

# Safety data sheet

## TPSC ASIA POLYSTYRENE IMPACT

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**WARNING :**  
**FOR STACKING**  
**PALLETS, SEE**  
**SECTION 7**



### 1. Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

<b>1.1. PRODUCT IDENTIFIER</b>	Polystyrene
SDS number	PSTY-002
Name of the product	POLYSTYRENE IMPACT
CAS number	9003-55-8

#### 1. 2. RELEVANT IDENTIFIED USES OF THE SUBSTANCE AND USES ADVISED AGAINST

	extrusion injection
Recommended uses	Recommended to professional users

#### 1.3. DETAILS OF THE SUPPLIER OF SAFETY DATA SHEET

See below this page.

<b>1.4. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	+65 9657 6445 53 Tuas Crescent Singapore 638732
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### 2. Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance

<b>EC-GHS (CLP)</b>	Not classified according to the regulation EC 1272/2008 (EC-GHS) and ATP
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<b>67/548/EEC &amp; 1999/45/EC</b>	Not classified according to EEC directives 67/548/EEC (dangerous substances) and 1999/45/EC (dangerous preparations).
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#### Main hazards



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### Adverse human health effects

Inhalation fine dust may cause irritation of respiratory system and mucous membranes.  
if heated to more than 200°C, the product may form vapours or fumes which may cause irritation of respiratory tract and cause coughing and sensation of shortness of breath.

Skin contact in contact with hot material, may cause severe thermal burns

Eye contact fine dust may cause irritation to ocular mucous.

Ingestion polystyrenes are biologically inert.

### Adverse environmental effects

because of its structure, the product should not be dangerous for aquatic life  
non biodegradable

### Adverse physicochemical effects

combustible if exposed to flames.  
flowing product can create electrical charge, resulting sparks may ignite dust or cause an explosion in some concentration ranges.

### Specific exposures

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## 2.2. Label elements

### EC-GHS (CLP)

Not classified according to the regulation EC 1272/2008 (EC-GHS) and ATP

### Pictogram(s)

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## 2.3. Other hazards

no information available

## 3. Composition / information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances (chemical name)

Polystyrene (HIPS)  
High Impact Polystyrene  
Benzene,ethenyl-, polymer with 1,3-Butadiene  
Polystyrene : 90 to 98 %  
Polybutadiene : 2 to 10 %

Chemical formula (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sub>x</sub> - (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)<sub>y</sub>

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EINECS or ELINCS number the product is a polymer, following the European regulation, registration on the EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances) inventory is not required.

EC-GHS (CLP) non required

67/548/EEC & 1999/45/EC non required

Substances presenting a health hazard none



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Impurities contributing to hazard

Styrene < 0.1 %

### 4. First-aid measures

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

Route of exposure

Inhalation

in case of severe exposure to spray, fumes or vapors, move the affected person into fresh air.  
if necessary, give oxygen  
if breathing has stopped: administer artificial respiration.  
in case of heavy or persistent disturbances, call a doctor or seek medical advice

Skin contact

exposure to splashing of hot product:  
treat the affected part with cold water (by spraying or immersion).  
no attempt should be made to detach molten product adhering to the skin or to remove clothing attached with molten material, the injured body part would risk being pulled out; usually the layer detaches itself after a few days.  
in case of severe burns, seek hospital treatment

Eye contact

in case of irritation caused by fine dust: wash with copious volumes of water, until the irritation disappears.  
exposure to splashing of hot product:  
treat the eyes with cold water.  
Get medical advice (ophthalmologist)

Ingestion

ingestion during handling is not likely.  
remove material from mouth  
do not induce vomiting.

#### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

refer to § 11 for more details on effects.

#### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no information available

### 5. Fire - fighting measures

Technical measures

stop the fire spreading.  
call the fire brigade immediately.  
evacuate non-essential personnel  
protective clothing, goggles and self-contained breathing equipment should be made available for firemen.

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable

for minor fires : carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or powder  
for more extensive fires : foam. water spray (mist) to cool the surfaces exposed to the fire.



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Not to be used	do not use water jets (stick jets) for extinguishing fire since they could help to spread the flames
<b>5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance</b>	complete combustion, with an excess of oxygen forms: carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) and water vapour. partial combustion, forms also: carbon monoxide (CO), soot and cracked products: aldehydes, ketones , Styrene , Toluene , Alcohol
<b>5.3. Advice for firefighters</b>	wear suitable breathing equipment, in case of risk of exposure to vapour or fumes.

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## 6. Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel

wear a suitable anti-dust respirator  
where exposure is likely, protective clothing must be worn including gloves  
goggles/spectacles

For emergency responders

wear suitable breathing equipment, in case of risk of exposure to vapour or fumes.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

do not dispose off this product into the environment

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

on soil

granules spilled on the floor can cause a risk of slipping on smooth surfaces.  
recover the spilled product by sweeping or suction; put it in containers to facilitate its disposal.  
dispose safely in accordance with local or national regulations.

on water

prevent the spilled material from spreading.  
if the material has been discharged into a stream or a sewerage system, inform the authorities  
refer to a specialist for waste disposal in a safe manner in accordance with local or national regulations.

