

4 ways to avoid Chinese products and buy from U.S. companies this 4th of July
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This article was written for the 4th of July shopping but it applies for all the time.



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Maybe you're feeling patriotic since the Fourth of July is right around the corner. You want to support American sellers and avoid Chinese companies while shopping for the 2022 sales. These tips can help you ethically shop when taking advantage of summer shopping events.

First, some general tips

Shopping online while avoiding Chinese products is like tiptoeing around a minefield. Not only are they everywhere, but they can be hard to recognize.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Don't trust an online shop's search engine. Amazon is notorious for throwing Chinese products into search results for "not made in China" or "made in the USA." Many online marketplaces have the same issue.

Be wary of misleading labels. Don't fall for a product that says, "Designed in the USA" or "Assembled in the U.S."

Only trust a product that says "Made in the USA."

Use online forums. Sometimes, databases will come up short and your research yields nothing. Reach out to online communities like [r/avoidchineseproducts on Reddit](https://www.reddit.com/r/avoidchineseproducts).

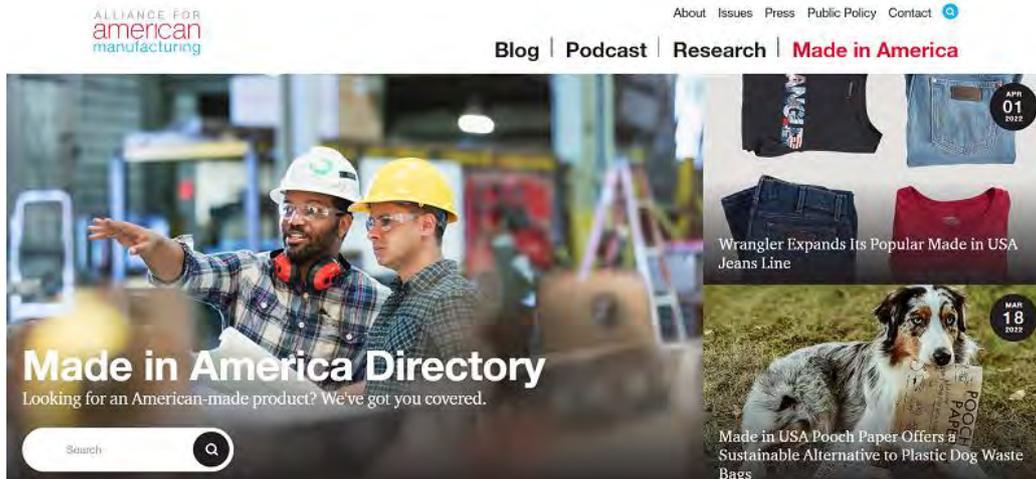
Barcodes can trick you. One popular piece of advice goes something like, "Pick up a product and look at the barcode. If the first three numbers are 690, 691 or 692, it's Chinese. Look for barcodes that start from 00 to 09. Those are American." This advice is partly false. Barcodes only identify the manufacturing company's country of origin. A product's barcode doesn't reveal its manufacturing location.

Bottom line: You must think critically to avoid Chinese products. Luckily, we've done a lot of the heavy lifting for you. Here are four free tools to help you avoid Chinese sellers and support American merchants instead.

1. If you want to avoid Chinese products, start with this website

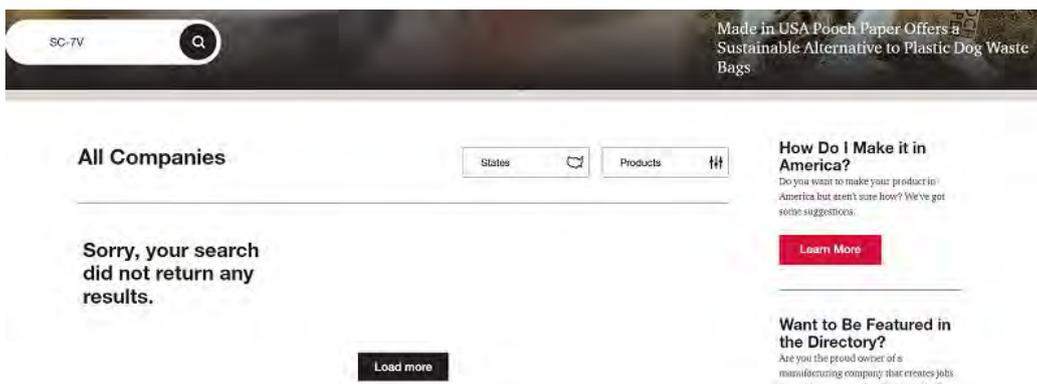
Not sure how to tell if a product is made in the USA? [Made in America Directory](#) is the site for you. Simply put, it identifies whether a product was made in the United States or not.

