- VISUAL PROPERTIES

TYPE & NAME	PROPERTIES	COMMON USE	BURNING
Polyethylene Terephthalate	Clear, tough, solvent resistant, barrier to gas and moisture, softens at 80°	Soft drink, water bottles, salad domes, biscuit trays, food containers	Yellow flame, little smoke
High-Density Polyethylene	Hard to semi-flexible, resistant to chemicals and moisture, waxy surface, softens at 75°	Shopping bags, freezer bags, milk bottles, juice bottles, ice-cream containers, shampoo crates	Difficult to ignite, smells like a candle
Polyvinyl Chloride	Strong, tough, can be clear and solvent, softens at 60°	Cosmetic containers, electrical conduit, plumbing pipes, blister packs, roof sheeting, garden hose	Yellow flame, green spurts
LDPE Low-Density Polyethylene	Soft, flexible, waxy surface, scratches easily, softens at 70°	Cling wrap, garbage bags, squeeze bottles, refuse bags, mulch film	Difficult to ignite, smells like a candle
Polypropylene	Hard but still flexible, waxy surface, translucent, withstands solvents, softens at 140°	Bottles, ice-cream tubes, straws, flower pots, dishes, garden furniture, food containers	Blue yellow tipped flame
Polystyrene	Clear, glassy, opaque, semi-tough, softens at 95°	CD cases, plastic cutlery, imitation glass, foamed meat trays, brittle toys	Dense smoke
OTHER All Other Plastics	Properties depend on the type of plastic	Automotive, electronics, packaging	All other plastics



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