

Material Safety Data Sheet



1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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24-Hour Emergency Phone Number: 989-636-4400

Product: STYRON* 478 NATURAL POLYSTYRENE

Product Code: 10127

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The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI 48674

Customer Information Center: 800-258-2436

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Styrene-butadiene copolymer	CAS# 009003-55-8	94-99%
Mineral oil	CAS# 008042-47-5	5% max.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

* Milky off-white solid. Odorless. No significant immediate hazards *
* for emergency response are known. *

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

EYE: Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury due to mechanical action.

SKIN: Essentially nonirritating to skin. Mechanical injury only. 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.

SYSTEMIC (OTHER TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS: Additives are encapsulated in the product and are not expected to be released under normal processing conditions or foreseeable emergency.

4. FIRST AID

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

SKIN: Wash off in flowing water or shower.

INGESTION: No adverse effects anticipated by this route of exposure incidental to proper industrial handling.

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

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: 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: None

METHOD USED: Not applicable.

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not applicable.

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 dioxide, carbon monoxide. Hazardous combustion products may include trace amounts of: styrene.

OTHER FLAMMABILITY INFORMATION: Dense smoke is emitted when 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: Water, carbon dioxide, dry chemical.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Keep people away. Isolate fire area and deny unnecessary entry. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone. Hand held carbon dioxide or dry chemical extinguishers may be used for small fires. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition.

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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: Keep out of irrigation ditches, sewers, and water supplies. Spills should be collected to prevent contamination of waterways.

CLEANUP: Sweep up.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: Good housekeeping and controlling dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. Workers should be protected from the possibility of contact with molten resin during fabrication.

STORAGE: Store in a dry place.

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.

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

EXPOSURE GUIDELINE(S): Although some of the additives used in this product may have exposure guidelines, these additives

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are encapsulated in the product and no exposure would be expected under normal handling conditions.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

BOILING POINT: Not applic.
VAP PRESS: Not applic.
VAP DENSITY: Not applic.
SOL. IN WATER: Nil.
SP. GRAVITY: 1.045
APPEARANCE: Solid.
ODOR: Odorless.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Avoid temperatures above 572F, 300C.
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 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)

INGESTION: Single dose oral LD50 has not been determined.

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 high molecular weight (MW>1000). In the terrestrial environment, material is expected to remain in the soil. In the aquatic environment, material will sink and remain in the sediment.

DEGRADATION & PEERSISTENCE: This water insoluble polymeric

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solid is expected to be inert in the environment. Surface degradation is expected with exposure to sunlight. No appreciable biodegradation is expected.

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

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 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. THE 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.

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.

U.S. REGULATIONS

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

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.

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

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

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

16. OTHER INFORMATION

MSDS STATUS: Revised Section 3, (Emergency Overview) and Section 5, Hazardous Combustion Products.

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