

Poly(α -methylstyrene)

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The Power is Question

Hazard Alert Code Key: **EXTREME** **HIGH** **MODERATE** **LOW**

Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME

Poly(α -methylstyrene)

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

NFPA



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PRODUCT USE

■ Synthetic polymer.

SYNONYMS

$[-CH_2C(CH_3)(C_6H_5)-]_n$, poly(α -methylstyrene)

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

RISK

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

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■ The material has NOT been classified as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence. The material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where pre-existing organ (e.g. liver, kidney) damage is evident. Present definitions of harmful or toxic substances are generally based on doses producing mortality (death) rather than those producing morbidity (disease, ill-health). Gastrointestinal tract discomfort may produce nausea and vomiting. In an occupational setting however, unintentional ingestion is not thought to be cause for concern.

■ High molecular weight material; on single acute exposure would be expected to pass through gastrointestinal tract with little change / absorption. Occasionally accumulation of the solid material within the alimentary tract may result in formation of a bezoar (concretion), producing discomfort.

EYE

■ Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result. The material may produce foreign body irritation in certain individuals.

SKIN

■ The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.

■ Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

■ Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

INHALED

■ The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

■ Polystyrene is virtually non-toxic if inhaled. High concentrations of dust may cause temporary irritation and coughing. Fine particles deposited in the lungs do not cause irreversible lung damage. Excessive exposure may result in irritation, coughing and difficult breathing. These effects normally clear up soon after exposure ceases

Dust from sawing and sanding seldom reach further than the bronchi. Fumes from hot wire cutting the material may irritate nose and eyes.

■ Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

■ Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Workers exposed to polystyrene converting processes show disorders of the liver, blood, nervous system and mucous membranes of the upper respiratory tract. A disturbed menstrual cycle, morphological changes in the placenta and complications arising during pregnancy and childbirth have also been recorded in polystyrene production workers.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

HAZARD RATINGS

	Min	Max
Flammability:	1	
Toxicity:	0	
Body Contact:	0	Min/Nil=0 Low=1
Reactivity:	1	Moderate=2 High=3
Chronic:	2	Extreme=4

NAME	CAS RN	%
alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer	25014-31-7	>98
may contain residual alpha-methylstyrene	98-83-9	

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Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

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- Immediately give a glass of water.
- First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor.

EYE

- If this product comes in contact with eyes:
 - Wash out immediately with water.
 - If irritation continues, seek medical attention.
 - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN

- If skin or hair contact occurs:
 - Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
 - Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED

-
- If dust is inhaled, remove from contaminated area.
- Encourage patient to blow nose to ensure clear passage of breathing.
- If irritation or discomfort persists seek medical attention.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available
Specific Gravity (water=1):	1.075
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

-
- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

FIRE FIGHTING

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- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

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- Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.
- Dry dust can be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport.

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- Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material. May emit poisonous fumes.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:

Chemical goggles.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Type A-P Filter of sufficient capacity

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS

- - Clean up all spills immediately.
 - Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
 - Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
 - Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
 - Sweep up, shovel up or vacuum up (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
 - Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labeled container.

MAJOR SPILLS

- Moderate hazard.
 - CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
 - Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
 - Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.
 - Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
 - Recover product wherever possible.
 - IF DRY: Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. IF WET: Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.
 - ALWAYS: Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.
 - If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGLE) (in ppm)

AEGLE 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEGLE 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

AEGLE 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- - Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
 - Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

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- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately.
- Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together
 O: May be stored together with specific preventions
 +: May be stored together

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m ³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m ³	TWA F/CC	Notes
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		10						*

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US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5		
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		15		
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Particulates not other wise regulated - Total dust)		10		
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Particulates not other wise regulated - Respirable fraction)		5		
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5		*
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)		5		
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)		5		
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)		5		
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	alpha-methylstyrene (α -Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485
Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50		75	100
Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methylstyrene)	50	241	100	482
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)			100	480
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50		100	TLV Basis: upper respiratory tract irritation; central nervous system impairment
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485

