141 |
| <b>SHELCORE<br/>(800) 777-0453</b>                           | No   | Discontinued use of phthalates and PVC.  | Old stock such as infant soft blocks.  |
| <b>SMALL WORLD TOYS<br/>(310) 645-9680</b>                   | No   | Follows industry practice and the Toy Manufacturers of America.  | Unknown  |
| <b>TINY LOVE/ MAYA GROUP DISTRIBUTORS<br/>(800) 843-6292</b> | No   | Phased out PVC in mouthing toys.   | Not in mouthing toys, only in the water mat-fishpond in "Discovery Lane."                                      |
| <b>TOMY CORPORATION<br/>(949) 955-1030</b>                   | No   | Not used in toys nor teethingers and rattles.  | May be in old stock of non-mouthing toys   |

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