

Certified Marine Degradable: What to Look For

What certifications should you look for when choosing a marine-safe product and what they mean



ASTM D6691 (USA)

test standard for **marine biodegradability**

physical breakdown in 3 months and biodegradation in 6 months

must pass ecotoxicity



TUV Austria (Europe)

certifying body for **marine biodegradable** products

based on passing ASTM D6691, or an equivalent test standard



ASTM D7801 (USA - withdrawn)

originally outlined the pass/fail criteria for D6691 -- **since been withdrawn**

currently, the only certifying body for marine degradation is TUV's OK biodegradable MARINE



Important Things to Remember

just because a product is marine degradable does not mean it is meant to be disposed of in the ocean

the OK biodegradable MARINE certification may only be issued to and communicated on products that are **meant for use in a marine environment**

