

2026 Parts Washer & Solvent Compliance Checklist

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Ensure Your Parts Cleaning Operations Are Compliant, Safe, and Future-Ready

As EPA enforcement of TSCA risk management rules continues into **2026**, manufacturers must ensure their parts washing processes comply with federal and state regulations while protecting workers and reducing environmental impact. Use this checklist to evaluate your current equipment, solvents, and procedures.

1. Solvent Usage Review

- Confirm **no use of prohibited solvents**, including:
 - Trichloroethylene (TCE)
 - Methylene Chloride (DCM)
 - Restricted Perchloroethylene (PCE) applications
- Verify **Safety Data Sheets (SDS)** are current and reflect 2026 regulatory status
- Ensure solvents meet **VOC limits** and air quality requirements
- Identify any **legacy or stockpiled solvents** scheduled for removal or disposal
- Confirm solvent suppliers provide **compliance documentation**

2. Equipment & System Compliance

- Identify all parts washers in operation (batch, conveyorized, vapor degreasing, cold cleaning tanks)
- Confirm equipment is designed for **VOC-compliant or non-toxic cleaning solutions**
- Evaluate whether **open solvent tanks** can be replaced with **sealed or closed-loop systems**
- Review age and condition of parts washers for **leaks, emissions, or inefficiencies**
- Ensure equipment aligns with **current EPA and state air regulations**

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3. Worker Safety & Exposure Controls

- Verify engineering controls are in place to **minimize solvent exposure**
- Ensure adequate **ventilation or enclosure systems**
- Confirm use of appropriate **PPE** where required
- Conduct regular **operator safety training** related to parts cleaning systems
- Document exposure control measures to support **TSCA compliance audits**

4. Waste Management & Disposal

- Classify all waste streams generated by parts washing processes
- Verify proper handling of **hazardous and non-hazardous waste**
- Confirm disposal vendors are **licensed and compliant**
- Reduce waste generation through **filtration, recycling, or solvent alternatives**
- Maintain disposal and manifest records for regulatory review

5. Regulatory Documentation & Audits

- Maintain up-to-date **compliance records** for solvents and equipment
- Document transition plans away from restricted solvents
- Track applicable **federal, state, and local regulations**
- Prepare for **EPA or state inspections** with documented procedures
- Assign internal ownership for compliance oversight

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6. Evaluation of Safer Cleaning Alternatives

- Assess feasibility of **aqueous parts washers** for current applications
- Evaluate **low-VOC or bio-based solvent alternatives**
- Consider **vacuum vapor degreasing systems** for precision cleaning needs
- Compare total cost of ownership (TCO), not just solvent price
- Validate cleaning performance against part cleanliness requirements

7. Sustainability & Long-Term Risk Reduction

- Align parts cleaning processes with **corporate sustainability goals**
- Reduce VOC emissions and environmental impact
- Lower long-term liability related to worker health and chemical exposure
- Invest in equipment designed for **future regulatory changes**
- Document sustainability improvements for ESG or customer reporting

8. Action Plan & Next Steps

- Identify non-compliant equipment or solvents
- Develop a **timeline for upgrades or replacements**
- Engage qualified partners for system evaluation
- Budget for equipment modernization and training
- Reassess compliance annually or when regulations change

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Why This Checklist Matters in 2026

With EPA TSCA rules fully enforced, manufacturers using **toxic parts washers solvents** face increasing scrutiny. Proactive compliance helps:

- Avoid costly fines and operational disruptions
- Protect employees and reduce liability
- Improve cleaning consistency and efficiency
- Support environmental and sustainability initiatives

Optional Add-On CTA (Website or PDF Footer)

Concerned about compliance in 2026?

Alliance Manufacturing helps companies transition to **eco-friendly parts cleaning solutions** and **VOC-compliant parts washers** designed for today's regulations and tomorrow's needs.

 *Request a compliance review or system evaluation*

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