Just type the product or company name you're curious about into the search bar:



Look up brands and devices in this database. It will let you know which products and companies are manufactured in the U.S.

Scroll down to see your search results. It's probably not an American-made product if you get this message: "Sorry, your search did not return any results."



Next time you see a brand on Amazon and you can't tell if it's Chinese or not, use this resource.

Of course, the database may simply not have the product you're looking for. Just to be sure, check out the other methods in this guide.

[MADE IN AMERICA DIRECTORY](#)

2. USA forever, China never

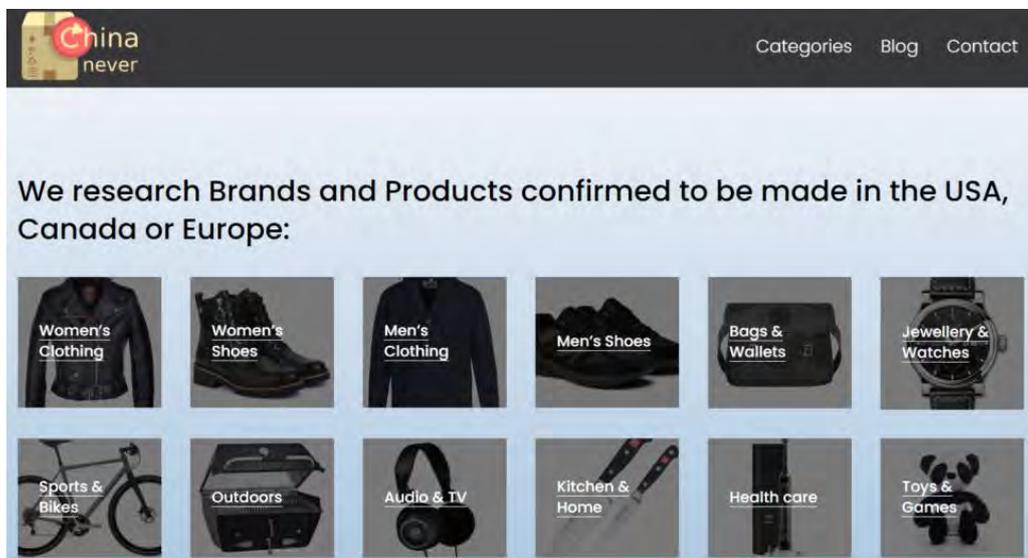
If you want to learn how to check if a product is made in China, explore ChinaNever.com. This website also identifies which U.S. companies make their products in China. Its front page explains why you might want to boycott Chinese products:



Image from ChinaNever.com. This website is full of resources for people who want to cut ties with Chinese businesses.

If any of these reasons resonate with you, this website has a free tool to help you avoid buying products from China. Its shopping checker verifies where products are manufactured. Site owners regularly update this tool with new brands.

Using the website is easy. Start by selecting a category from the thumbnails on the front page. You'll get a list of companies that manufacture that product outside China.



Shopping for something? Look up its category on ChinaNever.com. Then search for the brand to see if it's manufactured in China.

For example, if you click Audio & TV, you'll see a list of headphones not made in China. Check it out:

Headphones not made in China

Audio accessories and headphones not produced in China can be difficult to source for reasonable prices. Here you'll find a list of researched, proven brands manufacturing wholly in the USA, Canada and the EU. Please comment below with any brand suggestions and we will add them once researched and verified. We recommend suggesting larger brands, not artisan or low volume producers as we are encouraging main stream businesses which can be competitive on costs. **The list:**

Made in USA:

- **AEA Ribbon Mikes:** Microphones
- **Audio Research:** Audio products
- **Avalon Acoustics:** Audio
- **Element Electronics:** TV & Audio
- **Fisher Labs:** Headphones
- **Grado Labs:** Headphones
- **Klipsch:** Audio (Reference series is made in China)
- **McIntosh:** Audio
- **Schliit:** Audio
- **Vandersteen Audio:** Speakers
- **YG Acoustics:** Audio

Made in Canada:

- **Angstrom** Loudspeakers
- **Aurum Acoustics** speakers
- **Coincident Speaker Technology**
- **Creative Sound Solutions**
- **Energy Speaker Systems**
- **Ethera Loudspeaker Systems**
- **Gershman Acoustics**
- **Hansen Audio**
- **Paradigm** speakers
- **PSB Speakers**
- **Reference 3A Loudspeakers**
- **TetraSpeakers**
- **Totem Acoustic**
- **Verity Audio**

Made in USA on Amazon:



There's also a category of headphones made in Canada and the European Union.

Although this is the most popular directory of brands that don't manufacture in China, there's a drawback. The site is a bit out of date. You may need to scroll down to the comments section to see if the brands are still manufacturing in the U.S., Canada or European Union.

