





# **SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)**

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**EPS Products for Construction Applications** 

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### Section 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Manufacturer's Names

Airfoam Industries Ltd.

Doing Business As

Quad-Lock Building Systems

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Airfoam

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**Telephone** Information: (604) 534-8626 (8:00am – 5pm Pacific Time weekdays) **Product Names**: Korolite® EPS and GPS insulation, Quad-Lock® and Quad-Deck ICF panels,

Geofoam lightweight fill material, Floatation billets

Other Identification: Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam insulation, EPS beadboard

Formula: Substance, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub> with flame-retardant additive and optionally with graphite (GPS)

Product Use: Foam plastic insulation boards; geotechnical fill material; component of floatation devices;

to be installed, used, and disposed in accordance with all locally applicable laws & regulations.

### Section 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS HAZARD CLASS: Not Applicable. The products do not meet the physical, health, or environmental

classification criteria of GHS (Globally Harmonized System).

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) - None

GHS LABEL ELEMENTS: None

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: Not classified as hazardous based on IATA, IMDG, DOT, WHMIS, and TDG

FIRE AND EXPLOSION: Not considered flammable, but the products will melt or burn, if involved in a fire or

exposed to heat or ignition sources.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS: <0 % of mixture consists of ingredients of unknown acute toxicity

APPEARANCE: White or gray particle foam

NFPA RATING:

Component	Health	Flammability	Reactivity	Special
	(Blue)	(Red)	(Yellow)	(White)
EPS Foam	1	2	0	

HAZARD STATEMENTS: Expanded Polystyrene products are combustible solids.

**Flammable Vapour**: If stored in closed containers, confined, or low-lying areas, freshly manufactured or heated products may off-gas pentanes which can accumulate at hazardous concentrations above the Lower Explosion Limit (LEL). Pentane is heavier than air, so it sinks and can accumulate in low spots. **Combustible Dusts**: Grinding, sawing, rasping of products, and similar activities can produce dust particles which under certain conditions may form explosive dust atmospheres and ignite. **Respiratory Sensitization**: If heated above decomposition temperature or burned, products can emit an irritating black smoke and acid gases.

Other Hazards: Polystyrene melts at elevated temperatures and molten droplets may cause skin and eye burns.

#### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Keep away from heat, open flames, sparks, and all other possible ignition sources at all times. No Smoking. Prevent inhalation of smoke, dust or fumes from burning or fabrication activities using ventilation or approved respiratory protection. If stored in closed containers, confined, or low-lying areas, ensure ventilation to prevent accumulation of flammable pentane vapours, also see <a href="WorksafeBC Pentane Bulletin">WorksafeBC Pentane Bulletin</a>. Avoid grinding, sawing, and rasping activities unless dust particles are controlled and approved respiratory protection and eye protection are worn.

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### Section 3. COMPOSITION AND INGREDIENT INFORMATION

Product Composition	Approx. % by Weight	Chemical Name	CAS No.	EC Number	Canada DSL
Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)	90-100%	Ethenylbenzene homopolymer C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	9003-53-6	500-008-9	Y
Pentanes*	0-3%	Pentane, Pentane isomers	109-66-0; 78-78-4; 463-82-1	203-692-4	Υ
Graphite (only in GPS)	0-7%	Carbon C	7782-42-5	231-955-3	Y
Water, water vapour	0-10%	Oxidane H <sub>2</sub> O	7732-18-5	231-791-2	Υ
Polymeric Flame- Retardant	<1%	Benzene, ethenyl-, polymer with 1,3-butadiene, brominated	1195978-93-8	-	Y

<sup>\*</sup>Pentanes are a flammable blowing agent that off-gas from product. Most of the pentanes off-gas during product manufacturing and prior to shipment (50-85% of the original pentane content). However, residual blowing agent may gradually off-gas from EPS foam during storage or use, with low levels of pentane remaining in product a number of months after manufacture.

# **Section 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

### **Description of First Aid Measures**

Inhalation Remove to fresh air, if excessive combustion fumes, dust particles, or pentane vapours are inhaled. If

not breathing, provide CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation). Get immediate medical attention.

Skin contact Wash skin with plenty of soap and water, if skin irritation develops. Seek medical attention, if irritation

persists. If molten material gets on skin, treat affected area immediately with large amounts of cold water for at least 15 minutes and get immediate medical attention. Do NOT attempt to remove any

molten or solidified material from the skin, or to remove contaminated clothing.

