

# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

## The Dow Chemical Company

Product Name: STYROFOAM\* 1.50 x 48 Inch Tongue and Groove Issue Date: 2007.02.20

**Extruded Foam Insulation** 

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The Dow Chemical Company encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

## 1. Product and Company Identification

#### **Product Name**

STYROFOAM\* 1.50 x 48 Inch Tongue and Groove Extruded Foam Insulation

## **COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

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Customer Information Number: 800-258-2436

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER** 

**24-Hour Emergency Contact:** 989-636-4400 **Local Emergency Contact:** 519-339-3711

## 2. Hazards Identification

**Emergency Overview** 

Color: Blue

Physical State: Board Odor: Odorless Hazards of product:

Toxic fumes may be released in fire situations.

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#### **Potential Health Effects**

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

Fumes/vapor released during thermal operations such as hot-wire cutting may cause eye irritation.

**Skin Contact:** Essentially nonirritating to skin. Mechanical injury only.

Skin Absorption: Skin absorption is unlikely due to physical properties.

**Inhalation:** Dust may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat). Fumes/vapors released during thermal operations such as hot wire cutting may cause respiratory irritation.

Concentrations of the blowing agents anticipated incidental to proper handling are expected to be well below those which cause acute inhalation effects and below exposure guidelines.

**Ingestion:** Swallowing is unlikely because of the physical state. Very low toxicity if swallowed. Harmful effects not anticipated from swallowing small amounts. May cause choking or blockage of the digestive tract if swallowed.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Component	CAS#	Amount W/W	
Styrene, polymers	9003-53-6	> 85.0 %	
1-Chloro-1,1-difluoroethane	75-68-3	<= 10.0 %	
Copolymer mixture	Not applicable	< 5.0 %	
Talc	14807-96-6	< 5.0 %	
Magnesium oxide	1309-48-4	< 5.0 %	

### Amounts are presented as percentages by weight.

Extruded polystyrene foam containing a halogenated flame retardant system.

## 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with plenty of water; remove contact lenses after the first 1-2 minutes then continue flushing for several minutes. Only mechanical effects expected. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with plenty of water.

Inhalation: Move person to fresh air; if effects occur, consult a physician.

Ingestion: If swallowed, seek medical attention. May cause gastrointestinal blockage. Do not give

laxatives. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

**Notes to Physician:** No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

# 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water fog or fine spray. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers. Foam.

**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition. If material is molten, do not apply direct water stream. Use fine water spray or foam. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Mechanical cutting, grinding or sawing can cause formation of dusts. To reduce the potential for dust explosion, do not permit dust to accumulate. This product contains a flame retardant to inhibit accidental ignition from small fire sources. This plastic foam

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product is combustible and should be protected from flames and other high heat sources. For more information, contact Dow. Dense smoke is produced when product burns.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. In smoldering or flaming conditions, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and carbon are generated. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Hydrogen chloride. Hydrogen fluoride. Combustion products may include trace amounts of: Hydrogen bromide. Based on combustion toxicity testing, the effects of combustion from this foam are not more acutely toxic than the effects of combustion from common building materials such as wood.

See Section 9 for related Physical Properties

## Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:** Contain spilled material if possible. Sweep up. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** There are no special required instructions.

**Environmental Precautions:** There are no special required instructions.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

**General Handling:** Fabrication methods which involve cutting into this product may release the blowing agent(s) remaining in the cells. Provide adequate ventilation to assure localized concentrations in release areas are maintained below the lower flammable limit. This product is combustible and may constitute a fire hazard if improperly used or installed. When installed, this product should be adequately protected as directed by national building regulations or instructions in the specific application brochure. See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

## Storage

Minimize sources of ignition, such as static build-up, heat, spark or flame. When large quantities of this product are stored or fabricated, blowing agents may be released. Released blowing agents may thermally decompose to form gases which may accelerate corrosion or rust formation of heaters, boilers, gas fired recirculating air furnaces or heaters, or gas water heaters. Flammable vapors may accumulate in some storage situations. In order to prevent buildup of combustible vapors, do not store large quantities of this product in unventilated spaces.

# 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### **Exposure Limits**

Component	List	Туре	Value
1-Chloro-1,1-difluoroethane	CAD BC OEL	TWA	1,000 ppm
	WEEL	TWA	4,100 mg/m3 1,000 ppm

Consult local authorities for recommended exposure limits.

Concentrations of the blowing agents anticipated incidental to proper handling are expected to be well below those which cause acute inhalation effects and below exposure guidelines.

