

A GUIDE TO

# Compartment Trays

Compartment trays are perfect for cafeteria dining as the compartments keep different foods separated. They are particularly popular among schools for serving "type A" lunches, which require a specific breakdown of milk, protein, vegetables/fruit, bread, and butter.



## ABS Plastic

Lightweight and economical, but can be prone to warping and scratches.

*Recommended for light-volume / medium-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
Yes

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
-40°F to 160°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
No

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
Light/Medium-volume



## Copolymer

Light-weight, economical, and scratch resistant, yet susceptible to warping.

*Recommended for light-volume / medium-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
Yes

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
-40°F to 160°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
No

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
Light/Medium-volume



## Polypropylene

Lightweight, economical option that's less rigid than alternatives. Can be prone to warping or distortion.

*Recommended for light-volume / medium-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
Yes

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
-40°F to 160°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
Yes

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
Light/Medium-volume



## Melamine

Heavy-duty and rigid material that is scratch-resistant / heat-resistant and features quick drying. Can be prone to chipping or cracking if dropped.

*Great for medium-volume / high-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
Yes

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
0°F to 210°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
No

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
Medium/High-volume



## Polycarbonate

Strong, rigid, and durable. These trays are heat-resistant but usually aren't BPA free.

*Recommended for high-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
No

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
-40°F to 212°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
Yes

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
High-volume



## Fiberglass

Extremely durable and non-porous to prevent harboring bacteria, this material is a great choice for high-volume settings.

*Recommended for high-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
Yes

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
-40°F to 160°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
No

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
High-volume



## Stainless Steel

Durable, sleek, and easy-to-clean with a classic design that's not prone to chipping.

*Recommended for high-volume use.*

**DURABILITY**  
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**BPA FREE**  
Yes

**TEMPERATURE RANGE**  
-40°F to 350°F

**MICROWAVE SAFE**  
No

**DISHWASHER SAFE**  
Yes

**RECOMMENDED USE**  
High-volume



**DISCLAIMER**

This resource is meant to provide a generalized overview of the available materials in the market, not guarantee specs from all manufacturers. Because specs vary by brand, we recommend checking brand-specific information before purchasing.