



SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 01 - IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier	POLYSTYRENE (PELLETS) MW average ~280 000
Other identification (Chemical name, Commercial name, Synonymous)	Ethenylbenzene homopolymer; Benzene, ethenyl-, homopolymer.
Product code	PP-0189
Chemical formula	$(-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)-)_n$
Molar weight	~280 000
Recommended use and Restrictions on use	For laboratory, school, commercial or industrial use. Not for medical or household use. Do not use for medical, food or household purposes.
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SECTION 02 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

WHIMS CANADA	- Not a hazardous substance according to WHMIS
Hazards statements (H)	- Not a dangerous substance or mixture according to the Canada WHIMS
Precautionary statements (P)	- The use of this product does not present any particular risk. However, standard laboratory safety precautions such as wearing gloves, clothing and eye protection should be followed.
Other dangers	NFPA (Risk: 0=No risk; 1=Slight; 2=Moderate; 3=Signifiant; 4=Extreme) Health 1 Fire 1 Reactivity 0 Special danger

SECTION 03 - COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	No. CAS	% Weight
Polystyrene	9003-53-6	<=100%

SECTION 04 - FIRST AID MEASURE

Eye contact	Wash eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids apart to rinse eyes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Skin contact	Wash skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Inhalation	Move the unwell person to the fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Consult a physician.
Ingestion	If the person is conscious, give water to drink. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician.
Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)	If heated to the melting point, it can release styrene. Main symptoms of high exposure: Skin, eye and respiratory system irritation. Depression of the central nervous system. Ref. section 11.
Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary	Treat according to symptoms. Show this sheet to the attending physician.

SECTION 05 - FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	No limitations on extinguishing agents.
Combustion products	Hazardous combustion products formed under fire conditions: Carbon oxides.
Specific hazards of the dangerous product	May react violently with incompatible products (Ref Section 10).
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Discard incompatible substances if this can be done without risk. Firefighters should be equipped with standard protective equipment, fireproof clothing, face mask, gloves, protective boots and, where appropriate, self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 06 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency measures	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. When handling, wear appropriate safety equipment (reference Section 8 for protective equipment to be used). Ensure a good ventilation. Use NIOSH cartridge respiratory protection if necessary or for larger spills. Cut off all sources of ignition. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Pick up with a shovel or broom, taking care not to scatter dust. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 07 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Conditions for safe storage	Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed and store away from heat, water, moisture, and incompatible products (ref. section 10).
Methods of handling	Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Wear personal protective equipment (ref. section 8) when handling. Always ensure good ventilation. Apply the usual standard hygiene rules: Wash your hands after use. Do not eat or drink during use.

SECTION 08 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

WORKPLACE CONTROL PARAMETERS

Component	CAS-No.	Value
Polystyrene	9003-53-6	No occupational exposure limits established by region-specific regulators - Quebec, Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia.

Respiratory

If permitted levels are exceeded, use NIOSH cartridge respiratory protection, or an air-supplied respirator.

Gloves

Handle with protective gloves. Suggested material: Nitrile. Butyl. Neoprene. The type, thickness and length of the glove must be chosen according to the use, the concentration of the product, as well as the duration of use. Replace gloves regularly for better protection.

Eyes

Safety goggles with safety shutters.

Shoes

Use safety shoes.

Clothes

Labcoat. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Engineering control

Proper ventilation or hood. Have safety showers and eyewash stations in the workplace in case of an emergency and a ventilation system to maintain the level of concentrations in the air below the exposure limit values.

SECTION 09 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	Solid.
Color	Colorless.
Odour	Data not available.
Odour threshold	Data not available.
Melting point and freezing point	240 °C.
Boiling point	293 °C.
Flammability	Data not available.
Lower flammable / Explosive limit	Data not available.
Upper flammable / Explosive limit	Data not available.
Flash point	data not applicable.
Auto-ignition temperature	300 °C.
Decomposition temperature	Data not available.
pH	Data not applicable.
Kinematic viscosity	Data not available.
Solubility	Insoluble.
Partition coefficient water/n-octanol	Data not available.
Vapour pressure	Data not available.
Relative density	1.047 g/mL (25 °C).
Vapour density	Data not available.
Particle characteristics	Beads or Pellets.

SECTION 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	May react violently with incompatible substances. Fine dusts of organic materials have the potential to form a combustible or explosive mixture with air if confined in a small space and subjected to an ignition source.
Chemical stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	May react violently with incompatible substances.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid moisture. Avoid contact with incompatible materials and extreme temperatures. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers.
Hazardous decomposition products	Carbon oxides.

SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POLYSTYRENE (PELLETS)

Routes of exposure	Ingestion, inhalation, skin and eye contact.
Acute exposition effects / symptoms:	By exposure route below. If heated to the melting point, it can release styrene.
- Eyes	Irritation.
- Skin	Irritation.
- Inhalation	Irritation of the mucous membranes and respiratory tract. Depression of the central nervous system. Incoordination. Drowsiness. Can lead to loss of consciousness.
Acute toxicity (Ingestion)	To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Chronic exposure effects / symptoms	To our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
DL50 (specify species and route of entry)	LD50 Oral - Data not available. LD50 Dermal - Data not available.
CL50 (specify species and route of entry)	LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - >5 mg/l.

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Ecotoxicity	Data not available.
Persistence and degradability	Insoluble in water.
Bioaccumulative potential	Data not available.
Mobility in soil	Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.
Other adverse effects	Data not available.

SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Method	Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional and national regulations, or contact a specialist waste disposal company.
Contaminated Packaging	Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number	N/R
UN Proper shipping name	
Transport hazard class(es)	
Packing group	
Limited quantity index	
ERAP Index	
Special precautions	

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHIMS CANADA

- Not a hazardous substance according to WHMIS

SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

CNESST: Commission des normes, de l'équité et de la santé et sécurité au travail

NIH: National institute of health (U.S. National Library of Medicine)

ECHA: Agence Européenne de Chimie

ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

AIHA : American Industrial Hygiene Association

VECD: Valeur d'exposition courte durée

VEMP: Valeur d'exposition moyenne pondérée

CMRG : Chemical Manufacturer's Recommended Guidelines

OSHA : United States Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

TLV : Threshold limit value

TWA: Time-Weighted-Average

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

CEIL: Ceiling

RSST: Règlement sur la santé et sécurité au travail (Québec)

INRS: l'Institut national de recherche et de sécurité pour la prévention des accidents du travail et des maladies professionnelles (France)

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