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3. Find out where 100,000+ products come from

ProductFrom website is the perfect match for anyone who has wondered, "How do I know if a product is from China?" or "How do you find where a product was manufactured?"

At the time of writing, this comprehensive database is huge. ([The last time we wrote about it, ProductFrom only had 80,000 devices.](#)) Now it covers:

104,791 products

1,702 brands

886 categories

103 countries

Check out this screenshot of the front page. Your search options are in the top-right corner.



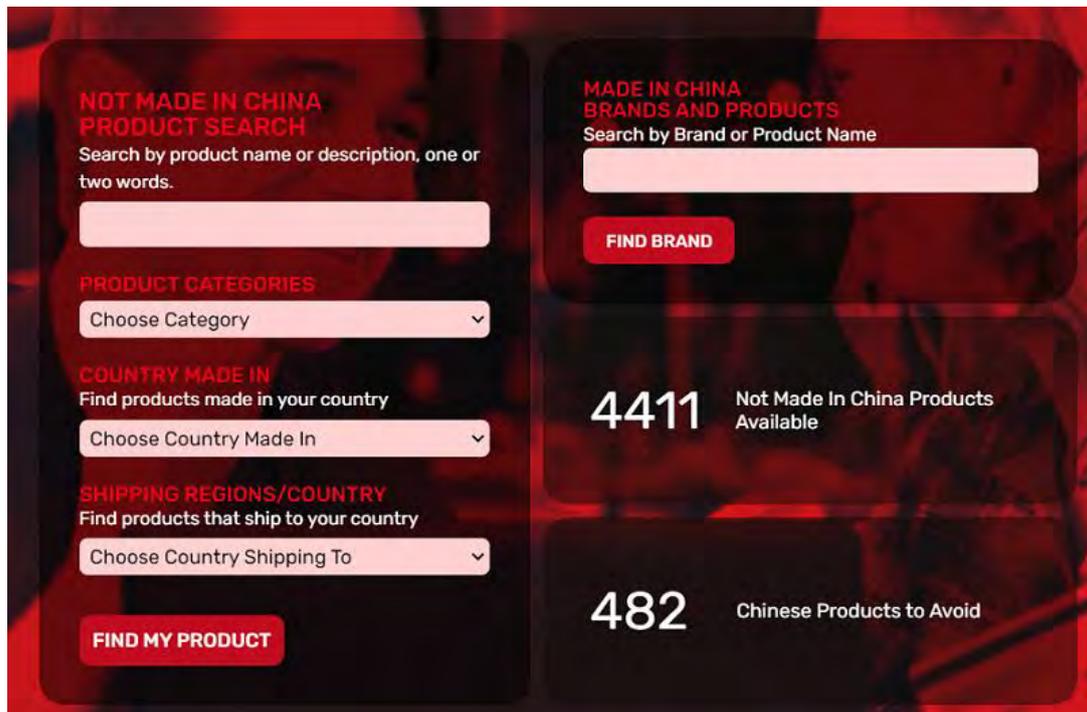
Want to find out a specific brand's manufacturer? ProductFrom reveals where products are manufactured.

Search by product category, brand name, country of origin or product name. If you have a specific item in mind, tap the search icon and enter the product. If the product is in the database, you'll find where it comes from.

PRODUCTFROM

4. Shop products that tell you exactly where they come from

This database gets straight to the point. You can search The [Not Made in China Directory](#) for brands and products that clearly disclose their country of origin.



The image shows a mobile application interface for 'NOT MADE IN CHINA PRODUCT SEARCH'. The interface is dark-themed with red accents. On the left side, there are four search filters: 'NOT MADE IN CHINA PRODUCT SEARCH' with a text input field, 'PRODUCT CATEGORIES' with a dropdown menu, 'COUNTRY MADE IN' with a dropdown menu, and 'SHIPPING REGIONS/COUNTRY' with a dropdown menu. A red button labeled 'FIND MY PRODUCT' is at the bottom left. On the right side, there is a search bar for 'MADE IN CHINA BRANDS AND PRODUCTS' with a red button labeled 'FIND BRAND'. Below this, there are two statistics: '4411 Not Made In China Products Available' and '482 Chinese Products to Avoid'.

This handy directory covers a broad range of products. You don't have to wonder, "Is there a website where I can buy products that are not made in China?" Use this site to find out which Chinese products to avoid.

NOT MADE IN CHINA DIRECTORY

Now you know how to avoid Chinese products this Fourth of July. Use these four databases to find which products are made in the USA. With these tools in your belt, you can support American businesses this Fourth of July. Actually, they can help you throughout the year.

Just keep these databases in mind while you're filling up your online shopping cart. If you see a brand or product you aren't sure about, run the name through one of these databases. You'll find out whether it's made in America or abroad.