AUTO CARE ASSOCIATION | STATE PFAS COMPLIANCE SERIES

Colorado PFAS Compliance

C.R.S. 25-15-601 et seq. (HB 22-1345, as amended by SB 24-081).
Automotive cleaning products banned since January 1, 2026

WHAT IS PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of fluorinated chemicals. Colorado regulates products with **intentionally added** PFAS: PFAS a manufacturer intentionally adds to a product that have a functional or technical effect on the product, including intentional breakdown products of an added chemical.

WHO MUST COMPLY

The bans apply to any person who sells, offers for sale, or distributes for sale a covered product in Colorado: manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. Manufacturer means the person that makes or assembles a product or whose brand name is on it; for imports, the importer or first domestic distributor if the maker has no U.S. presence.

KEY DATES AND SALES BANS

Date	What happens
Jan 1, 2024	Banned: carpets or rugs, fabric treatments, food packaging, juvenile products, oil and gas products
Jan 1, 2025	Banned: cosmetics, indoor textile furnishings, indoor upholstered furniture
Jan 1, 2026	Banned: cleaning products, including automotive cleaning products; cookware, dental floss, menstruation products, ski wax. Installing artificial turf with PFAS prohibited
Jan 1, 2027	Banned: outdoor textile furnishings, outdoor upholstered furniture
Jan 1, 2028	Banned: textile articles, outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions, commercial food equipment, floor maintenance products used in hospital or medical settings

WHAT TO REPORT

Colorado's consumer product law has no product reporting or registration requirement. Compliance is through the sales bans.

LABELING AND DISCLOSURE

Cookware with intentionally added PFAS in the handle or food-contact surface must be labeled. Outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions has carried a "Made with PFAS chemicals" disclosure since Jan 1, 2025, until its ban takes effect Jan 1, 2028. Neither applies to automotive products.

AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET PRODUCTS IN SCOPE

- **Automotive cleaning products, banned since Jan 1, 2026:** chemically formulated consumer products labeled to maintain a motor vehicle's appearance, including washing, waxing, polishing, or treating interior or exterior surfaces. Automotive paint and paint repair products are excluded.
- **Fabric treatments, banned since Jan 1, 2024:** aftermarket fabric and upholstery protectants may fall in this category.
- **Carpets or rugs, banned since Jan 1, 2024:** aftermarket floor mats may fall in this category; confirm against the definitions.
- **Textile articles, Jan 1, 2028:** textiles used in households and businesses. Aftermarket seat covers may fall in this category; confirm against the definitions.
- **No motor vehicle exemption:** the law does not exempt motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions

- Used products offered for sale or resale
- FDA- or USDA-approved drugs, medical devices, biologics, and diagnostics, and certain veterinary products, and their packaging
- Textiles and textile furnishings used in medical, professional, or industrial settings
- Floor maintenance products used in hospital or medical settings, until Jan 1, 2028

What the law does not include

- **No reporting:** there is no product notification, registration, or fee.
- **No motor vehicle exemption:** Colorado does not exempt motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment.

HOW TO COMPLY

Manufacturers and suppliers

- Confirm which cleaning, appearance, and protectant products contain intentionally added PFAS
- Stop selling banned products into Colorado
- Plan for the Jan 1, 2028 textile article ban

Distributors

- Stop distributing banned products on each ban date
- Ask suppliers to confirm PFAS status of cleaning, appearance, and protectant products

Retailers

- Stop selling banned products on each ban date, in stores and online
- Ask suppliers to confirm PFAS status

RESOURCES

SB 24-081 (signed act) | HB 22-1345 (signed act) | CDPHE Colorado PFAS laws

Agency questions: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 303-692-2000 | Association questions: govaffairs@autocare.org

Current as of October 21, 2026. For awareness only, not legal advice. Confirm obligations with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or your counsel.