Eye contact Immediately rinse eyes with plenty of clean water, if dust or particles enter eyes. Remove contact

lenses, if safe to do so. If molten material contacts eyes, hold the eyelids apart and flush the eye with

a large amount of cold water for at least 15 minutes. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting; flush mouth with water and get immediate medical attention.

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

Symptoms/Injuries after Inhalation Dust, combustions smoke, fumes, and/or vapours may cause respiratory tract

irritation. In confined or poorly ventilated areas, smoke, fumes and vapours can readily accumulate and can cause unconsciousness and death.

Symptoms may include headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness, tiredness, dizziness, confusion and clumsy or unsteady motion.

Symptoms/Injuries after Skin contact May cause skin irritation, symptoms may include redness, drying, defatting,

and cracking of the skin.

Symptoms/Injuries after Eye contact May cause eye irritation. Symptoms may include discomfort or pain, excess

blinking and tear production, with possible redness and swelling.

Symptoms/Injuries after Ingestion May be harmful, if swallowed. May cause stomach distress, nausea, vomiting,

and digestive obstruction.

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

INHALATION: This material (or a component or decomposition product) sensitizes the myocardium to the effects of

sympathomimetic amines. Epinephrine and other sympathomimetic drugs may initiate cardiac

arrhythmias in individuals exposed to this material. Administration of sympathomimetic drugs should be

avoided.

EYES: Hot material may cause burns to the eyes. Immediate ophthalmologic evaluation is recommended.

SKIN: Hot material may cause skin burns. Immerse skin covered with hot material in cold water to limit tissue

damage and prevent spread of liquid material.

Symptoms may not appear immediately. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical attention immediately.

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# Section 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media Use Foam, Dry Chemical, or Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

Do not use solid water stream as it may scatter material and spread fire.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Combustion may produce dense black smoke, hazardous decomposition products and other decomposition products in the case of incomplete combustion. These may include simple hydrocarbons to toxic and irritating gases such as carbon, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, styrene, acids, ketones, and aldehydes. Material is a solid and may release an extremely flammable vapour/blowing agent (for up to 12 months after manufacture). This material will burn on contact with flame or exposure to high temperature. Hazardous melting and dripping may occur at elevated temperatures. Explosion hazard, if exposed to extreme heat or in poorly ventilated areas; extremely flammable vapours can form flammable or explosive mixtures with air at room temperature. Vapour or gas may spread to distant ignition sources and flash back. Eliminate ignition sources (including static spark) and prevent vapour accumulation. This material, as produced and not in its finely divided form as dust, is not explosive as defined by established regulatory criteria. When in its finely divided form as dust, this material presents an explosion hazard when dispersed in a confined area and ignited in air. Risk of dust-air explosion is increased, if flammable vapours are present.

### Specific Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and standard protective equipment for firefighting, if necessary. Dense black smoke may be generated and restrict visibility.

Further Information: Use water spray to keep adjacent products cool.

### Section 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Wear proper personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing dust, fine particulate, and vapours.

Environmental precautions Prevent further spillage and leakage, if safe to do so. Product pieces, particles and dust can be blown away by the wind and enter waterways. Prevent loss of material to the local environment and spills or contaminated rinse water from entering watercourses, sewers, and storm drains.

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

For Small Spill: In the event of a small spill, clean up area with non-sparking tools and place into a suitable container for disposal. Prevent the generation of dust clouds and contamination of waterways, sewers, and storm drains.

For Large Spill: In the event of a large spill, keep people not involved in cleanup away by isolating the area for at least 25 meters (75 feet) in all directions. Consider initial isolation for at least 100 meters (300 feet) downwind from the spill. Eliminate all sources of ignition (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area) as this material may release a flammable blowing agent. Prevent or minimize formation of a dust cloud or laver during cleanup. In its finely divided form, this material may present an explosion hazard when dispersed in a confined area and ignited in air. Water spill: use appropriate containment to avoid run off or release to storm drains, sewer or other waterways. Land spill: use appropriate containment to avoid run off or release to ground. Place into an appropriate container for disposal.

References to other Sections For personal protection refer to Section 8. For disposal refer to Section 13.

### Section 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# Precautions for safe handling

Keep away from heat, open flames, sparks, direct sunlight, and all other possible ignition sources. No Smoking. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Use only in adequately ventilated areas.

Do not inhale dust, fumes, or vapours.

Wear proper protective equipment when handling this material.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash hands after handling this material.

Appropriate container should be used for disposal.

