

# Supporting Information

Characterization and photodegradation of polybrominated diphenyl ethers  
(PBDEs) in car seat fabrics from end-of-life vehicles

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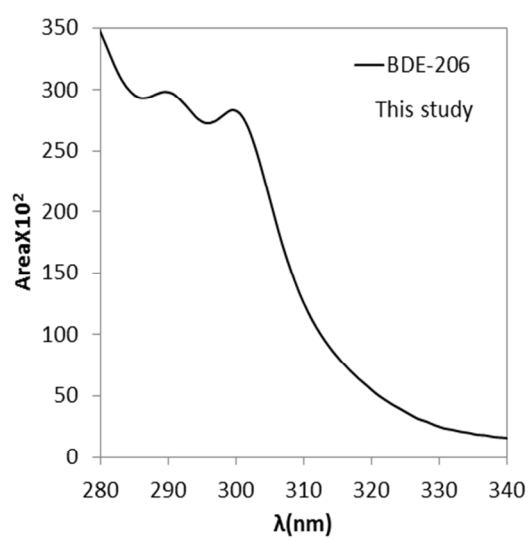
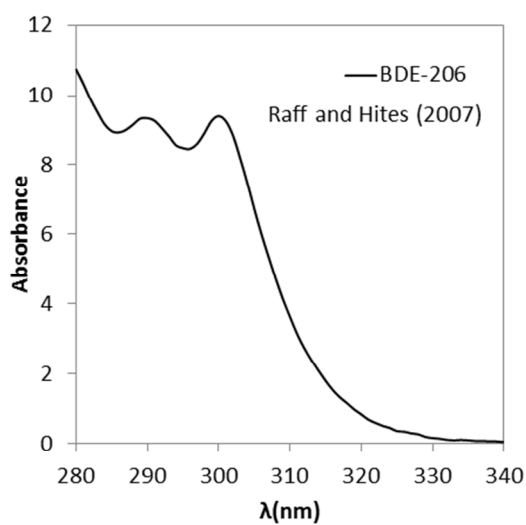
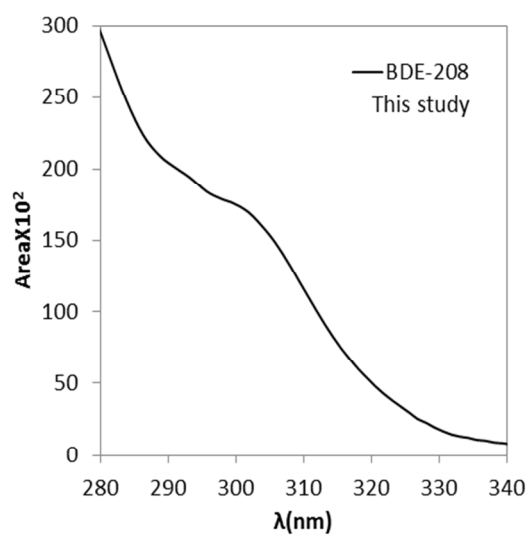
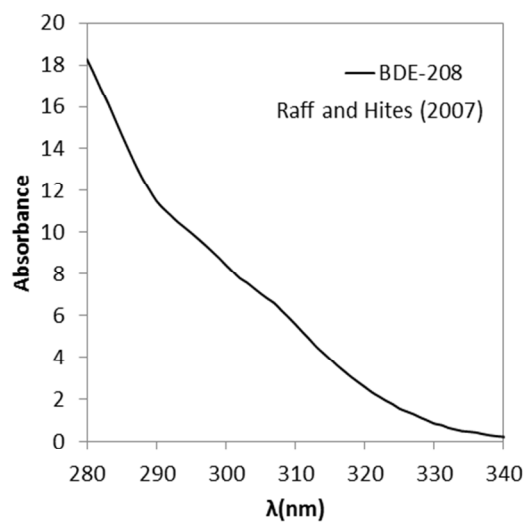
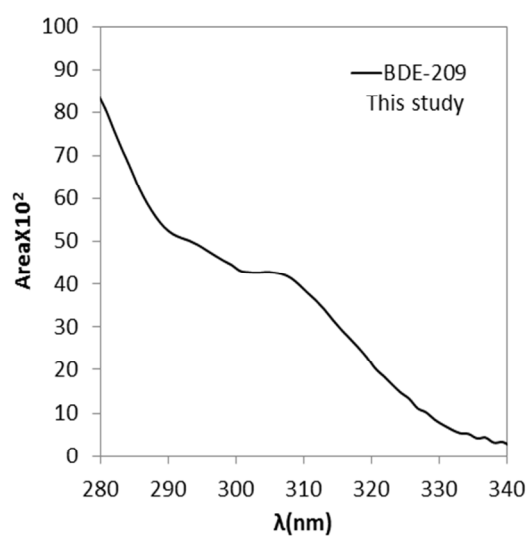
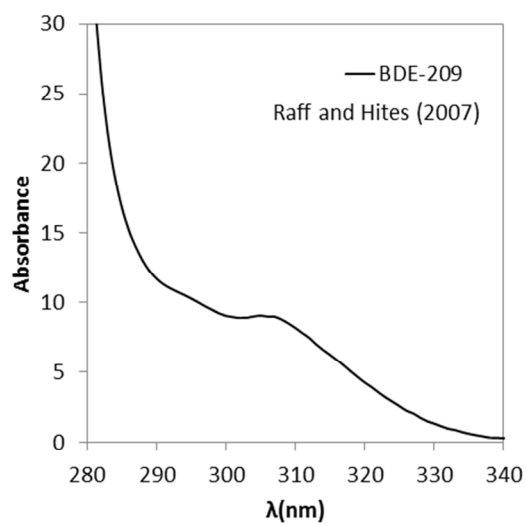
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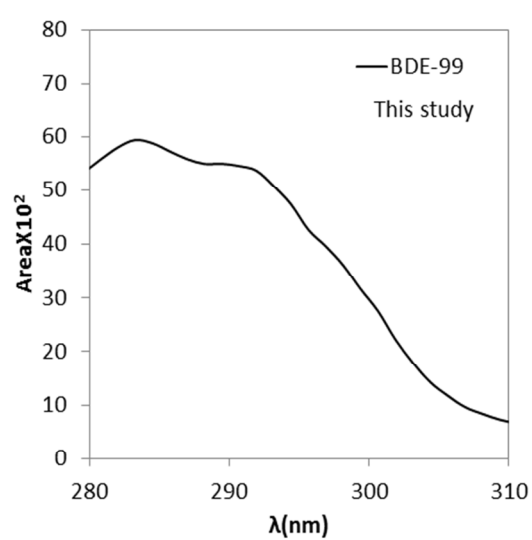
