AUTO CARE ASSOCIATION | STATE PFAS COMPLIANCE SERIES

California PFAS Compliance

Safer Consumer Products (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 22, 69511.5); Health & Safety Code 108945 (AB 652) and 108970 (AB 1817). California regulates PFAS one product category at a time



WHAT IS PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of fluorinated chemicals. California has no broad PFAS ban on automotive products. Three requirements touch the aftermarket.

KEY DATES

Date	What happens
Apr 1, 2022	In effect: Priority Product notification and alternatives analysis for PFAS treatments for textiles and leathers. Not a ban
July 1, 2023	In effect: new juvenile products with intentionally added PFAS, or PFAS at or above 100 ppm total organic fluorine, banned. Includes child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles
Jan 1, 2025	In effect: new textile articles with regulated PFAS banned. Vehicles and their component parts are excluded

WHO MUST COMPLY

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) requirement falls on the manufacturer. The juvenile product and textile bans apply to sales of new products in California.

AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET PRODUCTS IN SCOPE

- **Fabric and leather protectants:** treatments sold to remove stains from, or repel stains, dirt, oil, or water from, carpets, upholstery, and other textiles and leathers are a DTSC Priority Product. Manufacturers must notify DTSC and complete an alternatives analysis. DTSC identified auto dealership workers and auto detailing technicians among exposed groups.
- **Child car seats:** banned since July 1, 2023 if they contain intentionally added PFAS or PFAS at or above 100 ppm total organic fluorine.
- **Textiles:** the textile ban excludes vehicles and their component parts, and excludes PFAS treatments for textiles and leathers. Whether aftermarket seat covers and floor mats sold separately count as component parts is not settled; confirm against the definitions.
- **Cleaning products are not covered** by a California PFAS ban.

HOW TO COMPLY

Manufacturers and suppliers

- Confirm DTSC notification and alternatives analysis status for PFAS fabric and leather protectants
- Confirm child car seats sold in California are PFAS-free
- Document whether seat covers and floor mats are vehicle component parts

Distributors and retailers

- Do not sell new juvenile products or textile articles that violate the bans
- Ask suppliers to confirm PFAS status of protectants, car seats, and textiles

RESOURCES

DTSC regulation: PFAS treatments for textiles and leathers | AB 652 (juvenile products) | AB 1817 (textiles)

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