

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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FIBERGLASS MAT, ALL GRADES

Standard Glass Mat, Surfacing Veil Mat • Ultrathin

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material Identity

Product Name: FIBERGLASS MAT, ALL GRADES

General or Generic ID: FIBERGLASS

Company

Ashland
Ashland Distribution Co. &
Ashland Specialty Chemical Co.
P. O. Box 2219
Columbus, OH 43216
614-790-3333

Emergency Telephone Number:

1-800-ASHLAND (1-800-274-5263)
24 hours everyday

Regulatory Information Number:

1-800-325-3751

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient(s)	CAS Number	% (by weight)
CONTINUOUS FILAMENT GLASS	65997-17-3	98.0-100.0

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Potential Health Effects

Eye

Fibrous glass or its dust may cause eye irritation from the material scratching the eyes. Symptoms include itching, stinging, tearing, redness, and swelling of eyes.

Skin

Contact with fibrous glass or its dust can cause skin irritation. Symptoms may include redness and an itchy, sometimes bumpy, rash. The rash is aggravated by rubbing or scratching which may even force the glass fibers into the skin. With repeated exposure, some individuals will develop a hardening of the skin and a resistance to the irritant effects of the fibers. Skin irritation is common in individuals newly exposed to fibrous glass.

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Swallowing

This material is not likely to be swallowed.

Inhalation

Breathing of glass fibers can cause short-term irritation of the mouth, nose, and throat. Other symptoms may include coughing and wheezing. Because of the structure of the fibers, they do not enter the lungs (See Other Health Effects).

Symptoms of Exposure

Signs and symptoms of exposure to this material through breathing, swallowing, and/or passage of the material through the skin may include: mouth and throat irritation (soreness, dry or scratchy feeling, cough), irritation (nose, throat, airways).

Target Organ Effects

No data

Developmental Information

No data

Cancer Information

This material is not listed as a carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the National Toxicology Program, or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Studies with workers employed up to 40 years in the manufacture of fiberglass have shown no increase in cancer due to fiberglass exposure. Breathing continuous filament fiberglass did not cause cancer in laboratory animals. Studies using artificial implantation or injection of glass fibers into animals have resulted in cancer. Those studies are not considered relevant to human exposure.

Other Health Effects

Continuous filament fiber glass is a type of man-made mineral fiber. Fiber diameter is the most important factor in determining whether or not fibers can get into the lungs if breathed. Fibers that can enter the lungs are called respirable fibers. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), fibers with diameters greater than 3.5 microns are not respirable. This product is composed of glass strands with diameters greater than 3.5 microns, and therefore, if breathed, would not enter the lungs. Instead, they would be stopped in the upper respiratory tract where they would be removed by natural mechanisms such as filtering by nasal hairs. Further, these fibers do not become respirable upon sanding or other machine processing activities typical of our customers. Upon breakage, the fibers

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break across into smaller lengths, but do not break lengthwise forming fibers of smaller diameter.

Primary Route(s) of Entry

Inhalation, Skin contact, Eye contact.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eyes

If symptoms develop, immediately move individual away from exposure and into fresh air. Flush eyes gently with water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids apart; seek immediate medical attention.

Skin

Wash contacted areas with mild soap and running water. Use a washcloth to help remove fibers. Do not rub or scratch affected areas since this can force fibers into the skin. Seek medical attention if irritation persists. Remove material from clothing using vacuum equipment (never use compressed air.) Wash work clothing separately from other clothing before reuse. Wipe out the washer or sink to prevent loose glass fibers from getting on other clothing.

Swallowing

First aid is not normally required. If symptoms develop, seek medical attention.

Inhalation

First aid is not normally required. If symptoms develop, move individual away from exposure and into fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Note to Physicians

Preexisting disorders of the following organs (or organ systems) may be aggravated by exposure to this material: skin, lung (for example, asthma-like conditions).

