



PRODUCT SAFETY POLICY/CE AND CPSC REGULATIONS

Our products are made in England, China and Mexico. They have been checked to ensure that they comply with European Safety Standards (CE) for the last fifteen years and with the US standards (ASTM) in more recent years.

We try to avoid any potential hazards at the start by designing them out. Where this is unavoidable any potential dangers are highlighted on the packaging – i.e. small parts which may be a choking hazard.

Products that are not made in our own factory are made for us by firms we know well and who work to our standards.

All products are inspected by an independent testing house (usually the internationally known SGS) for mechanical and physical properties, flammability, lead and other toxic minerals and phthalates among other things. Warnings and safety instructions on the packaging are also checked. Certificates are held at our head office in the U.K.

From the end of 2008 a Certificate of Conformity to the US regulations is required for all toy related products entering the USA. These will be available to view from our US office and will be put on our web site as soon as possible.

It is not necessary for our customers to have a copy. It is up to our company to be able to prove to the authorities, or anyone who enquires, that we comply to the regulations.

Once tested and in our range, each subsequent batch is checked here for quality and any variations to the original sample. Any changes noted result in a full retest of the product. Products are tested periodically anyway.

We have been testing to a standard below the US lead limits for years, so all our products you have in your inventory will comply to new US regulations.

We have started testing for phthalates more recently, but the new US limits are the same as the European limits so our products also comply on this point.

All our products are marked with our brand name and company address so that our customers, the final consumers and the authorities can know who made them and can contact us for any enquiries. They will be coded by batch number from now on.

We have every confidence that all our products are safe and meet all CE, ASTM and new CPSIA requirements.

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