

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET BULLETIN DE SÉCURITÉ DU PRODUIT

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY / EN CAS D'URGENCE: SARNIA (619) 339-8711 - FORT SASKATCHEWAN (780) 598-8282 - VARENNES (450) 652-1000

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1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Polypropylene homopolymer Proprietary Ingredients

009003-07-0

>95%

<5€

3, HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Translucent to off-white pellets or granules. Odorless to slight odor. Slipping hazard.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS (See Section 11 for toxicological data.)

EYE: Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury

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due to mechanical action.

SKIN: Essentially nonirritating to skin. Mechanical injury only. Under normal processing conditions, material is heated to elevated temperatures; contact with the material may cause thermal burns. Skin absorption is unlikely due to physical properties.

INGESTION: Single dose oral toxicity is considered to be extremely low. No hazards anticipated from swallowing small amounts incidental to normal handling operations.

INHALATION: Dust may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat).

SYSTEMIC (OTHER TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS: No relevant information found.

CANCER INFORMATION: No relevant information found.

TERATOLOGY (BIRTH DEFECTS): Birth defects are unlikely. Exposures having no adverse effects on the mother should have no effect on the fetus.

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: Limited data on component(s) tested did not indicate an effect on reproduction in laboratory animals.

4. FIRST AID

EYE: Flush eyes with plenty of water; mechanical effects only.

SKIN: If molten material comes in contact with the skin, do not

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apply ice but cool under ice water or running stream of water. DO NOT attempt to remove the material from skin. Removal could result in severe tissue damage.

INGESTION: No emergency care anticipated.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air if effects occur. Consult a physician.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. No specific antidote. Supportive care. Treatment based on judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES

FLASH POINT: Not applicable METHOD USED: Not applicable

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not determined

FLAMMABILITY LIMITS

LFL: Not applicable UFL: Not applicable

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: Under fire conditions polymers decompose. The smoke may contain polymer fragments of varying compositions in addition to unidentified toxic and/or irritating compounds. Hazardous combustion products may include and are not limited to carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

OTHER FLAMMABILITY INFORMATION: Dense smoke is emitted when

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burned without sufficient oxygen. Mechanical handling can cause formation of dusts. To reduce the potential for dust explosion, do not permit dust to accumulate.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Foam, water, carbon dioxide, dry chemical.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Keep people away. Isolate fire area and deny unnecessary entry. If material is molten, do not apply direct water stream. Use fine water spray or foam. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone. Hand held carbon dioxide or dry chemical extinguishers may be used for small fires.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTERS: Wear positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, pants, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

PROTECT PEOPLE: Pellets or beads may present a slipping hazard.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT: Spills should be collected to prevent contamination of waterways.

CLEANUP: Sweep up.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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HANDLING: Good housekeeping and controlling of dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. Electrically ground all equipment.

STORAGE: Do not expose pellets or finished article to ultraviolet light.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Good general ventilation should be sufficient for most conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

EYE/FACE PROTECTION: Use safety glasses. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause mechanical injury to the eye, wear chemical goggles.

SKIN PROTECTION: No precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed. Use gloves with insulation for thermal protection, when needed.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: In dusty atmospheres, use an approved dust respirator.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINE(S): None established.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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APPEARANCE/PHYSICAL STATE: Translucent to off-white pellets or granules

ODOR: Odorless to slight odor SOLUBILITY IN WATER/MISCIBILITY: Negligible SPECIFIC GRAVITY OR DENSITY: 0.88 to 0.92 MELTING POINT: >320F, 160C

PERCENT VOLATILE: < 0.4%

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Product can decompose at elevated temperatures.

INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS: None known.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Processing may release fumes which may include polymer fragments and other decomposition products. Fumes can be irritating. At temperatures exceeding melt temperatures, polymer fragments can occur. Hazardous decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Hazardous decomposition products may include and are not limited to aldehydes, alcohols and organic acids. Hazardous decomposition products may include trace amounts of hydrocarbons.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (See Section 3 for Potential Health Effects. For detailed toxicological data, write or call the address or non-emergency number shown in Section 1)

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SKIN: The dermal LD50 has not been determined.

INGESTION: Single dose oral LD50 has not been determined.

MUTAGENICITY: No relevant information found.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION (For detailed Ecological data, write or call the address or non-emergency number shown in Section 1)

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

MOVEMENT & PARTITIONING: No bioconcentration is expected because of the relatively high molecular weight (MW >1000). In terrestrial environment, material is expected to remain in the soil. In the aquatic environment, material is expected to float.

DEGRADATION & PERSISTENCE: This water insoluble polymeric solid is expected to be inert in the environment. Surface photodegradation is expected with exposure to sunlight. No appreciable biodegradation is expected.

ECOTOXICITY: Not expected to be acutely toxic, but pellets may mechanically cause adverse effects if ingested by waterfowl or aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS (See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

DISPOSAL: DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal methods must be in compliance with

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all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION 2 (Composition/Information On Ingredients).

FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: recycler, reclaimer, incinerator or other thermal destruction device, and landfill.

For additional information, refer to Stability & Reactivity Information, MSDS Section 10.

As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customer Information Center at 800-258-2436 or 989-832-1556 for further details.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (D.O.T.): This product is not regulated by D.O.T. when shipped domestically by land.

CANADIAN TDG INFORMATION: This product is not regulated by TDG when shipped domestically by land.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (Not meant to be all-inclusive -- selected regulations represented)

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NOTICE: The information herein is presented in good faith and believed to be accurate as of the effective date shown above. However, no warranty, express or implied is given. Regulatory requirements are subject to change and may differ from one location to another; it is the buyer's responsibility to ensure that its activities comply with federal, state or provincial, and local laws. The following specific information is made for the purpose of complying with numerous federal, state or provincial, and local laws and regulations. See other sections for health and safety information.

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

WHMIS INFORMATION: The Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Classification for this product is:

This product is not a "Controlled Product" under WHMIS.

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA):

All substances in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

U.S. REGULATIONS

SARA 313 INFORMATION: To the best of our knowledge, this product contains no chemical subject to SARA Title III Section 313 supplier notification requirements.

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SARA HAZARD CATEGORY: This product has been reviewed according to the EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories:

Not to have met any hazard category

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA):

All ingredients are on the TSCA inventory or are not required to be listed on the TSCA inventory.

STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW: This product is not known to contain any substances subject to the disclosure requirements of

New Jersey Pennsylvania

OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD:

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This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA, or SUPERFUND):

To the best of our knowledge, this product contains no chemical subject to reporting under CERCLA.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

MSDS STATUS: Revised Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13.

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