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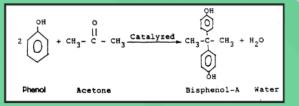
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- First synthesized in 1891 by a Russian chemist by the name Aleksandr Dianin
- In 1930's a British chemist recognized that BPA can be used as an artificial hormone (estrogen)
- BPA's estrogen properties were not nearly as strong as other synthetic hormones so between 1930 and 1950, BPA was not being used or produced specifically
- In 1950, BPA was re-examined and returned to the chemical world being used as an ingredient in polycarbonate and epoxy resins (plastic bottles and inside lining of cans)
- In the 1960's the use of BPA in water bottles, baby bottles, food containers and inner can lining was approved by the FDA so it was then mass produced in these products worldwide
- Due to the increasing popularity of BPA in certain products a carcinogenesis test was done by the NCI and NTP in the late 1970's.
- The resulting report stated that there was not enough convincing evidence to prove BPA had carcinogenicity effects although the NTP did report reproductive toxicity
- In 1992, *Dr. David Feldman* noticed that BPA had migrated from his PC test tube, into a test specimen and was mimicking estrogen. He was then one of the first to introduce the possible effects that low levels of PC and BPA have on human health
- In 1996, according to EWG a report from the FDA stated that an estimated 11 micrograms of BPA are exposed to adults every day through the interaction with plastic products
- In 1997, the University of Missouri-Columbia finds that low-level exposure to BPA has an effect on the prostate and continued to become one of the many studies focused on the health effects of BPA
- Between 1998 and 2003, Japanese industries voluntarily rid the use of BPA in their products due to consumer concern about toxic effects. The canning industry in Japan then replaced their BPA epoxy with BPA-free polyethylene terephthalate in many products. As a result, Japan assessors noticed that there was virtually no BPA in canned foods or plastics, and that BPA in Japanese blood levels dropped significantly

#### • 2008-Market Shocks

European Commission and European Food Safety Authority declared that BPA-based products, such as PC plastics and epoxy resins, are safe for the public as long as they are used as instructed

Health Canada releases a statement declaring that BPA is toxic due to reproductive and developmental toxicity and environmental effects. Canada bans the sale, import and advertising of PC baby bottles containing BPA due to these effects.

NTP releases a report stating that there is concern for brain, behavior and prostate gland effects in infants and fetus's that have been exposed to BPA in certain PC baby bottles

Between Health Canada's announcement and NTP's report many large manufacturing companies stop the production of PC baby bottles containing BPA. Walmart and Toys 'R' Us completely phase out all baby cups, bottles, etc. containing BPA SIGG Swiss water bottles are declared to contain BPA inner linings on their bottles although they previously denied they did. The media continued to fuel consumer's fear about potential BPA in plastic and now metal packaging Natural Resource Defense Counsel takes a stand against the matter and asks the FDA to remove the chemical from all food packaging

- In 2009, 6 US companies stop using BPA in their baby bottles
- The NIH is given \$30 million in order to research the health effects BPA has on humans
- . In 2010, the FDA finally releases a statement saying they are now expressing concern about BPA safety.
- Health Canada releases a new study on canned foods stating that exposure to BPA through food packaging will pose any health risks to the general population
- In 2011, the European Union bans the use of BPA in baby bottles while China proposes the ban of BPA in any food products relating to children
- FDA has still not ultimately banned the use of BPA in food or beverage packaging



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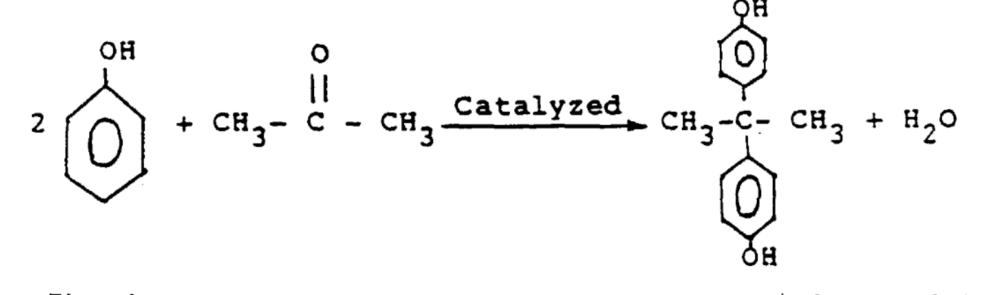
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- 1. The recovered purified adduct is processed and fed at a temperature of 41 °C and pressure is kept around 25 torr in a BPA finishing system to remove phenol from product, and the resulting molten BPA of temperature 175 °C is solidified in the flaker followed by a pump to produce product prills which comes out at a temperature of 90 °C and is suitable for the BPA market.
- 2. Acetone and excess phenol are reacted at a temperature of 75 °C and pressure is kept around 4.4bar by condensation in an ion exchange resin-catalyzed reactor system to produce BPA, water and various by-products.
- 3. The bottoms of the crude column having the temperature of 70  $^{\circ}$ C is sent to the crystallization feed pre-concentrator after it is passed from a heat exchanger where inside temperature is 51  $^{\circ}$ C and it is cooled to 54  $^{\circ}$ C, which distills phenol and concentrates BPA to a level suitable for crystallization.
- 4. Acetone and lights are sent to second distillation column operating at 95 °C and then acetone is sent to the lights adsorber to produce a recycle iii acetone stream and water is sent for the waste water treatment via recovery column.
- 5. A purge from the mother liquor is sent to the purge recovery system along with the recovered process water to recover phenol.
- 6. The crude distillation column having the temperature of 170 °C and pressure of 560 torr helps in removing water and unreacted acetone from the reactor effluent.
- 7. BPA is separated from by-products in a proprietary solvent crystallization and recovery system where it is cooled from 54 °C to 41 °C to produce the adduct of BPA and phenol.
- 8. Mother liquor from the purification system is distilled in the solvent recovery column to recover dissolved solvent which comes in this system through pump.
- 9. The solvent free mother liquor stream is recycled to the recovery system.

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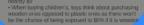
Acetone

Bisphenol-A

Water

### Reducing BPA Exposure







#### Health & Safety Considerations

Ever since BPA was created it has been deemed safe for public use. Although many studies have been done on the compound and serveral have turned up with health hazards, none have been soldified by the FDA.

BPA is an endocrine disrupter which means it can interfere with the body's hormones and endocrine system. Due to this it has been linked to several health hazards such as: Structural damage to the brain, impaired learning, hyperactivity, altered immune function, stimulation of procsite cancer colls, increase in fat formation, decrease in sperm production, early publicy and even interfally.

Many experiments to determine the risk factors of BPA have been on animals so there is the question of whether it has those same effects on humans.

One main area of worry for consumers is BPA effecting younger children and infants as many children products contain BPA and they fear it could after the brain as it is still developing.



### **Chemical Properties**

Flash Point: 227 °C Specific Gravity: 1.057 (water=1) Vapor Pressure: N/A pH: N/A Chemical Formula: C15H16O2 Exerts hormone like properties at high dosages Hydrogen bond donor/acceptor count: 2

### **Physical Properties**