



Product Safety Data Sheet (PSDS)

for Palram Solid and Foamed Polycarbonate sheets

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1. Identification of the Article and the Company

1.1. Identification of the Article

Trade Names : PALSUN®, PALSUN® Basic, PALSUN® CS, PALGARD™, SUNTUF®, SUNTUF® Plus, SUNSKY®, DYNAGLAS®, SUNOPAK™, SUNLITE®, SUNLITE® Plus, Thermaglas®, SUNTOP®, PALTILE™, SUNSPHERE™, SUNPAL®, SUNGLAZE™

Product Name : Solid and Foamed Polycarbonate sheets

Material Name : Polycarbonate Homopolymer

CAS Number : 25307-45-0

UN Number : None

ACX Number : X1017917-2

RTECS : Not listed

Material Synonyms : PC

NFPA Ratings : Health=0, Fire=1, Reactivity=0

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Local: Call your nearest poison control center.

2. Composition / Information of Ingredients

Main polymer: Polycarbonate – approximately 100 wt%.

Pigments and additives used to enhance specific properties are encapsulated in the polymer resin matter.

No cadmium, or other heavy metals based pigments or stabilizers used. This product does not contain reportable hazardous ingredients as defined by OSHA Hazard Communication Standard.

3. Hazards Identification

No particular hazards known.

3.1. Health Hazard Data

3.1.1 Effects of a Single Overexposure

Swallowing : non-relevant

Skin absorption : non-relevant

Inhalation : non-relevant

Skin contact : exposure is not expected to cause adverse health effects

Eye contact : non-relevant

3.1.2 Effects Of A Repeated Overexposure -

None currently known

3.1.3 Medical Conditions Aggravated By Overexposure -

None currently known

3.1.4 Other Effects of Overexposure -

None currently known

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4. First Aid Measures

In general handling the material will not cause accidents.

4.1. Inhalation

Route of entry – inhalation: No

If exposed to combustion fumes in high concentration - bring victim to fresh air. Medical attention needed.

4.2. Ingestion

Route of entry – ingestion: No

4.3. Skin Contact

Burns resulting from accidental contact with molten material must be flushed immediately with cold water.

Do not remove the polymer from the skin. Do not use solvent for removal. Medical attention needed.

4.4. Skin Absorption

Route of entry – skin: No

4.5. Eye Contact

Like any foreign body, can cause mechanical irritation. Remove contact lenses at once. Immediately flush eyes well with copious quantities of water or normal saline for at least 20-30 minutes. If irritation persists, consult physician.

4.6. Notes For Physician

There are no specific notes.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

This material burns with difficulty and generally requires a continuous external flame source to sustain combustion. Without flashover fire conditions it will tend to extinguish it. When forced to burn it will produce a sooty fire.

Main products of combustion are carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Some flame-retardant grades will evolve trace quantities of hydrogen bromide on combustion.

Combustion products have been found in independent tests to be essentially non-corrosive.

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Water spray or foam. CO₂ is less recommended due to lack of cooling capacity.

5.2. Extinguishing Media to Avoid

No information currently available.

5.3. Special Fire Fighting Procedures

Personnel without suitable respiratory apparatus should leave the affected area to prevent exposure to toxic or combustible gases.

5.4. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus, protective clothing, gas mask approved for acid vapors.

5.5. Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

Hazardous combustion products may include intense heat, dense black smoke, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon fragments. Combustion products/processing fumes may include trace levels of phenol, alkylphenols, and diarylcarbonates.

Soot emitted when PC is forced to burn may obscure visibility.

During combustion the base resin does not produce hydrogen cyanide, phosgene, acrolein, hydrogen chloride or sulfur dioxide.

The material is not sensitive to static discharge.

Static electricity discharge sparks possible at handling – avoid vicinity of static discharge sensitive materials.

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6. Accidental Release Measures

No special precautions and no personal protective equipment needed. Collect mechanically for disposal.

7. Handling and Storage

7.1. Handling

General handling precautions

Avoid mechanical contact with eyes. Use good industrial hygiene practices. Provide adequate ventilation. Secondary operations such as grinding, sanding or sawing may produce a dust explosion hazard. Use aggressive housekeeping activities to prevent dust accumulation; employ bonding, grounding, venting and explosion relief provisions in accordance with accepted engineering practices.

Ventilation

General (mechanical) room ventilation is expected to be satisfactory where this product is stored and handled.

Other precautions

No explosion hazard. In the event of fire, cool and overlap product with water. The material is not sensitive to static discharge. Static electricity discharge sparks possible during handling. Avoid contact or vicinity of flammable materials.

7.2. Storage

Store in a cool shady area. No special technical protective measures required.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

No occupational exposure limits established by OSHA, ACGIH, or NIOSH.

8.2. Personal Protection

Respiratory protection : No special protection needed
Hand protection / protective gloves : No special protection needed
Eye protection : No special protection needed
Other protective equipment/measures : No special protection needed

9. Physical Properties

Appearance : Flat or corrugated plastic sheets
Physical State : Solid
Color : Clear or colored
Odor : None
Density : 1.2 gr/cm³
Change In State : Tg=140-150°C, (284°F - 302°F) DSC according to ASTM D 792
Boiling Point, 760 Hg : None
Viscosity : Not relevant
Solubility In Water : None
Ph Value : Not relevant
Flash Point : >450°C (842°F) ASTM D 1929
Autoignition Temp. : >650°C (1202°F) ASTM D 1921
Flammability Limit : None
Explosion Limits : None
Evaporation Rate : Not relevant
Percent Volatiles : Not relevant



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10. Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Stability

Stable.

