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Product Name : **POLYSTYRENE**

Not classified as hazardous

1. Identification

GHS Product Identifier	POLYSTYRENE
Company Name	Parchem Construction Supplies Pty Ltd (ABN 80 069 961 968)
Address	7 Lucca Road Wyong NSW 2259 Australia
Telephone/Fax Number	Tel: 02 4350 5000 Fax: 02 4351 2024
Emergency phone number	1800 638 556 (available 24/7)
Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use	Low cost insulation joint material supplied in sheets or cut to size strips.
Other Information	<p>This MSDS summarises at the date of issue our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product, and in particular how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Since Parchem Construction Supplies Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, review this MSDS in the context of how the user intends to handle and use the product in the workplace.</p> <p>If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate assessment can be made, the user should contact this company. Our responsibility for product as sold is subject to our standard terms and conditions, a copy of which is sent to our customers and is also available upon request.</p> <p>www.parchem.com.au</p>

2. Hazard Identification

GHS classification of the substance/mixture	<p>Not classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia.</p> <p>Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (7th edition)</p>
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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Information on Composition	Contains Polystyrene CAS No. 9003-53-6, >60% w/w. This product contains trace amounts (<2% w/w) of the highly volatile blowing agent n-pentane CAS No. 109-66-0, which dissipates rapidly to the atmosphere.		
Ingredients	<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS</u>	<u>Proportion</u>
	Ingredients determined not to be hazardous		100 %

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. If fumes/dust inhaled, remove affected person from contaminated area. Keep at rest until recovered. If symptoms persist seek medical attention.
Ingestion	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. If fumes/dust ingested, do not induce vomiting. Wash out mouth thoroughly with water. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.
Skin	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. If skin is exposed to fumes/dust wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.
Eye contact	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. If fumes/dust in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eyes continuously with running water. Continue flushing for several minutes until all contaminants are washed out completely. If symptoms develop and persist

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First Aid Facilities	seek medical attention. Eyewash and normal washroom facilities.
Advice to Doctor	Treat symptomatically.
Other Information	For advice in an emergency, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 13 1126; New Zealand 0800 POISON / 0800 764 766) or a doctor at once.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, foam, water mist or water spray.
Hazards from Combustion Products	Under fire conditions this product may emit toxic and/or irritating fumes and gases including carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Combustible solid. This product will burn if exposed to fire.
Decomposition Temp.	>250°C
Precautions in connection with Fire	Fire fighters should wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) operated in positive pressure mode and full protective clothing to prevent exposure to vapours or fumes. Water spray may be used to cool down heat-exposed containers. Fight fire from safe location. This product should be prevented from entering drains and watercourses.

6. Accidental release measures

Emergency Procedures	Remove all sources of ignition. Increase ventilation. Evacuate all unprotected personnel. Do not breathe dust. Wear respiratory protection and full protective clothing to minimise exposure. Sweep up material avoiding dust generation - dampen spilled material with water if suitable to avoid airborne dust, OR where possible use dustless methods such as vacuum to collect the material; then transfer material in to suitable vapour tight labelled containers for subsequent recycling or disposal. Dispose of waste according to applicable local and national regulations. If contamination of sewers or waterways occurs inform the local water and waste management authorities in accordance with local regulations.
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7. Handling and storage

Precautions for Safe Handling	Use only in a well ventilated area. Keep containers sealed when not in use. Prevent the build up of dust in the work atmosphere. Avoid inhalation of dust, and skin or eye contact. Establish good housekeeping practices. Remove dust accumulations on a regular basis by vacuuming or gentle sweeping to avoid creating dust clouds. Maintain high standards of personal hygiene i.e. Washing hands prior to eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in a well ventilated area away from heat and sources of ignition, out of direct sunlight and moisture. Take precautions against static electricity discharges. Use proper grounding procedures. Store away from incompatible materials such as materials that support combustion (oxidising materials). Store in suitable, labelled containers. Inspect periodically for deficiencies such as damage or leaks. Have appropriate fire extinguishers available in and near the storage area. For information on the handling of Combustible dusts and grounding procedure reference should be made to Australian Standard AS/NZS 4745.2004 - 'Code of Practice for Handling Combustible Dusts'.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limit values	No exposure value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work, Australia. However, over-exposure to any chemical may result in enhancement of pre-existing adverse medical conditions and/or allergic reactions and should be kept to the least possible levels. The available exposure limits for ingredients are listed below:
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Safe Work, Australia Exposure Standards:			
Substance	TWA	STEL	NOTICES
	ppm	mg/m ³	ppm
			mg/m ³

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Dust (inspirable fraction)	-	10	-	-	-
N-pentane	750	2210	600	1770	-

TWA (Time Weighted Average): The average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day week.

