

## Checkers® partners with Turtle Plastics as a strategic partner in key markets.

*Partnership expands Checkers' offerings to include a wide variety of recycled products and strengthens its position as a world leader in industrial safety.*

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Broomfield, Colorado: Checkers Industrial Safety Products announced today that they have entered into a strategic partnership within certain markets with Turtle Plastics of Lorain, Ohio to distribute a wide variety of Turtle's industrial safety products made from recycled materials. After completing an extensive evaluation, Checkers selected Turtle Plastics because of their high quality standards, production capabilities, and their commitment to using recycled materials.

Some of the products manufactured by Turtle that will now be distributed by Checkers include modular tile matting systems (including personal comfort and eye wash stations), hose bridge systems up to 10" outside diameter, industrial cribbing solutions with a secure locking system for better stabilization, wedges, step chocks and forklift stabilization kits. Like many of Checkers' existing brands, the products manufactured by Turtle are designed to create safer working environments while withstanding harsh conditions. By adding these products, Checkers maintains its superior safety standards while taking a major step toward offering a line of products for customers looking for safety solutions made from recycled materials.

"We realized there was a great opportunity to expand our recycled safety products into new markets by working in partnership with Checkers," said Tom Norton, President of Turtle Plastics. He went on to say, "Checkers brings a great deal of market knowledge and design expertise to the table, which will be a great opportunity for Turtle Plastics to grow. We looking forward to working with Checkers for many years to come."

Turtle Plastics has been manufacturing products from materials that would otherwise be land-filled since 1982. Their long-term commitment to recycling plastic rubbish from industrial plants made a big impression on Checkers. According to Ray Torres, Checkers' President and CEO, "Checkers appreciates how Turtle Plastics has a dual commitment to industrial safety and using environmentally favorable materials." He continued to say, "We are partnering with Turtle because they share our determination to improve workplace safety for people and equipment at every level".

The safety of people and property is the number one priority at Checkers. Checkers attributes its success to innovation, investing in intellectual property, and offering the broadest product lines globally. They remain committed and focused on educating industries to view safety as an investment and not a cost.

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