

# Duro-Last Ultra-Fold Underlayment

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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#### **Section I**

Chemical Name Expanded Polystyrene Foam (EPS)

Chemical Family Polystyrene

Formula  $(C_8H_8)n$  with flame retardant additive

## **Section II Hazardous Ingredients**

Non when residual pentane blowing agent is reduced to level described in Section IX

## **Section III Physical Data**

Boiling Point Not applicable

Solubility in Water None

Specific Gravity Apparent Density 1.0 to 2.0 pcf density Percent Volatile by Volume (pentane & water) 0.18% (see Section IX)

Evaporation Rate Not applicable

Appearance and Odor Rigid cellular foam block or board – no odor

## **Section IV Fire and Explosion Hazard Date**

Extinguishing Media Water fog, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical

Special Fire Fighting Procedure Non

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

May emit large volume of dense, black smoke

#### Section V Health Hazard Data

Threshold Limit Value None
Effects of Overexposure None
Emergency and First Aid Procedures None

## **Section VI Radioactivity Data**

Stable Yes Incompatibility None Hazardous Decomposition Products None

Hazardous Polymerization Will not occur

Conditions to Avoid None

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## Section VII Spill or Leak Procedures

Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled: normal good housekeeping should be observed in properly disposing of scrap material.

Waste Disposal Method: According to local ordinances.

### **Section VIII Special Protection Information**

Respiratory Protection None – may act as obstruction if swallowed

Ventilation None Protective Gloves None

Eye Protection Safety glasses recommended to avoid

mechanical irritation from dust if saw

fabricating

## **Section IX Special Precautions**

Immediately after molding expanded polystyrene into blocks, the residual blowing agent, pentane, entrapped within the blocks ranges from about 2.0 to 3.0% by weight. The blocks are then stored at room temperature or at an elevated temperature (e.g., 130°F) to reduce the entrapped pentane and moisture to less than 1% by weight (0.18% by volume) dimensional stabilization. The block storage areas must be, therefore, adequately ventilated to avoid build up of pentane vapors.

If the product in block or board form is to be fabricated by hot-wire cutting, work areas should be ventilated to avoid a build-up of processing fumes.



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