

LIBERTY WOODS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION: Hardwood Plywood, Wood and Wood Products (Non urea-Formaldehyde Bonded)

SYNONYMS: Lumber, Wood dust, Sander dust, Plywood and OSB (phenolic resins may be present)

DESCRIPTION: Particles generated by any manual or mechanical cutting or abrasion process performed on wood may generate wood dust.

MANUFACTURERS NAME: Various sources

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS COMPONENT

CAS#	%	ACGIH Exposure Limits	OSHA Exposure Limits	
Wood dust (Softwood Species)	None	95-100	5mg/M3 8-hr TWA 10mg/M3 STEL (15 min)	15mg/M3 TWA - PEL (Total dust) 5 mg/M3 STEL (respirable fraction)
Wood dust (Certain hardwoods as beech and oak)	None	95-100	1mg/M3 8-hr TWA None - STEL	15mg/M3 TWA - PEL (Total dust) 5 mg/M3 STEL (respirable fraction)
Wood dust (Western Red Cedar)	None	95-100	None	2.5mg/M3 TWA
Phenolic Resin (containing less than 1% formaldehyde)	None	0-5	1ppm - TWA None - STEL	1ppm - TWA - PEL 3ppm - STEL - PEL

In AFL-CIO vs. OSHA 965 F 2d 962 (11th Cir. 1992), the court overturned OSHA's 1989 Air Contaminants Rule, including the specific PELs for wood dust that OSHA had established at that time. The 1989 PELs were: TWA - 5mg/M3 (ALL SOFTWOODS AND HARDWOODS, EXCEPT WESTERN RED CEDAR); WESTERN RED CEDAR: TWA - 2.5mg/M3.

Wood dust is now officially regulated as an organic dust under the Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR) or inert or Nuisance Dust categories at PELs noted under Health Effects Information section of this MSDS. HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF STATES HAVE INCORPORATED PROVISIONS OF THE 1989 STANDARD IN THEIR STATE PLANS. ADDITIONALLY, OSHA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT MAY CITE COMPANIES UNDER THE OSHA ACT GENERAL DUTY CLAUSE UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE 1989 PELs.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point:	N/A
Specific Gravity (H ₂ O=1):	<1
Vapor Pressure:	N/A
% Volatiles:	N/A
Melting Point:	N/A
Vapor Density:	N/A
Solubility in H ₂ O:	Insoluble
Evaporation Rate:	N/A
pH:	N/A
Appearance and Odor:	Light to dark in color, granular solid. Color and odor are dependent on the wood species and time since dust was generated.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA

Flash Point:	N/A
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Variable (Typically 400-500 Degrees F)
Explosive Limits in Air:	40 grams/M3 (LEL)
Extinguishing Media:	Water, Carbon Dioxide, Sand
Special Fire Fighting Properties:	Use water to wet down wood dust to reduce the likelihood of ignition or dispersion of dust into air. Remove burned or wet dust to open area after fire is extinguished.
Unusual Fire and Explosive Hazards:	Wood dust may present a strong to severe explosion hazard if dust cloud contacts an ignition source.

REACTIVITY DATA

Stability:	Stable under normal conditions
Incompatibility:	Avoid contact with oxidizing agents and drying oils. Avoid open flame. Product may ignite at temperatures in excess of 400 degrees F.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Thermal-oxidative degradation of wood produces irritating and toxic fumes and gases, including CO, aldehydes and inorganic acids.
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur.

Wood dust is extremely combustible. Keep away from ignition sources.

HEALTH EFFECTS INFORMATION

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

Skin and Eye Contact: Wood dust can cause eye irritation. Various species of wood dust can elicit allergic contact dermatitis in sensitized individuals.
Ingestion: Not Applicable
Skin Absorption: Not Known to Occur
Inhalation: May cause nasal dryness, irritation and obstruction. Coughing, wheezing, and sneezing; sinusitis and prolonged colds have also been reported.
Chronic Effects: Certain species of wood dust may cause dermatitis, respiratory sensitization and/or irritation on prolonged repetitive contact. IARC classifies wood dust as a carcinogen to humans (Group 1). This classification is based primarily on IARC's evaluation of increased risk in the occurrence of adenocarcinomas of the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses associated with exposure to wood dust. IARC did not find sufficient evidence to associate cancers of the oropharynx, hypopharynx, lung, lymphatic and hematopoietic systems, stomach, colon or rectum with exposure to wood dust.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Respiratory conditions and allergies

EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES

Eyes: Flush with water to remove dust particles. If irritation persists get medical attention.
Skin: Seek medical attention if a rash, dermatitis or other skin disorders occur.
Ingestion: N/A
Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If irritation or other symptoms persist, consult a physician.

PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

Steps to be Taken in case Material is released or spilled: Sweep up or vacuum spills for recovery or disposal; avoid creating dust conditions. Provide good ventilation. Place recovered wood dust in a container for proper disposal.
Waste disposal Methods: Dispose in a landfill or incinerator in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
Precautions and Safe Handling:

- Avoid eye contact.
- Avoid repeated prolonged contact with skin. Careful bathing and clean clothes are indicated after exposure.
- Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of wood dust in air.
- Avoid contact with oxidizing agents and drying oils.
- Avoid open flame.

CONTROL MEASURES

Personal Protective Equipment: Wear goggles or safety glasses and other protective equipment such as gloves and NIOSH approved breathing protection for exposure to wood dust. Respirators are required if air contamination's exceed ACGIH TLV.
Ventilation: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation to maintain healthful working conditions. Due to the explosive potential of wood dust when suspended in air, precautions should be taken to prevent sparks or other ignition sources in ventilation equipment.

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