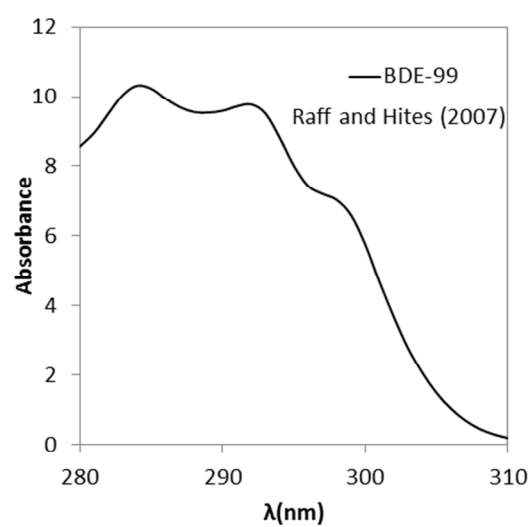
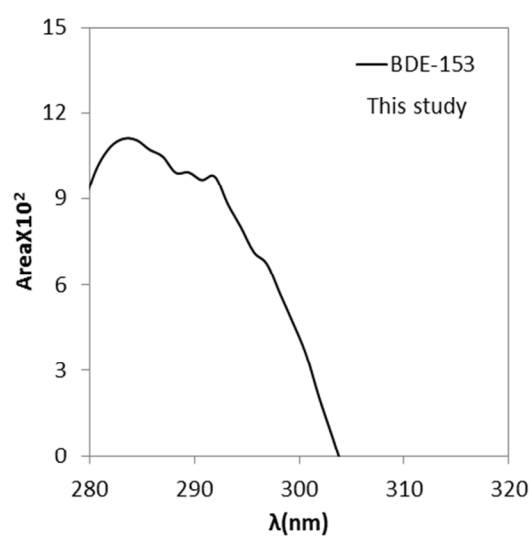
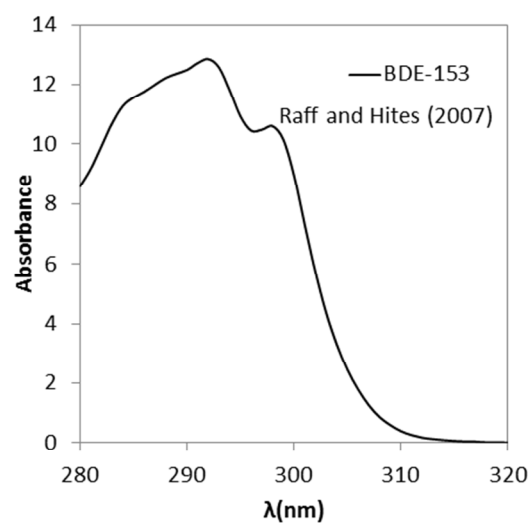
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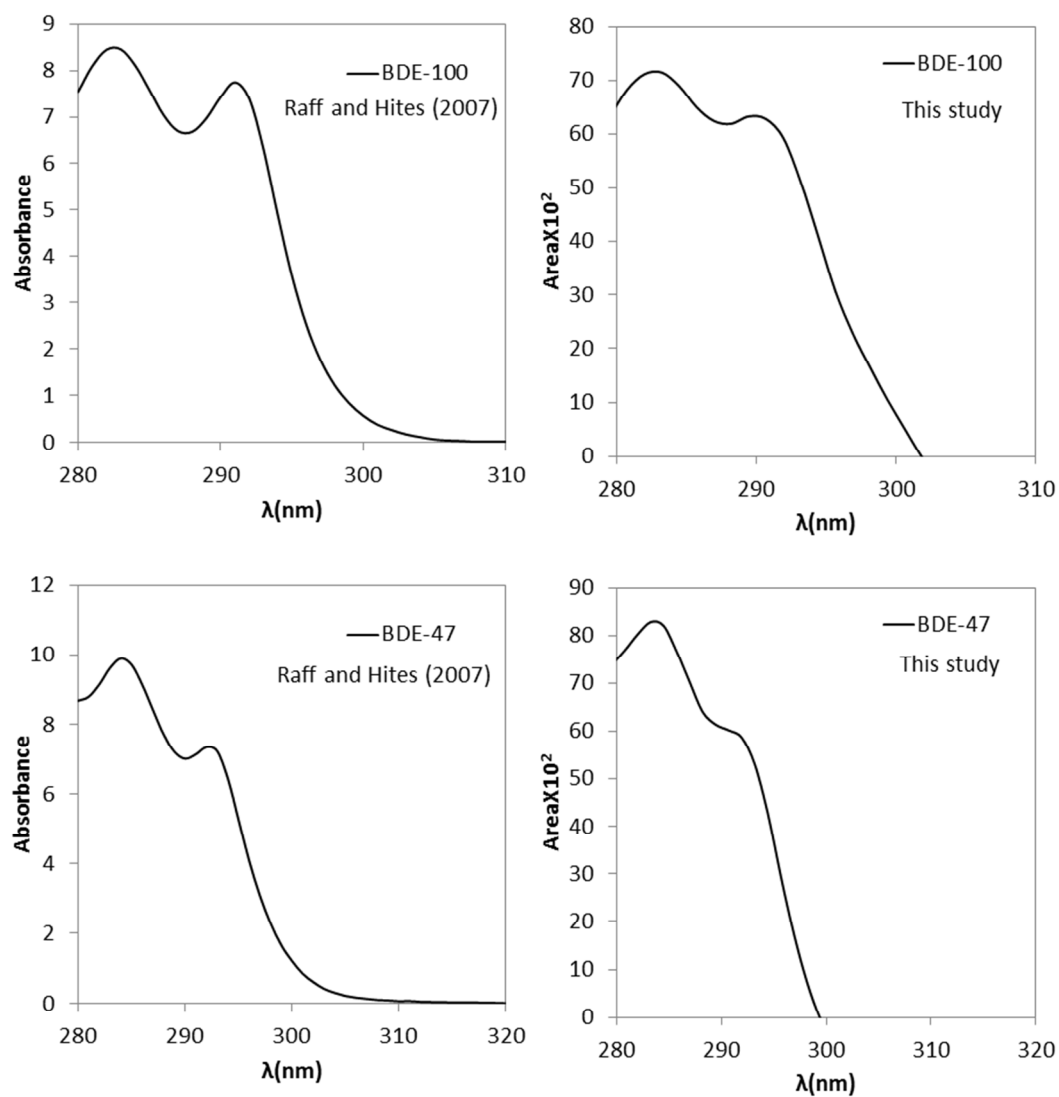