### 6.4. refer to points 8 and 13

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## 7. Handling and storage

Important

refer to any national measures that may be relevant.

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Technical measures

all pneumatic transport equipment must be electrically earthed.  
avoid dust accumulation by use of filters in the pneumatic transport equipment.



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fire and explosion prevention

Electrostatic charges may be generated when emptying sacks  
It is recommended that sacks are emptied away from explosive atmospheres  
Explosive atmospheres may result from the presence of flammable gas or from the evaporation of flammable liquids, such as some solvents  
Such explosive atmospheres are likely to occur, for example, above mixers in which the product is to be added  
As examples, the following procedures for emptying sacks are recommended:  
Fill the mixers using a 'rotating valve' or other system with suitable valves  
Fill mixers indirectly through an earthed metallic hopper or simply using first an earthed metallic container away from the explosive atmosphere and then emptying it into the mixer

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

store at ambient temperature and at atmospheric pressure in original packaging (plastic or cardboard boxes) or in silo made of appropriate material (aluminium, stainless steel, ...).  
do not store near highly flammable materials.  
keep away from light.  
store away from heating source. avoid static electricity build up with connection to earth.  
store in dry, well-ventilated area.  
store at ambient temperature, keep dry, away from sources of ignition

Storage of pallets

Pallets may be stacked on flooring in sound condition.  
however, when the pictorial warning as shown on the top of the safety data sheet is affixed to the pallet, the pallet must never be placed either on top of or below another pallet.  
N.B. :here the term pallet includes both the pallet and its load.  
when pallets are stored in racks, it should be checked whether the pallet is fit for stacking in the concerned racks

Incompatible materials  
container

avoid contact with strong oxidizing materials

Suitable

Polyethylene,paper bags,stainless steel

### 7.3. SPECIFIC USE(S)

Recommended to professional users

refer to point 8

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### 8.1. CONTROL PARAMETERS

refer to any national measures that may be relevant.

### OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMIT

inhalable dust particles:  
US (ACGIH-2012): TLV-8h TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
UK: HSE EH40/2005:  
Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA reference period) : 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(Total Inhalable Dust)



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respirable dust particles:  
US (ACGIH-2012): TLV- 8h TWA: 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
UK: HSE EH40/2005:  
Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA reference period) : 4 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(Respirable Dust)

### 8.2. EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Occupational exposure controls

Personal protection



Respiratory protection



Hands protection

Skin and body protection



Eye protection

Other personal protection



in case of risk of overexposure to dust, vapour or fumes (during product processing), it is recommended that a local exhaust system is placed above the conversion equipment (a fume hood) and the working area must be properly ventilated.  
wear a suitable anti-dust respirator  
recommended filter type : P1

industrial gloves

where exposure is likely, protective clothing must be worn including gloves

goggles/spectacles

safety non-slip shoes in areas where spills or leaks can occur.  
shower and eye fountain available.

#### Industrial health measures

General use

local exhaust ventilation may be needed when working in a closed area  
use working clothing.  
do not store near food products.  
When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.

#### **Environmental exposure controls**

handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state at 20°C

solid ( pellets )

Colour

milky - white

Odour

faint

Change in physical state at 1013 hPa

Softening point (°C)

VICAT (ISO 306-A): 87 - 102 °C



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	VICAT (ISO 306-B): 76 - 94 °C
Flash point (ASTM D 1929)(°C)	no information available
Thermal decomposition (°C)	<= 250
Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	490 ca.
Explosion limits (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	:
Lower	0,015 (for polymer dust < 63 µm)
Vapour pressure at 20°C (hPa)	-
Density, mass at 20°C (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1030 to 1060
Bulk density, mass at 20°C(kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	600 ca.
Solubility in water at 20°C (mg/l)	insoluble
Soluble in	organic solvents
pH value (concentrated product)	not applicable
Viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	not applicable
<b>9.2. OTHER INFORMATION</b>	no information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. REACTIVITY

combustible if exposed to flames.

### 10.2. CHEMICAL STABILITY

stable under normal operating conditions of storage, handling and use

### 10.3. POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS

dust may form an explosive mixture with air, ignited by sparks or sources of ignition.

### 10.4. CONDITIONS TO AVOID

avoid proximity or contact with flames or sparks  
avoid overheating the product.  
do not heat to temperatures exceeding 250 °C  
keep away from light.

### 10.5. INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS

avoid contact with strong oxidizing materials

### 10.6. HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

complete combustion, with an excess of oxygen forms: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water vapour.  
partial combustion, forms also: carbon monoxide (CO), soot and cracked products: aldehydes, ketones ...

