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## Per- Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Per- Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) are a large classification group of chemicals widely used in kitchen cookware, fire-fighting foams, adhesives, clothing apparel, and polymer coatings. PFAS, or "Forever Chemicals", were first produced in the 1940's, under the brand name Teflon, for non-stick coatings for cookware. Since then, many thousand different types of PFAS have been produced, including perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), which pose several health and safety risks to humans and the environment. PFAS do not readily break down in the body or the environment, and studies have indicated that exposure to PFAS can affect the immune system, thyroid and liver functions, reproductive health, and may even lead to an increased risk of cancer.

Buckeye International, Inc. is committed to providing products that are safe for the environment, but also safe for the customer. To stay proactive of the emerging EPA guidance and new state legislations for PFAS, Buckeye removed this material in early 2023 from the following products:

Base Hit<sup>™</sup>
Juggernaut<sup>®</sup>
Liquid Shovel<sup>®</sup>
Penetrate<sup>™</sup>
Revelation<sup>®</sup>
Ripsaw<sup>®</sup>
S.W.A.T.<sup>®</sup> NA

In continuation of this, Buckeye has also field tested and approved changes to the following products that do not contain intentionally added PFAS:

Clarion<sup>®</sup> 25 Aspida<sup>™</sup> Arena<sup>®</sup> 300 Verde<sup>®</sup> Verde Ultra<sup>®</sup>

Buckeye intends to review all remaining products that may contain PFAS to comply with all emerging EPA guidance and state legislations.

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