If grinding, sawing, or rasping, use dust extraction and respiratory and eye protection equipment.

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

Keep away from heat, open flames, sparks, direct sunlight, and all other possible ignition sources. No Smoking. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place.

Secure products against movement from winds.

Keep containers/bags closed when not in use.

Prevent build-up of electro-static charges (e.g. by grounding).

Do NOT store with acid, metallic oxide, amines, or combustible materials.

Utilize chemical segregation.

Follow all applicable local regulations for handling and storage.

Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

Material is incompatible with organic solvents, including hydrocarbons, ketones, ethers, esters, aldehydes and amines. Avoid strong oxidizers.

#### Specific uses

The products are intended for use as foam plastic insulation boards in residential and commercial building shells; as geotechnical fill material; and as component of floatation devices. To be installed, used and disposed of in accordance with all locally applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, local building codes.

### Section 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Control Parameters**

PRODUCT COMPOSITION	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH REL
Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)	TWA 3 mg/m³ ** TWA 5 mg/m³ *		TWA 3 mg/m³ **
Expanded Folystyrene (EFO)	10 mg/m³ **	15 mg/m³ **	10 mg/m³ **
	TWA 120 ppm	TWA 500 ppm	TWA 120 ppm (350 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Pentanes	(350 mg/m³)	(1500 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	C 610 ppm (1800 mg/m³)
	British Columbia: TWA 600 ppm		[15-minute]

<sup>\*</sup>PNOR (Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated): OSHA 5 mg/m3 Respirable fraction (R), 15 mg/m3 Total Particulates

### **Exposure Controls**

VENTILATION: Always provide good general, mechanical room ventilation where this

chemical/material is used or stored.

SPECIAL VENTILATION CONTROLS: Use explosion-proof equipment, if high dust/air concentrations are possible.

Use only appropriately classified electrical equipment and powered industrial trucks. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep

exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit. It is recommended that all dust control equipment such as local exhaust

ventilation and material transport systems involved in handling of this product contain explosion relief vents or an explosion suppression system or an oxygen deficient environment. Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work areas (i.e.

there is no leakage from the equipment).

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or the

CEN European Standards (EU) or equivalent. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or

European Standard (EN) approved respirator, if exposure limits are exceeded

or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES: Neoprene, butyl, or nitrile rubber gloves are recommended. EYE PROTECTION: Recommend eye protection using safety glasses or goggles.

SKIN PROTECTION: Suitable protective clothing to prevent skin contact WORK/HYGIENE PRACTICES: Avoid breathing dust and vapor. Avoid contact with eyes. Wash hands after

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handling.

OTHER EQUIPMENT: Make eyewash stations and hand washing equipment available in the work

area.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>PNOS (Particulates Not Otherwise Specified): ACGIH 3 mg/m3 Respirable fraction (R), 10 mg/m3 Total Particulates, total dust less than 1% quartz.

# Section 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PRODUCT CRITERIA				
APPEARANCE - COLOR:	Solid - White or grey			
ODOR:	Very slight hydrocarbon odor			
ODOR THRESHOLD	Not applicable			
PH	Data not available			
SOFTENING POINT	~ 80°C (176°F)			
MELTING POINT/FREEZING POINT:	Data not available - product starts shrinking at ~100°C (212 °F)			
INITIAL BOILING POINT AND BOILING RANGE:	Data not available			
FLASH POINT:	> 345°C (653 °F)			
EVAPORATION RATE:	Data not available			
FLAMMABILITY (Solid, gas)	Oxygen Index > 24%			
UPPER/LOWER FLAMMABILITY OR EXPLOSIVE LIMITS	Data not available			
VAPOR PRESSURE	Data not available			
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR = 1)	Data not available			
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H2O = 1)	0.01-0.05 kg/liter			
DENSITY (@ 25 °C)	0.6-3.0 lbs/cubic foot			
SOLUBILITY(IES)	Insoluble in water, Soluble in hydrocarbons, organic solvents, ketones, ethers, esters, aldehydes and amines			
OXIDIZING PROPERTIES	Data not available			
PARTITION COEFFICIENT: n-octanol/water	Data not available			
AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE	440 °C (824 °F)			
DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE	~ 200 °C (392 °F)			
VISCOSITY	Data not available			
MOLECULAR WEIGHT	Data not available			

# **Section 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity: Not reactive

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: Will not occur under normal temperatures and pressures.