Figure S1. Comparison of UV spectra of PBDEs detected by HPLC-DAC in our study and those reported by Raff and Hites.<sup>1</sup>

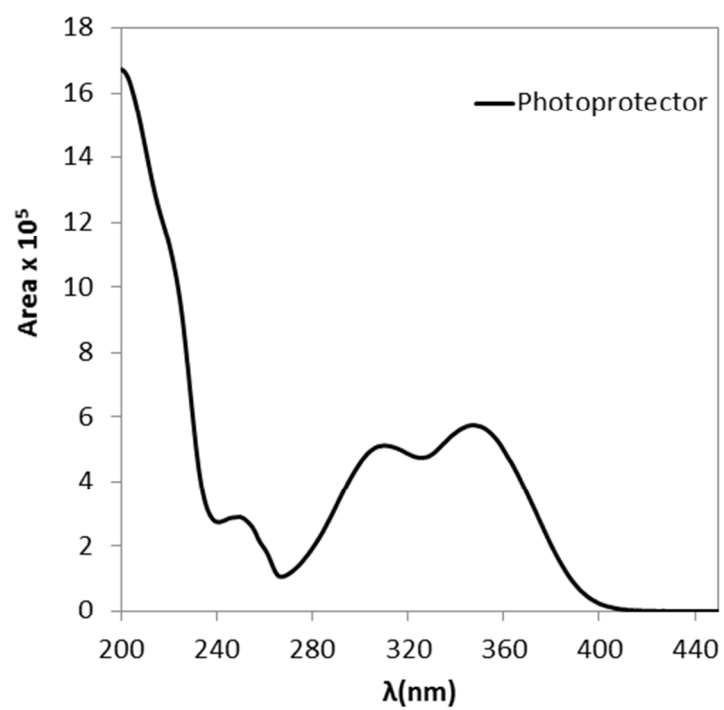


Figure S2. UV spectrum of a benzotriazole UV absorber detected in ELV fabric sample S1.

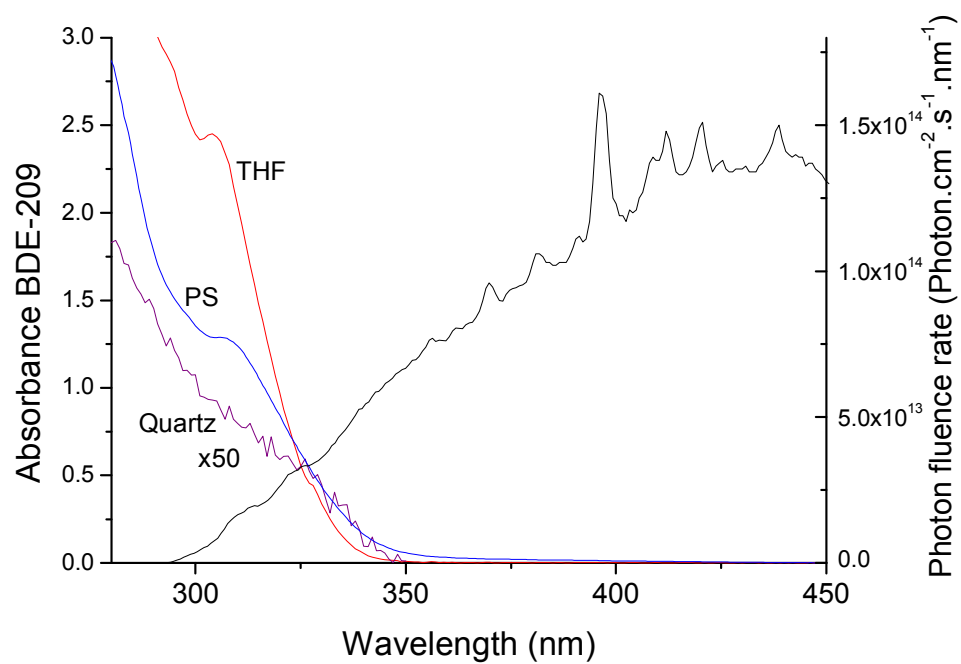


Figure S3. Comparison of Suntest Xenon lamp UV-visible emission spectrum and UV-visible absorption spectrum of BDE-209 at 9600 µg/mL in tetrahydrofuran, in PS (2.5% wt) and as a pure deposit on Quartz.

