



## California Proposition 65 Briefing

**What is It?** California Proposition 65 or “Proposition 65” is officially known as the *Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986*. It requires the state to maintain a list of chemicals that may cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. It also requires businesses to place a warning label on their products that contain these chemicals if they are to be sold in California.

**What to Know.** Some customers may ask if SW is Proposition 65 compliant or ask “Where is our Prop 65 language?”

We **do not** currently have any need to have Proposition 65 warnings for any of our products as **none of them** contain chemicals on the state managed list.

**Common Questions.** People may ask about our use of Aloe Vera for hand moisturizing and Carbon Black as a glove coloring agent.

Certain types of Aloe Vera and Carbon Black are on the list, but the variety of Aloe Vera extract that we use is not on the list, and the Carbon Black we use is bonded in the nitrile material and does not pose a threat. Both these products and the way we use them are excluded from requiring Proposition 65 warnings.

**Aloe Vera Details** SW gloves are coated with organic aloe vera gel called ACTIValoe supplied by Aloecorp Inc. Our gloves only use non-carcinogenic, decolorized aloe vera extract, so there is no risk of exposure to the chemicals that could cause cancer or other harm.

Proposition 65 does list “aloe vera whole leaf extract” that “consists of the liquid portion of the aloe vera leaf and is a natural constituent of the Aloe barbadensis Miller plant,” but it does specifically exclude the more common forms used in personal care products--aloe vera decolorized whole leaf extract, aloe vera gel, aloe vera gel extract and aloe vera latex.

**Carbon Black Details** SW does use carbon black as a pigment color for black gloves. Since the carbon black is bonded within the product, no warning label is necessary.

The Proposition 65 listing **only** pertains to airborne, unbound carbon black particles of respirable size. The listing **excludes** exposure to carbon black, when it remains bound within a product matrix, such as rubber, ink, or paint.

**Proposition 65 Language** WARNING LABEL: This product can expose you to chemicals including [name chemicals] which is [are] known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/)

List of chemicals: <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list>