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While visiting the General Motors Technical Center in Detroit they showed me the fogging plates of many different plasticizers. One was a sample of plasticized vinyl that they received from Dominion Rubber in Canada. According to the plate the fogging caused by the vinyl was very insignificant and actually could be classed as extremely low-fog or no-fog. Much to my surprise GM agreed to give me a sample, which is quite small, of this plasticized vinyl which is attached to this report. I thought you may have enough interest in the composition of this material to have it analyzed and try to determine what plasticizers were used and if anything other than polyvinyl chloride is present. The people at the Tech Center weren't sure whether or not this could be used for seating. I seriously doubt that it could because it is not very soft. They have instructed their Canadian manufacturing units to buy this material for as many applications as they can for use on the interiors of the automobiles that are made in Canada. It feels and appears to be crash-pad material rather than upholstery.

If you do not feel as though it would help to analyze the product, I am sure you will want to test it in your fogging equipment because in the General Motors fogging apparatus it gave essentially no fog.

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Attachment

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