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US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)		(C)100 (C)480		
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485
US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methylstyrene; 1-methyl-1-phenylethene)	50	240	100	485
US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha Methyl styrene)			100	480
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (a - Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485
US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	240	100	485
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	alpha-methylstyrene (a-Methyl styrene)	100	480	-	-
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50		100	
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50		100	
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50		100	TLV Basis: upper respiratory tract irritation; central nervous system impairment
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)			100	
Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	242	100	483
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z1)	alpha-methylstyrene (a-Methyl styrene)			100	480
Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	243	100	486

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Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (alpha-Methyl styrene)	50	100	TLV Basis: upper respiratory tract irritation; central nervous system impairment
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (Kerosene/Jet fuels, as total hydrocarbon vapour)		200	
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (Diesel fuel, as total hydrocarbons)		100	
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	alpha-methylstyrene (Methyl styrene (all isomers) (Vinyl toluene, α -methyl styrene))	50	242	100 483

EMERGENCY EXPOSURE LIMITS

Material	Revised IDLH Value (mg/m3)	Revised IDLH Value (ppm)
alpha-methylstyrene		700

MATERIAL DATA

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE HOMOPOLYMER:

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE:

■ for alpha-methylstyrene

Odour Threshold: 0.29 ppm (approx.)

The current value of TLV-TWA is comparable with that recommended for styrene.

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE HOMOPOLYMER:

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE:

■ for styrene:

Odour Threshold: 0.017 to 1.9 with a geometric average threshold of 0.32 ppm.

NOTE: Detector tubes measuring styrene at greater than 10 ppm are available.

The recommended TLV-TWA and STEL is based on the influence of styrene exposure on the central and peripheral nervous systems. At the TWA, total daily styrene exposure to the standard 70 kg medium-frame man who inhales 10 m³ and who retains 70% of the inspired compound is 21 mg/kg with 0.5 mg/kg absorbed through the skin. The total absorbed dose can be increased six-fold with physical work and increased respiration rate.

Measurement of styrene and its metabolites in the urine can be an indication of recent exposure though this approach may be limited by factors such as the influence of alcohol consumption on styrene pharmacodynamics. Exposure at or below the TLV-TWA is thought to protect the worker against the significant risks of narcosis, neuropathies and irritation although other findings suggest that neuro-optical effects are significant amongst workers exposed at 4 ppm.

Odour Safety Factor(OSF)

OSF=63 (STYRENE).

PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE

-
- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them.

HANDS/FEET

- Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

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- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene
- nitrile rubber
- butyl rubber
- fluoroacoutchouc
- polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

OTHER

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- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.
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- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory . These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

RESPIRATOR

Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x PEL	A P1	-	A PAPR-P1
	Air-line*	-	-
50 x PEL	Air-line**	A P2 A	PAPR-P2
100 x PEL	-	A P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x PEL	-	Air-line**	A PAPR-P3

* - Negative pressure demand ** - Continuous flow

Explanation of Respirator Codes:

Class 1 low to medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 2 medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 3 high absorption capacity filters.

PAPR Powered Air Purifying Respirator (positive pressure) cartridge.

Type A for use against certain organic gases and vapors.

Type AX for use against low boiling point organic compounds (less than 65°C).

Type B for use against certain inorganic gases and other acid gases and vapors.

Type E for use against sulfur dioxide and other acid gases and vapors.

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Type K for use against ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives

Class P1 intended for use against mechanically generated particulates of sizes most commonly encountered in industry, e.g. asbestos, silica.

Class P2 intended for use against both mechanically and thermally generated particulates, e.g. metal fume.

Class P3 intended for use against all particulates containing highly toxic materials, e.g. beryllium.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
 - Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.
 - If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:
 - (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
 - (b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
 - (c): fresh-air hoods or masks
 - Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
 - Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.
Does not mix with water.
Sinks in water.