Conditions to Avoid: Unventilated areas, heat, open flame, sparks, ungrounded electrical equipment,

prolonged exposure to sunlight

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Organic solvents, including hydrocarbons, ketones, ethers, esters, aldehydes

and amines. Also avoid strong oxidizers.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Decomposition of the products can include trace amounts of hydrocarbons.

Primary combustion products include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, styrene, hydrogen halide, nuisance particulate, carbon (soot) and pentanes. Other undetermined hydrocarbon fractions could be released in trace quantities.

# Section 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### There is no toxicological information available for the products

GHS Required Criteria	<b>Toxicity Criteria</b>	Toxicity Information	Comments	Chemical Constituent
Acute Toxicity	LD50 (Oral/Rat):	2,000 mg/kg	No mortality	Pentane
	LC50	205.45 mg/L, 4hr.		Pentane
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	There was no stimulativeness to the human skin by the 24-hour patch test in the humans and there was no stimulativeness in practice by the skin irritation study in a rabbit (the erythema and dropsy with the average values of			Pentane
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation	EYE-RABBIT:	Transient conjunctivitis was seen, however, it recovered within 72 hours.	Category 2B	Pentane
Respiratory or Skin Sensitization	No sensitizing properties seen in the Maximization Test using the guinea pigs.			Pentane
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Negative micronucleus tests using rat myeloid cells of in vivo.			Pentane
Carcinogenicity	NTP	Not listed		
	IARC	Group 3		Polystyrene
	OSHA	Not listed		

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Reproductive Toxicity	There is a description that no influence on dam and fetus was observed in the teratogenicity test by oral administration using rats, even at the highest dose of 1000mg/kg/day.		Pentane
STOT - Single Exposure	There were anesthetic actions and respiratory irritant through inhalation exposure to laboratory animals.	Category 3	Pentane
STOT - Repeated Exposure	Data not available		
Aspiration Hazard	Data not available		

STOT = Specific Target Organ Toxicity

# Section 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Chemical Constituent

Toxicity:	48-hour EC50 =2 .7mg/L, Crustacea	Pentane
·	(Daphnia magna)	
Persistence and degradability:	Data not available	
Bioaccumulative potential	Data not available	
Mobility in soil:	Data not available	
PBT and vPvB assessment:	PBT/vPvB assessment not available	
	as chemical assessment not	
	required/not conducted	
Other adverse effects:	Data not available	

# **Section 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste from residues/unused products: Follow the waste disposal requirements of your country, state, provincial, or local authorities.

**Contaminated packaging:** Contaminated packaging material should be disposed of as stated above for residues and unused product.

**Rinsate:** Do NOT dispose of rinse water containing product in a sanitary sewer system, stormwater drainage system, or other waterway.

Recycling: EPS products can and should be recycled whenever possible.

Other Information: RCRA Hazard Class: Non-hazardous



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### Section 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT TRANSPORT:Not RegulatedADR = International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by RoadNot RegulatedSEA TRANSPORT:IMDGNot RegulatedAIR TRANSPORT:IATA/ICAONot RegulatedUN NUMBER:Not Classified

Special precautions for transport: Keep products away from heat and any sources of ignition.

# Section 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CANADA:

WHMIS-2015: This SDS is in compliance with WHMIS 2015 (HPR / new HPA).

#### <u>USA</u>

### TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT (TSCA) STATUS:

This product is in compliance with rules, regulations, and orders of TSCA. All components are either listed on a federal chemical inventory or are considered exempt.

SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986 (SARA) TITLE III SECTION 313 SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION:

This regulation requires submission of annual reports of toxic chemical(s) that appear in section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right To Know Act of 1986 and 40 CFR 372. This information must be included in all SDS's that are copied and distributed for the material.

The Section 313 toxic chemicals contained in this product are: None

### **CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:**

This regulation requires a warning for California Proposition 65 chemical(s) under the statute.

The California proposition 65 chemical(s) contained in this product are: None at significant risk levels

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#### STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW TOXIC SUBSTANCE OR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE LIST:

Massachusetts's hazardous substance(s): Not listed Pennsylvania hazardous substance code(s): Not listed New Jersey Not listed

#### **EUROPEAN UNION:**

This product has been reviewed for compliance with the following European Community Directives: REACH 1907/2006; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labeling, and packaging (CLP) of substances and mixtures.

### Section 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Revision explanation: Add Graphite-enhanced EPS (GPS)

Information Sources: RTECS, ECHA, REACH, OSHA 29CFR 1910.1200

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