

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

IMPORTANT COMPONENTS: Carbon fiber, polyacrylonitrile based (CAS 7440-44-0).
OSHA PEL/ACGIH TLV: No exposure limit established.

WARNING STATEMENT: This product has been evaluated and does not require any hazard warning label under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard. However, handling and/or processing of this material may generate airborne fibers and particles which can cause mechanical irritation of the eyes, skin, nose, and throat.

HMIS/NFPA CODES: (HEALTH; 1) (FLAMMABILITY; 0) (REACTIVITY; 0)

APPEARANCE AND ODOR: Black fibers; odorless.

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

EYE

EFFECT: Airborne fibers and particles cause mild eye irritation.

FIRST AID: Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, get medical Attention if irritation persists.

PROTECTION: Wear eye protection

SKIN

EFFECT: No significant irritation expected other than possible mechanical irritation.

FIRST AID: Wash exposed skin with soap and water.

PROTECTION: Wear gloves. Keep clothing clean and dry. Protective skin cream or body talcum may be helpful against dust.

INHALATION

EFFECT: No significant health hazards identified. See Toxicology Section. See Supplemental Section.

FIRST AID: If adverse effects occur, get medical attention.

PROTECTION: If dust is generated and ventilation is inadequate, use NIOSH/MSHA certified respirator which will protect against dust.

INGESTION

EFFECT: Expected to be relatively non-toxic.

FIRST AID: If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION INFORMATION

FLASHPOINT: Not applicable.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Agents approved for Class A hazards (e.g., halogenated agents, foam steam) or water fog.

PRECAUTIONS: Incineration may generate airborne fibers which may cause electrical malfunctions.

REACTIVITY INFORMATION

DANGEROUS REACTIONS: None identified.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: None. Polymerization will not occur.

STABILITY: Stable.

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

MELTING POINT: 6512 F, (3600 C)

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Negligible, below 0.1%.

DENSITY: 2000 kg/m³

STORAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS: No special requirements.

SPILLS AND LEAKS: Contain and remove by mechanical means. See Supplement Section.

WASTE DISPOSAL: Disposal must be in accordance with applicable federal, state, or local regulations. Do not incinerate. Burial at a permitted landfill is recommended. See Supplemental Section.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Specific toxicity tests have not been conducted on this product. Our hazard evaluation is based on information from similar products, the ingredients, technical literature, and/or professional experience.

No adverse health effects were seen in a 16-week inhalation study on a similar material with rats.

No component of this product is identified as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC or OSHA.

REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY:

This product is not reportable under 40 CFR Part 302.4

DOT PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Not regulated.

OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD: Not hazardous per 29 CFR 1910.1200(d).

RCRA STATUS:

This product is not subject to the 40 CFR Part 268.30 land ban on the disposal of certain hazardous wastes.

SARA STATUS:

This product is not regulated under SARA Title III, 42 USC 9601.

TSCA STATUS: All of the components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Carbon fibers are electrically conductive and may cause short circuits which result in damage to or malfunctioning of electrical equipment. All forms of electrical equipment, enclosures and circuits in or near areas where fibers are used or handled should be properly protected against the infiltration of or contact with airborne particles or filaments.

Discarded materials are difficult to incinerate. They should be bagged or containerized and buried in a landfill where permitted under federal, state and local regulations.

Carbon Fibers are non-crystalline (amorphous), man-made fibers. Studies conducted in the manufacturing facility indicate that airborne carbon fibers, in general, are not considered respirable.

A typical carbon fiber may be characterized as having a large diameter (5 to 7 microns) in addition to great length (>100 microns). Fibers with diameters > 3.5 microns are not considered respirable.

Currently no health standards exist for employee exposure to carbon fibers. In 1977, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) proposed that their recommended standard for fibrous glass be applied to other man-made fibers. NIOSH recommended an exposure limit of 3.0 fibers/cc for fibers less than 3.5 microns in diameter and a length greater than 10 microns.

We recommend an exposure guideline of 3.0 fibers/cc up to 10 hours/shift in a 40 hour workweek for carbon fibers. We have taken a conservative approach and includes all fiber diameters in the fiber count. Concentrations of airborne fibers measured in our manufacturing operations have been low—typically 0.01 – 0.02 fibers/cc in winding operations and 0.35 fibers/cc in chopping operations.

Temporary mechanical skin irritation may occur when handling or processing carbon fiber materials. Gloves, long sleeve garments with tight-fitting cuffs, and use of barrier creams or talcum provide additional protection to skin. If irritation occurs, wash skin with soap and water and change clothing. Processes which cause excessive filament breakage, such as chopping, increase the potential for skin irritation.

Adequate local exhaust ventilation and good industrial hygiene practices should be employed to prevent dusty conditions, as with any dust generating material. If dust is generated and ventilation is inadequate, use a NIOSH/MSHA certified respirator which will protect against dust.

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WHEN USING CARBON PRODUCTS

HANDLING

- 1) Use a safety lotion (i.e. Skin Protec) to create a barrier between the skin and carbon material. Gloves can be worn as well.
- 2) If necessary wear a smock over your clothing to prevent any itching.

GRINDING

- 1) Follow the steps above.
- 2) Wear a paper mask or respirator when grinding on a socket or other orthopedic device.
- 3) Goggles should be worn to avoid any eye irritation.

Note: Please read the MSDS Sheet on this product for further information.