

Suppliers beef up utility, safety features

Typical features

- **Neck:** Regular and wide openings are usual across all price segments. Angled versions are growing in popularity as they reduce excess air intake.



- **Nipple:** Apart from the standard bell-shaped variety, makers are offering angled, orthodontic, multiflow and anti-vacuum designs. Latex is the common material in the low end. This light brown, soft and flexible option resembles human nipples closely and is easy to drink from. The material, however, ages quickly. Silicone is used across all price segments. It is heat-resistant, and microwave- and dishwasher-safe. Compared with latex, the input can last three or four times longer and withstands bacterial growth better.

- **Bottle:** Plastic is typically employed. PP is the most common choice, while PES and PPSU are often adopted in the high end. Upscale baby bottles can also come in borosilicate glass, silicone and stainless steel. Traditional straight and pearlike contours are common. Releases in angled, donut and gourd silhouettes are available as well.

Price range (per piece)	Basic features
\$0.20 to \$1	Food-grade PC, PP or regular glass bottle; regular or wide neck; straight or pear shape, novelty contours available for plastic models; latex or liquid silicone nipple; 120 to 240mL; FDA, CE; EN 71, 14350; blister packaging
\$1.50 to \$2	Imported PP, high-quality borosilicate glass or stainless steel bottle; regular or wide neck; straight or pear shape; angled or anti-colic liquid silicone nipple; 240mL for PP models, 120 to 180mL for other materials; FDA, CE; EN 71, 14350; colored box packaging
Above \$2	PES, PPSU, high-quality borosilicate glass, silicone or stainless steel bottle; regular or wide neck; straight or pear shape; anti-colic liquid silicone nipple; electronic functions; 120 to 380mL; FDA, CE, RoHS; EN 71, 14350; gift box packaging

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- **Functional add-ons:** To increase product usability, several makers are attaching temperature indicators such as LED and color-changing thermometers on models. Music ICs and flashing LEDs may also be placed on the bottom of the bottle to help entertain and calm down babies.
- **Health-friendly design:** Angled-neck bottles are gaining traction as these ensure that the nipple is filled mostly with liquid rather than air. This is to prevent gas problems and ear infections. Similarly, suppliers are adopting angled and flat-tip nipples that are said to reduce the risk of colic.
- **PC now low-end:** With increased restrictions on BPA, demand for PC bottles has dropped even further. Upscale models for the EU, the US, Japan, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Brazil and Malaysia now use safer PP, PES, PPSU, silicone, glass and stainless steel. The toxic chemical was even recently banned in China. PC is now found only in low-end items for less stringent markets.
- **PP & glass dominate:** Together, the two materials account for 70 percent of output in the line. They are favored for their lower cost and BPA-free quality. In addition, glass can resist heat and abrasion, while PP is lightweight.

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