

Material Safety Data Sheet



1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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

Product: ETHAFOAM* 400 BLACK POLYETHYLENE FOAM PLANK

Product Code: 43802

Effective Date: 08/15/00 Date Printed: 12/17/01 MSD: 005093

The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI 48674

Customer Information Center: 800-258-2436

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Polyethylene	CAS# 009002-88-4	
Carbon black	CAS# 001333-86-4	<2%

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

* Black or gray plastic foam. Odorless. No significant immediate *
* hazards for emergency response are known. *
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POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS (See Section 11 for toxicological data.)

EYE: Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury due to mechanical action. Fumes/vapors released during thermal operations such as hot wire cutting may cause eye and respiratory irritation.

SKIN: Essentially nonirritating to skin. Mechanical injury only. Skin absorption is unlikely due to physical properties.

INGESTION: Ingestion is unlikely due to physical state. May cause choking or blockage of the digestive tract if swallowed.

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.

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SYSTEMIC (OTHER TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS: 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.

CANCER INFORMATION: No relevant information found.

TERATOLOGY (BIRTH DEFECTS): No relevant information found.

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: No relevant information found.

4. FIRST AID

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

SKIN: Wash off in flowing water or shower.

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.

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: Not applicable

METHOD USED: 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.

OTHER FLAMMABILITY INFORMATION: Dense smoke is emitted when burned without sufficient oxygen.

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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. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent reignition.

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: Clear non-emergency personnel from area.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT: Avoid contamination of drinking water, natural water, ground water or any waterway.

CLEANUP: Clean up floor areas.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING:

Practice reasonable care and cleanliness as a common sense safety precaution when handling this product.

WARNING: This foam is combustible and should not be exposed to flame or other ignition sources.

WARNING: Exercise appropriate caution when using this product in applications involving exposure to children. Choking and/or swallowing of foam by small children may occur.

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

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EYE/FACE PROTECTION: Safety glasses should be sufficient for most operations; however, for dusty operations wear chemical goggles. If vapor exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator.

SKIN PROTECTION: No precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed.

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

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE: Black solid plastic foam.
ODOR: Odorless.
VAPOR PRESSURE: Not applicable
VAPOR DENSITY: Not applicable
BOILING POINT: Not applicable
SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Insoluble
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 0.03 - 0.16

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Thermally stable at typical use temperatures.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Avoid temperatures above 625F/329C. Product can decompose at elevated temperatures.

INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS: Avoid contact with oxidizing materials.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Hazardous decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Processing may release fumes which may include polymer fragments and other decomposition products. Fumes can be irritating. At temperatures exceeding melt

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temperatures, polymer fragments can occur. Hazardous decomposition products may include and are not limited to: carbon monoxide.

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)

MUTAGENICITY: No relevant information found.

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 relatively high molecular weight (MW >1000). In the terrestrial environment, material is expected to remain in the soil. In the aquatic environment, material is expected to float.

DEGRADATION & PERSISTENCE: Surface photodegradation is expected with exposure to sunlight. No appreciable biodegradation is expected.

ECOTOXICITY: Not expected to be acutely toxic.

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, and landfill.

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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 Customers Information Center at 800-258-2436 or 517-832-1556 for further details.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (D.O.T.): This product is not regulated by DOT 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)

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

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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: The following product components are cited on certain state lists as mentioned. Non-listed components may be shown in the composition section of the MSDS.

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS NUMBER	LIST
CARBON BLACK	001333-86-4	NJ3 PA1

NJ3=New Jersey Workplace Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).
PA1=Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).

OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD:

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

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) RATINGS:

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Health	0
Flammability	1
Reactivity	0

MSDS STATUS: Revised Section 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12.

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