

1. Identification

Product Name: MiniFIBERS UHMW Polyethylene Fibers
Synonyms: Polythene, Polyolefin, Polyalkene
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HEALTH	0	0
FLAMMABILITY	1	
PHYSICAL HAZARD	0	
PERSONAL PROTECTION	E	

2. Hazard Identification

This product is not hazardous under the criteria of U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Standard 29 CFR 1910 Subpart Z and United Nations GHS Parts 2, 3, and 4.

The product is coated with finishes which do not present a significant health hazard in their normal use. If heated to elevated temperatures during processing, these finishes can degrade and generate off gases which may contain small amounts of chemicals. Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Substance	CAS No.	EC No.	Concentration By Weight
Ethene, homopolymer	9002-88-4		>99%

4. Emergency & First Aid Measures

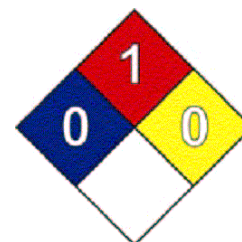
Routes of Exposure:

- Inhalation:** Inhalation of fibers, fiber dust, or vapors may cause respiratory irritation. Move to fresh air if effects occur. Consult a physician if symptoms develop.
- Skin:** **If thermal burn, cool with water and seek immediate medical attention; do not attempt to peel molten fibers from skin.** Non-thermal contact with fibers may cause mechanical irritation of the skin. Wash off with soap and water, and consult a physician if symptoms develop.
- Skin Absorption:** A single prolonged skin exposure is not likely to result in the material being absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. However, cleansing the skin after use is advisable. Consult a physician if symptoms develop.
- Eyes:** Fibers or fiber dust may cause irritation or scratch the surface of the eyes. Flush with water to remove particles; remove contact lenses if present and part eyelids with fingers to ensure complete flushing. Consult a physician if symptoms develop.
- Ingestion:** No acute toxicological effects are believed to be caused by ingesting a small amount. Rinse mouth with water and consult a physician if symptoms develop, or if a large amount is ingested.

Contaminated clothing does not need to be removed.
 Personal protective equipment is not required for first-aid responders.

5. Fire Fighting Measures / Fire & Explosion Hazard Data

- Flash Point:** Not applicable
- Flammable Limits:** Data not available
- Extinguishing Media:** Water, CO₂, dry chemicals, foam.
- Hazardous Combustion Products:** May include, but are not limited to, CO and CO₂, oxidized and non-oxidized hydrocarbons.
- Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards:** None known.
- Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel away. Avoid inhalation of fumes or smoke. Keep product and surrounding areas cool by spraying with water. If outdoors, fight fire from an upwind position.
- Special Protective Equipment:** Firefighters should be equipped with positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and standard protective fire fighting clothing (helmet, eye protection, overalls, boots, and gloves) when fighting all indoor fires and any significant outdoor fires.



6. Accidental Release Measures / Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled

- Personal Precautions:** None needed.
- Environmental Precautions:** None needed.
- Methods for Cleanup:** Vacuum or sweep up and place in a standard disposal container. To more effectively control fiber dust, avoid the use of air jets.

7. Precautions for Safe Handling & Storage

- Precautions for Safe Handling:** No special handling has been shown to be necessary.
- Conditions for Safe Storage:** Avoid overstacking to prevent collapse or breakage of the package. Do not store near sources of ignition or incompatible substances.
- Other Precautions:** None

8. Exposure Control Measures / Personal Protection

- Exposure Guidelines:** Fiber dust should be considered a nuisance dust, i.e. particulates (not otherwise classified):
 ACGIH Threshold Limit Value: 10 mg/m³ total dust; 3-mg/m³ respirable dust
 OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit: 15 mg/m³ total dust; 5-mg/m³ respirable dust
- Engineering Controls:** Local exhaust ventilation is recommended to reduce exposure to fiber dust and vapors.
- Specific Personal Protective Equipment:**
- Respiratory:** For operations where inhalation exposure can occur, a NIOSH approved dust mask/respirator is recommended.
 - Eye:** For operations where eye contact can occur, eye protection such as goggles or safety glasses is recommended.
 - Hand:** Protective gloves are recommended.

Skin/Other: Not required.
Work/Hygienic Practices: Maintain good housekeeping to control dust accumulation. To more effectively control fiber dust, avoid the use of air jets to blow off equipment; use vacuums instead.

9. Physical & Chemical Properties / Characteristics

Chemical Formula:		Flash Point:	Does not apply	Solubility:	Not soluble
Appearance:	White solid	Evaporation Rate:	Does not apply	Partition Coefficient:	No data available
Odor:	No odor	Flammability:	Non-flammable	Auto-Ignition Temp:	No data available
pH:	No data available	Vapor Pressure:	Does not apply	Decomposition Temp:	No data available
Melting Point:	147°C / 297°F	Vapor Density:	Does not apply	Viscosity:	Does not apply
Boiling Point:	Does not apply	Specific Gravity:	0.97 g/cm ³		

10. Stability & Reactivity Data

Reactivity: Data not available.
Stability: Stable under normal conditions.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid:
Incompatible Materials: Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: None anticipated under normal or recommended handling and storage conditions.

11. Toxicological Information / Health Hazard Data

Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic): No data available.
Carcinogenicity:
NTP: Not listed.
IARC: 3 - Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.
OSHA: Not regulated.
Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: No data available.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Some individuals, e.g. with asthma, bronchitis, or allergies, are likely to be intolerant of high concentrations of airborne fibers, fiber dust, or vapors when processing.

12. Ecological Information

Toxicity: No data available.
Persistence and Degradability: No data available.
Bioaccumulative Potential: No data available.
Mobility in Soil: No data available.

13. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal Method: Dispose of in accordance with all applicable governmental regulations for non-hazardous solid waste. Disposal via septic or sewage systems is not recommended. Recycling of corrugated packaging is encouraged where possible. Other packaging may be disposed of with product. Standard disposal containers are acceptable.

14. Transport Information

Proper Shipping Name:	Polyethylene Staple Fibers	U.S. DOT:	Not regulated.
U.S. NMFC Item Number:	68310	ICAO/IATA:	Not regulated.
HTC Number:	5503.90	IMDG:	Not regulated.
U.N. Number:	None	Canada TDG:	Not regulated.

15. Regulatory Information

International:
Canada: DSL/NDL: Included on the Canadian Domestic Substance List.
Canada: WHMIS: Not a controlled product.
Europe: Not classified as dangerous according to Directive 1999/45/EC.
UN: Does not appear on the Dangerous Goods List.

Federal (U.S.):
EPA: Not regulated.
OSHA: Not hazardous under the criteria of Occupational Safety and Health Standard 29 CFR 1910 Subpart Z.

State:
CA: Proposition 65: Does not contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

16. Other Information

This MSDS has been prepared in compliance with United States OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 and the United Nations Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

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