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# POLYCARBONATE

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# MSDS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

# I. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** Polycarbonate

PHONE NUMBERS:

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# II. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**APPEARANCE:** Solid tint

ODOR: Slight

**PERCENT VOLATILES:** N/A

**MELTING POINT:** 428 – 446°F (220-230°C)

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** Insoluble

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.2

# III. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable

**MATERIALS TO AVOID:** None known

# IV. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**VENTILATION:** Provide natural or mechanical ventilation to control exposure levels below

airborne exposure limits. Local mechanical exhaust ventilation should be used at sources of air contamination, such as open process equipment, or during purging operations, to capture gases and fumes that may be emitted. Standard reference sources regarding industrial ventilation should be consulted for guidance about adequate ventilation. In the event of thermal decomposition from overheating the product, evacuate the work area, shut down equipment and

provide general ventilation to the room prior to reoccupying.

## PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**SKIN:** None required but fabric gloves are recommended when handling

molten material



## IV. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION - continued

**EYE:** Safety glasses are recommended as a good industrial hygiene and

safety practice.

**RESPIRATOR:** NIOSH/MSHA – approved dust respirator recommended if the airborne

dust concentration is near or exceeds the nuisance dust exposure limits.

#### ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES:

The greatest potential for injury occurs when working with molten polymeric resins. During this type of operation it is essential that all workers in the immediate area wear eye and skin protection as protection from thermal burns. Purgings should be collected as small flat thin shapes or thin strands to allow for rapid cooling. Precautions should be taken against auto-ignition of hot, thick masses of the plastic. Quench with water. Grinder dust is an exposure hazard.

## **EXPOSURE GUIDELINES:**

INGREDIENTAGENCYVALUENuisance DustOSHA-PEL15mg/m³Respirable DustOSHA-PEL5mg/m³

# V. HEALTH HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## **ACUTE OR IMMEDIATE EFFECTS**

**SKIN:** Contact with hot material will cause thermal burns

**EYES:** Mechanical irritation to the eyes may occur due to exposure to fines.

Eyes may become red and scratchy and may tear.

**INHALATION:** Toxic gases/fumes given off during burning or thermal decomposition

cause respiratory irritation

CHRONIC/CARCINOGENICITY: Not listed as a carcinogen

## VI. FIRST AID MEASURES

**SKIN:** Wash affected areas with soap and water. See a physician if thermal burn

occurs

**EYES:** Flush with plenty of lukewarm water. See a physician or ophthalmologist for

follow-up if irritation is present and persists

**INHALATION:** Move to an area free from risk of further exposure. Give oxygen or artificial

respiration as needed. Obtain medical attention

## VII. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** Above 842°F (450°C) ASTM D-1929B



## VII. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES - continued

## HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION:

Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, bisphenol A, diphenyl carbonate, phenol and phenol derivatives. Traces of aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons, aldehydes and acids.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Water; carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam

#### SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS/PRECAUTIONS:

Full emergency equipment with self-contained breathing apparatus must be worn by firefighters

# VIII. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### SPILL OR RELEASE:

If molten material is spilled, allow it to solidify. Remove material mechanically by a method which minimizes the generation of airborne dust and place in appropriately marked containers.

## IX. HANDLING AND STORAGE

## **HANDLING:**

When handling flaked material or during secondary operations, vent storage bins, conveyors, dust collectors, etc. ground handling equipment, keep open flames, sparks and heat away from dusty areas. Maintain highest standards of housekeeping to prevent accumulation of dust.

#### STORAGE:

Max 200°F (93°C) material should be stored in a clean, dry environment in sealed containers. Material must be dried before processing

# X. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL:** Material may be incinerated or landfilled in compliance with Federal, State, Provincial and Local environmental control regulations.

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