

# PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Synthetic fibers are articles and not subject to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard MSDS/SDS requirements. Also, synthetic fibers are considered articles under the Global Harmonized System and exempt from the GHS labeling and SDS classification criteria. This PSDS provides use, safety and regulatory compliance information in lieu of a safety data sheet.

## **SECTION 1: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

**PRODUCT NAME:** ES FIBERVISIONS® Polyethylene/polypropylene fiber including EST, EAC, EPS, ESC, ESE,

EDC, Herculon T426 and Herculon T457.

This PSDS applies to all polypropylene & polyethylene ES FIBERVISIONS® bicomponent fiber

types.

Use of Product: Primary component of nonwovens.

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## **SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

**HAZARD CODES:** None

RISK CODES: None

SAFETY PHRASES: None

This article is not considered hazardous or toxic.

| HMIS RATING     |   | NFPA RATING     |   |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Health          | 0 | Health          | 0 |
| Flammability    | 1 | Fire            | 1 |
| Physical Hazard | 0 | Reactivity      | 0 |
|                 |   | Special Hazards |   |

This product is not a health hazard according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200. No hazard anticipated under conditions of foreseeable use or exposure.

Refer to Section 5 for Hazardous Combustion Products and Section 10 for Hazardous Decomposition Products.

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION**

CHEMICAL DESCRIPTION: polypropylene & polyethylene bicomponent fiber

**CASRN:** 99% of fiber is composed of polypropylene (CAS: 9003-07-0 or 25085-53-4) and polyethylene

(CAS: 25213-02-9 or 262221-73-8 or 2508-34-7 or 9002-88-4).

The remaining 1% are trade secret additives.



## **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

### FIRST AID PROCEDURES:

No adverse health effects are expected from exposure to this product.

However, as with many materials, a very small percentage of the population may be allergic to one or more of the components that make up these products. Employees who have a history of skin disease or allergy should receive medical clearance prior to employment involving direct contact.

## **SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

### FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:

Use standard procedures for Class A fires.

Wear NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode and full protective gear when fighting fires involving this product.

#### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Water spray, dry chemical, foam, carbon dioxide or Halon may be used on fires involving this product.

### **CONDITIONS TO AVOID:**

None known.

**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons, aldehydes, ketones, acrolein and fatty acids. Temperature, air supply, and materials present will affect the amount formed of any of the potential combustion products.

**FLASH POINT:** > 650 °F (> 343 °C) **Method:** Setchkin

**AUTOIGNITION TEMP:**  $> 650 \, ^{\circ}\text{F} (> 343 \, ^{\circ}\text{C})$ 

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

If product is not contaminated, scoop into clean containers for use. If product is contaminated, scoop into containers and discard appropriately.

In case of accidental spill or release, refer to SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **GENERAL MEASURES:**

Store in a warehouse that is protected with a fire sprinkler system.

Store at temperatures below 60 ° C (140 ° F).

### MATERIALS OR CONDITIONS TO AVOID:

Avoid storing product near incompatible materials. See PSDS Section 10.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **GENERAL HYGIENIC PRACTICES:**

Avoid breathing fiber and dust.

Wash thoroughly after handling, and before eating, drinking or smoking.

### RECOMMENDED EXPOSURE LIMITS:

This product is not considered to present an inhalation health hazard under reasonably anticipated conditions of use.



### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Safety glasses

#### WORK PRACTICES AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Evewash fountains and safety showers should be easily accessible.

Provide adequate ventilation.

#### PROTECTIVE MEASURES DURING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE:

Keep area clean. Product will burn.

## **SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Volatile (Wt.), %:** < 1 % (Water)

**Solubility in Water:** negligible, below 1% **Specific Gravity:** 0.89 – 0.97 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (g/mL)

**Melting Point:** Surface melting 203 °F - 261 °F (95 °C - 127 °C)

**Complete melting** 320 °F (160 °C)

**Evaporation Rate:** negligible

**pH:** 6.5  $\pm$  1.0 at a concentration of 10% (made on the spin finish which is 1% of the fiber)

**Appearance:** textured and soft fibers **Odor:** slight odor of spin finish

Color: various

## **SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

### **GENERAL STABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Stable at recommended handling and storage conditions.

#### **INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:**

Incompatible with: strong acids, bases, and oxidizing materials

### **CONDITIONS TO AVOID:**

Excessive heat should be avoided. Small quantities of fumes are produced at approximately 435 °F (225 °C). These fumes gradually increase until approximately 572 °F (300 °C), when thermal decomposition (thermal degradation and oxidative pyrolysis) takes place. Above 572 °F, combustion may occur.

#### **HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:**

Carbon monoxide, acetic acid, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons, aldehydes, ketones, acrolein and fatty acids may be formed during decomposition or burning.

### **HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:**

Will not occur under normal or recommended handling and storage conditions.

## **SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **REPORTED EFFECTS:**

The skin and eye irritation effects of the spin finish have been examined with no harmful effects (according to OECD-guidelines no. 404 and 405).



### CARCINOGENICITY INFORMATION:

Not listed as a carcinogen by NTP. Not regulated as a carcinogen by OSHA. Not evaluated by IARC.

## **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### **ECOTOXICITY:**

The fibers are not associated with any ecological problems.

The fibers are not biodegradable.

## **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:

Disposal in a landfill in a permitted solid or hazardous waste facility, meeting technical regulatory requirements.

## **SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

This product is not a dangerous good according to transport regulations.

## **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

#### **U.S. TSCA Status:**

This product is considered to be an article by TSCA definition. All components are listed on the TSCA inventory.

## SARA TITLE III

#### Sections 302 and 304:

This product is not an Extremely Hazardous Substance subject to reporting under 40 CFR 355.

#### Sections 311 and 312:

NHH: Not a health hazard NPH: Not a physical hazard

### **Section 313:**

This product does not contain any chemicals subject to reporting under Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act and 40 CFR 372.

### **CERCLA:**

This product does not contain any chemicals subject to reporting as a CERCLA Hazardous Substance under 40 CFR 302.4.

#### RCRA

This product is not a hazardous waste as listed in 40 CFR 261.33. It does not exhibit any of the hazardous characteristics listed in 40 CFR 261, Subpart C.

## CALIFORNIA SAFE WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65):

This product does not contain any chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

## **SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

#### LIST OF ACRONYMS:

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial

AICS: Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances AIHA WEEL: American National Standards Institute

C: Ceiling

CASRN: Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number

CERCLA: Comprehensive Emergency Response, Compensation and Liability Act

DSL: Domestic Substances List (Canadian)

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical

Substances

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System



IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

MITI: Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japanese)

N/A: Not Applicable

NDSL: Non-domestic Substances List (Canadian)

NOR: Not Otherwise Regulated NTP: National Toxicology Program

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PEL: OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit

RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

**RQ**: Reportable Quantity

SARA: Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act

STEL: Short-Term Exposure Limit

TLV: Threshold Limit Values (registered trademark of ACGIH)

TPQ: Threshold Planning Quantity TSCA: Toxic Substance Control Act TWA: Time Weighted Average

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