### Advice to prevent explosion

all pneumatic transport equipment must be electrically earthed.  
avoid dust accumulation by use of filters in the pneumatic transport equipment.  
thoroughly ventilate the working place.  
flowing product can create electrical charge, resulting sparks may ignite dust or cause an explosion in some concentration ranges.  
in case of pneumatic alimentation, feed the extruders by aspiration, use preferably nitrogen as carrier gas



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### 11. Toxicological information

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

##### ACUTE TOXICITY

###### Ingestion

because of its composition, the product should be considered as practically not harmful

##### LOCAL EFFECT

###### Inhalation

dust may cause irritation of respiratory system.  
if heated to more than 200°C, the product may form vapours or fumes which may cause irritation of respiratory tract and cause coughing and sensation of shortness of breath.

###### Skin contact

because of its composition, the product should be considered practically as not irritating  
thermal decomposition products are produced at elevated temperatures and these may be irritating  
in contact with hot material, may cause severe thermal burns

###### Eye contact

because of its composition, the product should be considered practically as not irritating  
fine dust may cause irritation to ocular mucous. splashing of molten droplets causes ocular tissue burns. thermal decomposition products are produced at elevated temperatures and these may be irritating

##### SPECIFIC EFFECTS

no particular preoccupation for man

### 12. Ecological information

#### Information on ecological effects

avoid losses to the environment whenever possible.

##### 12.1. TOXICITY

because of its low solubility, the product should not be dangerous for aquatic life

##### 12.2. PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY

persistent in the environment

###### Biodegradation

this substance is slowly biodegradable

###### BOD 5 (gO<sub>2</sub>/g)

below the detection limit

###### soil and sediments

Product is expected to undergo degradation in the presence of sunlight

##### 12.3. BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL

potential bioaccumulation of the product in environment is very low

##### 12.4. MOBILITY

###### water / air

evaporation into air is practically nil  
volatile organic compound (VOC) content of this product is < at 0.5 % weight

###### soil and sediments

because of its physico-chemical properties, the product has a low soil



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water	mobility the product has a density > 1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , it sinks in water. because of its low solubility, the product should not be dangerous for aquatic life
<b>12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>	non required
<b>12.6. OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS</b>	no information available

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### 13. Disposal considerations

<b>13.1. Waste treatment methods</b>	according to local regulations. authorized disposal as refuse for reprocessing do not dispose of by means of sinks, drains or into the immediate environment may be used as fuel in suitably designed installations. incinerate with household refuse in a municipal solid waste incinerator plan.
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### 14. Transport information

<b>Road (ADR) / Rail (RID)</b>	Not restricted for transport.
UN Number	not applicable
<b>Inland waterways (ADN)</b>	Not restricted for transport.
<b>Marine (IMO)</b>	Not restricted for transport.
<b>Air transport (ICAO / IATA)</b>	Not restricted for transport.

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### 15. Regulatory information

#### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

##### Germany

Wassergefährdungsklasse

NWG: non-hazardous to waters

##### Registration

These registration entries are for polymers only. For additives, please refer to TPSC ASIA who will provide the necessary certification the product is a polymer, following the European regulation, registration on the EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances) inventory is not required. listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.



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listed on the Japanese ENCS (Existing & New Chemical Substances) inventory.  
listed on the AICS (the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances).  
listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemical List) inventory.  
listed on the Filipino PICCS (Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances) inventory.  
listed on the People's Republic of China register: CRC-SEPA (Chemical Registration Center for Chinese State Environmental Protection Administration)

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

The substance is not classified for human health or for the environment, and is not PBT or vPvB so that no exposure assessment or risk characterisation is required. For tasks where the intervention of workers is required, the substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.

## 16. Other information

Training advice

The use of this product requires specific training.  
The user must receive all product information in order to handle the product safely  
(personal protection equipment and best practice standards)

Further information

no information available

Safety data sheet conforms to the Regulation (EU) N° 1907/2006

This information applies to the PRODUCT AS SUCH and conforming to specifications of TPSC ASIA. In case of formulations or mixtures, it is necessary to ascertain that a new danger will not appear. The information contained is based on our knowledge of the product, at the date of publishing and it is given quite sincerely. However the revision of some data is in progress. Users are advised of possible additional hazards when the product is used in applications for which it was not intended. This sheet shall only be used and reproduced for prevention and security purposes. The references to legislative, regulatory and codes of practice documents cannot be considered as exhaustive. It is the responsibility of the person receiving the product to refer to the totality of the official documents concerning the use, the possession and the handling of the product.

It is also the responsibility of the handlers of the product to pass on to any subsequent persons who will come into contact with the product. (usage, storage, cleaning of containers, other processes) the totality of the information contained within this safety data sheet and necessary for safety at work, the protection of health and the protection of environment.

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