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit): The average airborne concentration over a 15 minute period which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight-hour workday.

No biological limit allocated.

Biological Limit Values

Appropriate engineering controls

This product may generate dust during cutting and sanding and vapours during fusion welding. Good ventilation adequate to maintain the concentration below exposure standards is required. The use of a local exhaust ventilation system (drawing dusts/vapours away from workers breathing zone) is recommended. If the engineering controls are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates below the exposure standards, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

Respiratory Protection

This product may generate dust during cutting and sanding and vapours during fusion welding. If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable particulate/vapour filter should be used. Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

Eye Protection

This product may generate dust during cutting and sanding and vapours during fusion welding. Safety glasses with side shields or chemical goggles should be worn. Final choice of appropriate eye/face protection will vary according to individual circumstances. Eye protection devices should conform with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye Protectors for Industrial Applications.

Hand Protection

This product may generate dust during cutting and sanding. Wear gloves of impervious material, such as PVC gloves. Final choice of appropriate gloves will vary according to individual circumstances i.e. methods of handling or according to risk assessments undertaken. Reference should be made to AS/NZS 2161.1: Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance.

Body Protection

Suitable protective workwear should be worn when working with this material, e.g. cotton overalls buttoned at neck and wrist.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White, rigid cellular solid.
Odour	Odourless
Decomposition Temperature	>250°C
Melting Point	80°C
Boiling Point	Not available
Solubility in Water	Insoluble
pH	Not available
Vapour Pressure	Not available
Vapour Density (Air=1)	Not available
Evaporation Rate	Not available
Odour Threshold	Not available
Viscosity	Not available
Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not available
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Flash Point	Not available
Flammability	Non-flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature	Not available
Explosion Limit - Upper	Not available
Explosion Limit - Lower	Not available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Reacts with incompatibles.
Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.
Conditions to Avoid	Heat, flames and other sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidising agents and organic solvents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Thermal decomposition may result in the release of toxic and/or irritating fumes and gases including carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.
Hazardous Polymerization	Will not occur.

11. Toxicological Information

Toxicology Information	No toxicity data is available for this material.
Ingestion	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. Ingestion of fumes/dust may irritate the gastric tract causing nausea and vomiting.
Inhalation	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. Inhalation of fumes/dust may irritate the respiratory system.
Skin	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. Skin contact with fumes/dust may cause mechanical irritation resulting in redness and itching.
Eye	Product is unlikely to cause harm in its current state. However, dust may be generated during cutting and sanding and fumes may be generated during hot wire cutting. Eye contact with fumes/dust may cause mechanical irritation. May result in mild abrasion.
Respiratory sensitisation	Not expected to be a respiratory sensitiser.
Skin Sensitisation	Not expected to be a skin sensitiser.
Germ cell mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagenic hazard.
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogenic hazard.
Reproductive Toxicity	Not considered to be toxic to reproduction.
STOT-single exposure	Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ.
STOT-repeated exposure	Not expected to cause toxicity to a specific target organ.
Aspiration Hazard	Not expected to be an aspiration hazard.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	No ecological data are available for this material.
Persistence and degradability	Not available

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Mobility	Not available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not available
Environmental Protection	Prevent this material entering waterways, drains and sewers.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal Considerations	Dispose of waste according to applicable local and national regulations.
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14. Transport information

Transport Information	Road and Rail Transport (ADG Code): Not classified as Dangerous Goods according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code) (7th edition).
	Marine Transport (IMO/IMDG): Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.
	Air Transport (ICAO/IATA): Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.
IMDG Marine pollutant	No

15. Regulatory information

Regulatory Information	Not classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia. Not classified as a Scheduled Poison according to the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
Poisons Schedule	Not Scheduled
AICS (Australia)	All components of this product are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS) or exempted.

16. Other Information

Date of preparation or last revision of SDS	SDS Reviewed: November 2012 Supersedes: January 2008
Contact Person/Point	Technical Support: 1800 812 864 ...End Of MSDS...

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