State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	Varies
Melting Range (°F)	Not available	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Immiscible

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Flash Point (°F)	Not available		pH (1% solution)	Not applicable
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available		pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available		Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available		Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.075
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available		Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not Applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible		Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

APPEARANCE

■ Family of products which vary in their physical properties as a result of variations in production. Data presented here is for typical family member. White beads; do not mix with water.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

- No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

CARCINOGEN

Vinyl toluene International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs Group 3

SKIN

alpha-methylstyrene	Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits - Skin	Notes	Skin
alpha-methylstyrene	US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs) - Skin	Notes	Skin
alpha-methylstyrene	Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants - Skin (French)	Notes	Skin
alpha-methylstyrene	Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits - Skin	Notation	Skin
alpha-methylstyrene	Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits - Skin	Substance Interaction	1

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE:

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE HOMOPOLYMER:

- DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE HOMOPOLYMER:

ALPHA-METHYLSTYRENE:

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- Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
 - Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.
- Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.
- Substances containing unsaturated carbons are ubiquitous in indoor environments. They result from many sources (see below). Most are reactive with environmental ozone and many produce stable products which are thought to adversely affect human health. The potential for surfaces in an enclosed space to facilitate reactions should be considered.

Source of unsaturated substances	Unsaturated substances (Reactive Emissions)	Major Stable Products produced following reaction with ozone.
Occupants (exhaled breath, ski oils, personal care products)	Isoprene, nitric oxide, squalene, unsaturated sterols, oleic acid and other unsaturated fatty acids, unsaturated oxidation products	Methacrolein, methyl vinyl ketone, nitrogen dioxide, acetone, 6MHQ, geranyl acetone, 4OPA, formaldehyde, nonanol, decanal, 9-oxo-nonanoic acid, azelaic acid, nonanoic acid.
Soft woods, wood flooring, including cypress, cedar and silver fir boards, houseplants	Isoprene, limonene, alpha-pinene, other terpenes and sesquiterpenes	Formaldehyde, 4-AMC, pinoaldehyde, pinic acid, pinonic acid, formic acid, methacrolein, methyl vinyl ketone, SOAs including ultrafine particles
Carpets and carpet backing	4-Phenylcyclohexene, 4-vinylcyclohexene, styrene, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, unsaturated fatty acids and esters	Formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, benzaldehyde, hexanal, nonanal, 2-nonenal
Linoleum and paints/polishes containing linseed oil	Linoleic acid, linolenic acid	Propanal, hexanal, nonanal, 2-heptenal, 2-nonenal, 2-decenal, 1-pentene-3-one, propionic acid, n-butyric acid
Latex paint	Residual monomers	Formaldehyde
Certain cleaning products, polishes, waxes, air fresheners	Limonene, alpha-pinene, terpinolene, alpha-terpineol, linalool, linalyl acetate and other terpenoids, longifolene and other sesquiterpenes	Formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, glycoaldehyde, formic acid, acetic acid, hydrogen and organic peroxides, acetone, benzaldehyde, 4-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-hexen-1-al, 5-ethenyl-dihydro-5-methyl-2(3H)-furanone, 4-AMC, SOAs including ultrafine particles
Natural rubber adhesive	Isoprene, terpenes	Formaldehyde, methacrolein, methyl vinyl ketone
Photocopier toner, printed paper, styrene polymers	Styrene	Formaldehyde, benzaldehyde
Environmental tobacco smoke	Styrene, acrolein, nicotine	Formaldehyde, benzaldehyde, hexanal, glyoxal, N-methylformamide, nicotinaldehyde, cotinine
Soiled clothing, fabrics, bedding	Squalene, unsaturated sterols, oleic acid and other saturated fatty acids	Acetone, geranyl acetone, 6MHO, 4OPA, formaldehyde, nonanal, decanal, 9-oxo-nonanoic acid, azelaic acid, nonanoic acid
Soiled particle filters	Unsaturated fatty acids from plant waxes, leaf litter, and other vegetative debris; soot; diesel particles	Formaldehyde, nonanal, and other aldehydes; azelaic acid; nonanoic acid; 9-oxo-nonanoic acid and other oxo-acids; compounds with mixed functional groups (=O, -OH, and -COOH)
Ventilation ducts and duct liners	Unsaturated fatty acids and esters, unsaturated oils, neoprene	C5 to C10 aldehydes
"Urban grime"	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	Oxidized polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
Perfumes, colognes, essential oils (e.g. lavender, eucalyptus, tea tree)	Limonene, alpha-pinene, linalool, linalyl acetate, terpinene-4-ol, gamma-terpinene	Formaldehyde, 4-AMC, acetone, 4-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-hexen-1-al, 5-ethenyl-dihydro-5-methyl-2(3H) furanone, SOAs including ultrafine particles
Overall home emissions	Limonene, alpha-pinene, styrene	Formaldehyde, 4-AMC, pinonaldehyde, acetone, pinic acid, pinonic acid, formic acid, benzaldehyde, SOAs including ultrafine particles

