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Material Safety Data Sheet
May be used to comply with
OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard,
29 CFR 1910.1200. Standard must be
consulted for specific requirements

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION I:

Identification

Material Safety Data Sheet

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Product description: Woven fabric made of synthetic fibers, cellulosic fibers, or blends thereof. These fabrics may be treated with chemicals containing formaldehyde and may release some formaldehyde to the atmosphere. Release levels when tested by AATCC Method 112 are maintained below the 1000 μ g/g (1%), and are typically well below 300 μ g/g.

SECTION II:

Hazardous Ingredient

Component

Formaldehyde AHZO

ACGIH

CAS No.

TWA

TWA*

TLV

STEL*

50-00-0

3PPM, 5PPM (ceiling)

2PPM (ceiling)

1PPM 2PPM

* ACGIH 1984-85 Intended changes

SECTION III:

Physical Data

• Formaldehyde has a pungent odor. Physical data for the fabric finished with chemicals containing formaldehyde is not applicable.

SECTION IV:

Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

The fabric products described in this MSDS are combustible. The very small free formaldehyde content in the fabric does not present any unique fire hazard. Use water, carbon dioxide, or dry chemical to extinguish fires. Use normal fire fighting procedures, including positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting protection clothing.

SECTION V:

Reactivity Data

- Reactivity or chemical data for fabrics finished with chemicals containing formaldehyde is not applicable under normal conditions.
- Hazardous decomposition products The burnings of this product can release formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, as well as other substances into the environment

SECTION VI:

Health Hazard Data Health Hazard Information

• These fabric products may release a small amount of formaldehyde. Exposure to formaldehyde may result from skin contact with fabric, or by inhalation of formaldehyde

vapor released into the air.

• Overexposure to formaldehyde from any source may cause skin or eye irritation after prolonged contact, and formaldehyde vapor overexposure may cause eye and respiratory tract irritation. In the event of overexposure, remove the individual from contact with the source. Formaldehyde may trigger allergic reactions in sensitized individuals.

The Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology (CIIT) has an ongoing study on animal inhalation that formaldehyde is carcinogenic in rats. The National Toxicology Program has stated in its annual report (1983) that formaldehyde may reasonably be anticipated to be carcinogenic. In 1982 the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) stated in their monograph on The Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans that there is sufficient evidence that formaldehyde is carcinogenic to experimental animals, but there was not sufficient evidence for assesing the risk of cancer for humans.

SECTION VII:

Precautions for Safe Handling

• Fabric finished with chemicals containing formaldehyde do not present a disposal problem. Dispose of in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

 General ventilation should be used to maintain exposures below applicable exposure limits. Recirculating systems should, whenever practicable, be operated in the bypass mode

to avoid concentrating air contaminants in the work space.

• During fabric processing, formaldehyde exposure control is the responsibility of the user. The potential level of exposure will depend on the amount of these and other fabrics in process, the work area size, ventilation, temperature, and humidity. Because of the variability of conditions which may exist, evaluation of personnel exposures by a professional industrial hygienist is recommended.

SECTION VIII:

Control Measures

 Respiratory protection - A NIOSH/MSHA approval respirator should be used in accordance with the requirements of 29CFR1910.134 in those cases where the ambient formaldehyde levels exceed the appropriate health standard.

Engineering Controls: Use adequate ventilation in work areas to keep formaldehyde

levels below regulated limits.

Work Practices: Minimize contact of human skin with fabric. Wash after exposure.

Personal Protective Equipment: None.

Hygiene Practices: Wash exposed areas of skin thoroughly with water at end of exposure.

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