Conditions to avoid

Excessive heat, or open flame.

Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents or strong mineral acids can cause reaction.

Thermal decomposition

Caused by fire or overheating during improper processing. Fumes damaging to health may be released.

Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO) - is highly toxic if inhaled, present in combustion fumes of all organic materials;
Carbon dioxide (CO₂) - in sufficient concentrations can act as an asphyxiant, present in combustion fumes of all organic materials;

10.2. Reactivity

Hazardous polymerization : Will not occur

Hazardous reactions : None

11. Toxicological Information

Independent testing and many years of experience confirm that this material has very low toxicity. The International Agency for Research on Cancer does not list this material as a confirmed or suspected carcinogen. In rats an acute LD₅₀ > 5 gr/Kg of body weight. Industrial hygiene studies have shown that under normal and expected conditions of use of PC materials, exposures are well below applicable limits.

11.1. Acute Toxicological Information

Acute oral toxicity : Oral LD₅₀ (rat) > 5g/kg, estimated.

Acute vapor exposure : processing fumes from similar products are not considered toxic. In acute inhalation tests, laboratory rats were exposed to processing fumes at concentrations exaggerating those that would likely occur in work place situations. No death or signs of toxicity, except transient irritation in some cases, were noted during the 6-hour fume exposure tests. There were no distinct or consistent treatment related tissue or organ changes noted in gross necropsies.

Primary skin irritation : product not considered primary skin irritant. Draize Skin Primary Irritation Score (rabbit) for similar products, in finely divided form, for a 24-hour exposure is 0.

Eye irritation : product not considered primary irritant. When similar products, in finely divided form, were placed into the eyes of rabbits, slight transient redness or discharge occurred – consistent with the expected slightly abrasive nature of product.

Sensitization : Not expected to be a skin sensitized based on results of Modified Buehler Guinea Pig Sensitization Test from similar products. Dermal LD₅₀ (rabbit) > 2g/kg, estimate.

Chronic effects : in sub-chronic testing, the base resin was considered physiologically inert when fed to rats for 8 weeks at a dietary level of 6%.

Carcinogenicity - NTP : not tested
- IARC : not listed
- OSHA : not regulated



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11.2. Other Toxicological Information

No known toxicological effects with normal use. For heating see section 10.

11.3. Additional Information

No additional toxicity information currently available.

12. Ecological Information

12.1. Persistence and Degradability

Detailed studies have not been conducted concerning the environmental fate of the product.

According to present knowledge no unfavorable ecological effects are to be expected. Not generally hazardous to water. Insoluble in water, non-toxic solid.

Mobility : No information currently available

Persistence and biodegradability : Biodegradation period - tens of years.

Bioaccumulative potential : No information currently available.

12.2. Environmental Risks

No hazard expectation to terrestrial or aquatic flora and fauna.

Ecotoxicity : LD₅₀ (rats) > 5 gr/kg

: LC₅₀ (bacterial inhibition) - no data available

Aquatic toxicity : LC₅₀ (daphnia magna) - no data available

: LC₅₀ (fathead minnow - fish) - no data available

12.3. Other Information

All available ecological data have been taken into account for the development of the hazard and precautionary information contained in this safety data.

13. Disposal Considerations

The product is not considered hazardous under current EPA hazardous waste regulations.

Recycling is the preferred method of disposal.

Alternatively, the product may be disposed of in an approved landfill.

Incineration in accordance with federal, state and local regulations – collected processing fume condensates and incinerator ash should be tested to determine waste classification.

All wastes should be evaluated in conjunction with applicable solid and hazardous waste regulations, Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedures (TCLP), and disposed of as appropriate.

This product does not contain any cadmium or other heavy metal pigments or stabilizers.

It is the user's responsibility to dispose of all wastes in accordance with all national and local regulations at properly permitted or authorized facilities.

14. Transport Information

DOT PSN Code : ZZZ

DOT Proper Shipping Name : Not regulated by this mode of transportation

IMO PSN Code : ZZZ

IMO Proper Shipping Name : Not regulated by this mode of transportation

IATA PSN Code : ZZZ

IATA Proper Shipping Name : Not regulated by this mode of transportation

AFI PSN Code : ZZZ

AFI Proper Shipping Name : Not regulated by this mode of transportation

Additional transportation data : Not currently regulated under Department of Transportation regulations

Labeling : No labeling is required in accordance with the EEC directives

Placarding : No placarding is required in accordance with the EEC directives

Special transport requirements : None

Packaging : Avoid dark-colored packaging to prevent heat distortion

The product is classified as a non-hazardous material in the meaning of transport regulations.

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15. Regulatory Information

With regards to dust formed as a consequence of mechanical treatments, the appropriate regulations value limits for fine dust must be observed: MAC value (fine dust) – 5mg/m³.

16. Other Information

Recommended Uses And Restrictions

Please consult the relevant product and/or application information for this product.

Further Information

Additional information on this product may be obtained by calling your PALRAM Sales or Customer Service Contact.

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