### **Personal Protection**

**Eye/Face Protection:** Eye protection should not be necessary. For fabrication operations safety glasses are recommended. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause eye discomfort, wear chemical goggles.

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Skin Protection: No precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed.

**Hand protection:** Chemical protective gloves should not be needed when handling this material. Consistent with general hygienic practice for any material, skin contact should be minimized. Use gloves to protect from mechanical injury. Selection of gloves will depend on the task.

**Respiratory Protection:** Atmospheric levels should be maintained below the exposure guideline. When respiratory protection is required for certain operations, including but not limited to saw, router or hot-wire cutting, use an approved air-purifying respirator. The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Organic vapor cartridge with a particulate pre-filter.

**Ingestion:** No precautions necessary due to the physical properties of the material.

### **Engineering Controls**

**Ventilation:** Provide general and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne levels below the exposure guidelines.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State
Color
Odor
Odor
Flash Point - Closed Cup
Blue
Odorless
Not applicable

Flammable Limits In Air

Lower: Not applicable
Upper: Not applicable

Autoignition Temperature 354 °C ASTM D1929
Vapor Pressure Not applicable

Boiling Point (760 mmHg) Not applicable.

Vapor Density (air = 1) Not applicable

Specific Gravity (H2O = 1) 0.027 - 0.064 Estimated

Liquid Density Not applicable Freezing Point Not applicable

Melting Point 90 - 130 °C Estimated

Solubility in Water (by Not applicable

weight)

pH Not applicableKinematic Viscosity Not applicable

# 10. Stability and Reactivity

### Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at typical use temperatures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid temperatures above 300°C (572°F) Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose. Avoid direct sunlight.

Incompatible Materials: Avoid contact with oxidizing materials. Avoid contact with: Aldehydes. Amines. Esters. Liquid fuels. Organic solvents.

## **Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

#### Thermal Decomposition

Does not normally decompose. Evolution of small amounts of hydrogen halides occur when heated over 250°C (482°F). Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Decomposition products can include and are not limited to: Aromatic compounds. Aldehydes. Ethylbenzene. Hydrogen chloride. Hydrogen bromide. Hydrogen fluoride. Polymer fragments. Styrene. Under high heat, non-flaming conditions, small amounts of aromatic hydrocarbons such as styrene and ethylbenzene are generated.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

#### Repeated Dose Toxicity

Based on available data, repeated exposures are not anticipated to cause significant adverse effects. Additives are encapsulated in the product and are not expected to be released under normal processing conditions or foreseeable emergency.

## 12. Ecological Information

### **CHEMICAL FATE**

### **Movement & Partitioning**

No bioconcentration is expected because of the relatively high molecular weight (MW greater than 1000). In the terrestrial environment, material is expected to remain in the soil. In the aquatic environment, material is expected to float.

## Persistence and Degradability

Surface photodegradation is expected with exposure to sunlight. No appreciable biodegradation is expected. Chlorodifluoroethane (HCFC-142b) remains in the foam and diffuses out slowly, most of it degrading in the troposphere to CO2, HCl, and HF. Chlorodifluoroethane (HCFC 142b) has a stratospheric ozone depletion potential (ODP) of 0.065, relative to CFC 12 (ODP=1).

#### **ECOTOXICITY**

Not expected to be acutely toxic to aquatic organisms.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal practices 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. DOW 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: Composition Information. FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: Recycler. Reclaimer. Landfill. 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 Group at 1-800-258-2436 or 1-989-832-1556 (U.S.), or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada) for further details.

## 14. Transport Information

TDG Small container NOT REGULATED

TDG Large container
NOT REGULATED

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**IMDG** 

**NOT REGULATED** 

ICAO/IATA

NOT REGULATED

## 15. Regulatory Information

#### **US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

## **CEPA - Domestic Substances List (DSL)**

All substances contained in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

## **Hazardous Products Act Information: CPR Compliance**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

### Hazardous Products Act Information: WHMIS Classification

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

## 16. Other Information

**Hazard Rating System** 

 NFPA
 Health
 Fire
 Reactivity

 0
 1
 0

#### **Recommended Uses and Restrictions**

Thermal insulation. For industrial use. Dow recommends that you use this product in a manner consistent with the listed use. If your intended use is not consistent with Dow's stated use, please contact Dow's Customer Information Group.

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## Legend

N/A	Not available
W/W	Weight/Weight
OEL STEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.
DOW IHG	Dow Industrial Hygiene Guideline
WEEL	Workplace Environmental Exposure Level
HAZ_DES	Hazard Designation
VOL/VOL	Volume/Volume

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