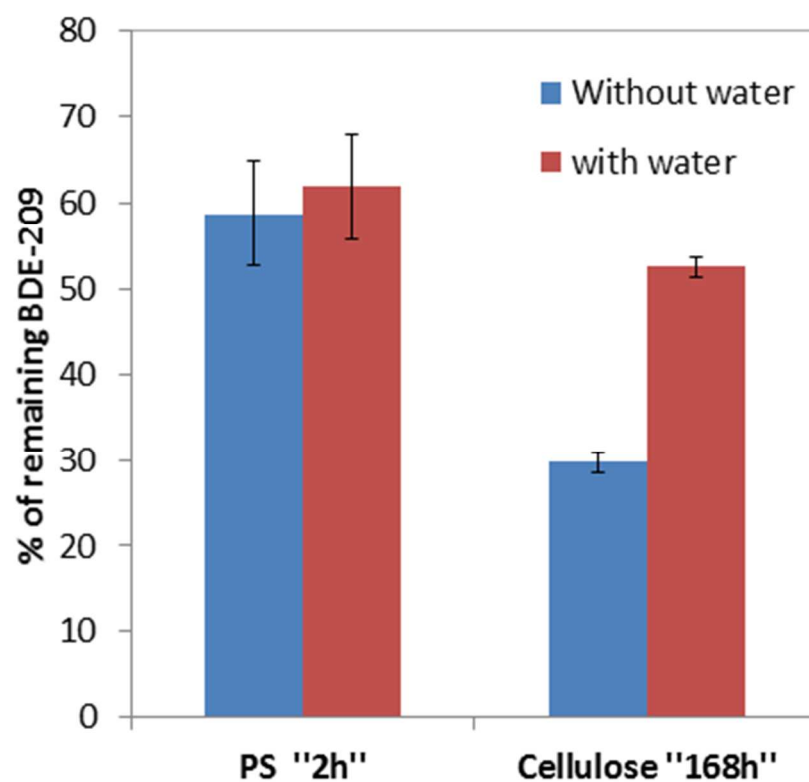


Figure S4. Effect of hydration on the photodegradation rate of BDE-209 impregnated at 2.5% in weight in cellulose and polystyrene films of 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness and irradiated in a simulated sunlight exposure chamber (Suntest XPS, Atlas) at  $550 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ .

Table S1. Levels of BDE-209 and individual PBDEs ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) in car seat fabrics and in polyurethane foam collected from ELVs.

ELV	BDE-209	BDE-208	BDE-206	BDE-196	BDE-197	BDE-183	BDE-154	BDE-153	BDE-99	BDE-100	BDE-47
<b>FABRIC</b>											
<b>S1</b>	119571	125	7943	nd	3	5	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S2</b>	nd	nd	13	39	nd	90	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S3</b>	1603	34	16	nd	122	269	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S4</b>	549	46	10	nd	nd	11	14	114	71	nd	10
<b>S5</b>	48	232	nd	416	270	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S6</b>	8	205	nd	nd	144	nd	36	190	23	nd	9
<b>S7</b>	221	434	27	51	110	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S8</b>	218	171	2	3	262	205	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S9</b>	145	256	nd	nd	165	69	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>POLYURETHANE FOAM</b>											
<b>S3</b>	5864	63	382	27	267	33	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
<b>S4</b>	724	14	17	nd	60	436	279	867	2870	717	2606
<b>S5</b>	99	21	9	nd	nd	278	2	21	21	nd	40
<b>S6</b>	nd	19	5	nd	7	147	123	455	1090	363	1006
<b>S7</b>	98	20	95	nd	61	147	nd	nd	68	nd	21
<b>S8</b>	349	nd	16	16	52	158	8	32	36	nd	15
<b>S9</b>	20	nd	87	nd	49	90	8	15	350	49	101

## References

1. Raff, J.D.; Hites, R.A., Deposition versus photochemical removal of PBDEs from lake superior air. *Environ Sci Technol* **2007**, 41, 6725-6731.