Abbreviations: 4-AMC, 4-acetyl-1-methylcyclohexene; 6MHQ, 6-methyl-5-heptene-2-one, 4OPA, 4-oxopentanal, SOA, Secondary Organic Aerosols

Reference: Charles J Weschler; Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol 114, October 2006.

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■ The lower molecular weight hydrocarbons are expected to form a "slick" on the surface of waters after release in calm sea conditions. This is expected to evaporate and enter the atmosphere where it will be degraded through reaction with hydroxy radicals.

Some of the material will become associated with benthic sediments, and it is likely to be spread over a fairly wide area of sea floor. Marine sediments may be either aerobic or anaerobic. The material, in probability, is biodegradable, under aerobic conditions (isomerized olefins and alkenes show variable results). Evidence also suggests that the hydrocarbons may be degradable under anaerobic conditions although such degradation in benthic sediments may be a relatively slow process.

Under aerobic conditions the material will degrade to water and carbon dioxide, while under anaerobic processes it will produce water, methane, carbon dioxide and carbon dioxide.

Based on test results, as well as theoretical considerations, the potential for bioaccumulation may be high. Toxic effects are often observed in species such as blue mussel, daphnia, freshwater green algae, marine copepods and amphipods.

■ Drinking Water Standards: hydrocarbon total: 10 ug/l (UK max.).

■ for alpha-methylstyrene

Environment

The chemical is moderately toxic to aquatic organisms with a moderate bioaccumulation potential. It is expected to photodegrade and is considered as not readily biodegradable. The predicted environmental concentration is lower than the predicted no effect concentration.

Modelling of the potential environmental distribution of alpha-methylstyrene (obtained from a generic fugacity model (Mackay level III)) showed the chemical is expected to distribute mainly to water and air. Using production data from Japan and Germany the predicted environmental concentration (PEClocal) of this chemical was estimated as 2.3×10^{-5} mg/l and 5.5×10^{-2} mg/l respectively for local exposure scenarios. In a 1977 Japanese environmental survey, the chemical was not detected from surface water and sediments.

(alpha-methylstyrene is moderately toxic to fish, daphnids and algae. The lowest acute and chronic toxicity data was considered to calculate the predicted no effect concentration. The lowest acute toxicity data was the 24 h-LC50 for *Oryzias latipes* (15 mg/l) and the lowest chronic toxicity was a 21d-NOEC (reproduction) for *Daphnia magna* (1.8 mg/l). An assessment factor of 100 was used to determine a predicted no effect concentration of 0.018 mg/l. The predicted no effect concentration is lower than the predicted environmental concentration and therefore the environmental risk is considered low.

Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer	HIGH		LOW	MED
alpha-methylstyrene	HIGH		LOW	MED

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

! Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: Burial in a licensed land-fill or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

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alpha-methylstyrene homopolymer (CAS: 25014-31-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

Regulations for ingredients

alpha-methylstyrene (CAS: 98-83-9) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)", "Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)", "Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits", "Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances", "Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (French)", "GESAMP/EHS Composite List - GESAMP Hazard Profiles", "IMO IBC Code Chapter 17: Summary of minimum requirements", "IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Noxious Liquid Substances Carried in Bulk", "OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List", "US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants", "US - Connecticut Hazardous Air Pollutants", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits", "US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material List", "US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Minnesota Hazardous Substance List", "US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)", "US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances", "US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z1)", "US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List", "US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants", "US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Notice of Intended Changes", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)", "US EPA High Production Volume Program Chemical List", "US EPA Master Testing List - Index I Chemicals Listed", "US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)", "US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory", "US TSCA Section 8 (d) - Health and Safety Data Reporting"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

■ Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.

* (limited evidence).

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■ Classification of the mixture and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:

www.chemwatch.net/references.

■ The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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