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5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point

Not applicable

Explosive Limit

No data

Autoignition Temperature

No data

Hazardous Products of Combustion

May form: carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, various hydrocarbons.

Fire and Explosion Hazards

No special fire hazards are known to be associated with this product.

Extinguishing Media

regular foam, water fog, carbon dioxide, dry chemical.

Fire Fighting Instructions

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece operated in the positive pressure demand mode with appropriate turn-out gear and chemical resistant personal protective equipment. Refer to the personal protective equipment section of this MSDS.

NFPA Rating

Health - 1, Flammability - 0, Reactivity - 0

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Small Spill

Minimize dust. Sweep, shovel, or vacuum.

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Large Spill

Contain and handle as described for small spills. For very large spills, transfer spilled product into new containers.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Secondary operations, such as grinding and sanding, may produce dust. Prevent dust formation. Keep the work area clean of dusts and fibers released during processing or fabrication. Use vacuum equipment to clean up product. Avoid dry sweeping or using compressed air as these techniques cause dust and fibers to reenter the air.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses or goggles, resistant gloves, and other appropriate protective equipment essential for your operation.

Skin Protection

Wear normal work clothing covering arms and legs.

Respiratory Protections

3M Dust respirator No. 8710 or 9900 is recommended or a NIOSH/MSHA jointly approved dust respirator. (See your safety equipment supplier.)

Engineering Controls

Provide sufficient mechanical (general and/or local exhaust) ventilation to maintain exposure below level of overexposure (from known, suspected or apparent adverse effects).

Exposure Guidelines

Component

CONTINUOUS FILAMENT GLASS (65997-17-3)

ACGIH TLV 5.000 mg/m3 - TWA inhalable fraction

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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point

No data

Vapor Pressure

No data

Specific Vapor Density

No data

Specific Gravity

2.500 - 2.620 @ 77.00 F

Liquid Density

No data

Percent Volatiles

No data

Evaporation Rate

No data

Appearance

No data

State

SOLID

Physical Form

No data

Color

WHITE

Odor

No data

pH

No data

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Solubility in Water

INSOLUBLE

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Hazardous Polymerization

Product will not undergo hazardous polymerization.

Hazardous Decomposition

No data

Chemical Stability

Stable.

Incompatibility

No data

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Chemical Fate Information

This material is an inorganic chemical, and therefore, is not biodegraded.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

Waste Management Information

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations. Dispose of with other normal, solid waste. For assistance with your waste management needs - including disposal, recycling and waste stream reduction, contact Ashland Distribution Company, IC&S Environmental Services Group at 800-637-7922.

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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT Information - 49 CFR 172.101

DOT Description:

NON-REGULATED BY D.O.T.

Container/Mode:

55 GAL DRUM/TRUCK PACKAGE

NOS Component:

None

RQ (Reportable Quantity) - 49 CFR 172.101

Not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations

TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) Status

TSCA (UNITED STATES) The intentional ingredients of this product are listed.

CERCLA RQ - 40 CFR 302.4(a)

None listed

SARA 302 Components - 40 CFR 355 Appendix A

None

Section 311/312 Hazard Class - 40 CFR 370.2

Immediate(X) Delayed() Fire() Reactive() Sudden
Release of Pressure()

SARA 313 Components - 40 CFR 372.65

None

OSHA Process Safety Management 29 CFR 1910

None listed

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EPA Accidental Release Prevention 40 CFR 68

None listed

International Regulations

Inventory Status

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DSL (CANADA) The intentional ingredients of this product are listed.

ECL (SOUTH KOREA) The intentional ingredients of this product are listed.

EINECS (EUROPE) The intentional ingredients of this product are listed.

PICCS (PHILIPPINES) The intentional ingredients of this product are listed.

State and Local Regulations

California Proposition 65

None

16. OTHER INFORMATION

The information accumulated herein is believed to be accurate but is not warranted to be whether originating with the company or not. Recipients are advised to confirm in advance of need that the information is current, applicable, and suitable to their circumstances.