

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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# 1. Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Material Number: Chemical Family: Chemical Name: Seeflex 040E **10105** Aromatic thermoplastic polyurethane Polyurethane elastomer

# 2. Hazards Identification

# **Emergency Overview**

**Caution: Color:** Natural **Form:** Film **Odor:** Odorless. Melted product is flammable and produces intense heat and dense smoke during burning. May cause mechanical irritation (abrasion). Causes a slipping hazard if spilled. Toxic gases/fumes are given off during burning or thermal decomposition and may cause allergic respiratory reaction. Contact with hot material will cause thermal burns.

# **Potential Health Effects**

Primary Routes of Entry: Inhalation, Skin Contact, Eye Contact

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Respiratory disorders Exposure:

# HUMAN EFFECTS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE

InhalationAcute InhalationFor Product: Seeflex 040EThermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU) is generally non-hazardous under ambient conditions. However, whenthe product is heated (i.e, during processing or thermal decomposition conditions), there is a potential for therelease of 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI) vapors. Diisocyanate vapors or mist at concentrationsabove the TLV or PEL can irritate (burning sensation) the mucous membranes in the respiratory tract (nose,throat, lungs) causing runny nose, sore throat, coughing, chest discomfort, shortness of breath and reducedlung function (breathing obstruction). Persons with a preexisting, nonspecific bronchial hyperreactivity canrespond to concentrations below the TLV or PEL with similar symptoms as

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well as asthma attack or asthma-like symptoms. Exposure well above the TLV or PEL may lead to bronchitis, bronchial spasm and pulmonary edema (fluid in lungs). Chemical or hypersensitivity pneumonitis, with flu-like symptoms (e.g., fever, chills), has also been reported. These symptoms can be delayed up to several hours after exposure. These effects are usually reversible.

#### **Chronic Inhalation**

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In the event of material decomposition due to exceeding the decomposition temperature of this product, release of MDI may occur. As a result of previous repeated overexposures or a single large dose, certain individuals may develop sensitization to diisocyanates (asthma or asthma-like symptoms) that may cause them to react to a later exposure to diisocyanates at levels well below the TLV or PEL. These symptoms, which can include chest tightness, wheezing, cough, shortness of breath or asthmatic attack, could be immediate or delayed up to several hours after exposure. Extreme asthmatic reactions can be life threatening. Similar to many non-specific asthmatic responses, there are reports that once sensitized an individual can experience these symptoms upon exposure to dust, cold air or other irritants. This increased lung sensitivity can persist for weeks and in severe cases for several years. Sensitization can be permanent. Chronic overexposure to diisocyanates has also been reported to cause lung damage (including fibrosis, decrease in lung function) that may be permanent.

#### <u>Skin</u>

Acute Skin For Product: Seeflex 040E Contact with heated material can cause thermal burns.

#### Eye

Acute Eye For Product: Seeflex 040E Vapors released from thermal decomposition may cause irritation with symptoms of burning and tearing.

#### **Carcinogenicity:**

No Carcinogenic substances as defined by IARC, NTP and/or OSHA

#### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

#### Hazardous components

This material is not hazardous under the criteria of the Federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### 4. First aid measures

#### Eye contact

In case of contact, flush eyes with plenty of lukewarm water. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

#### Skin contact

Get medical attention if thermal burn occurs.

#### Inhalation

If inhaled, remove to fresh air.

#### Ingestion

Get medical attention.

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#### Notes to physician

In the event of possible diisocyanate exposure: Eyes: Stain for evidence of corneal injury. If cornea is burned, instill antibiotic/steroid preparation as needed. Workplace vapors could produce reversible corneal epithelial edema impairing vision. Skin: Treat symptomatically as for thermal burn. Ingestion: Treat symptomatically. Inhalation: Treatment is essentially symptomatic. An individual having a pulmonary sensitization reaction to this material should be removed from further exposure to any diisocyanate.

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media: Water, Foam, Dry chemical

#### **Special Fire Fighting Procedures**

Firefighters should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus to protect against potentially toxic and irritating fumes.

#### **Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards**

Toxic and irritating gases/fumes may be given off during burning or thermal decomposition. Dust may form explosive mixtures with air.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

#### **Spill and Leak Procedures**

If molten, allow material to cool and place into an appropriate marked container for disposal.

7.	Handling and storage	
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#### Storage temperature: maximum:

30 °C (86 °F)

# Storage period

Not Established

#### Handling/Storage Precautions

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid breathing dust. Containers should be kept tightly closed to prevent contamination. Material is hygroscopic and may absorb small amounts of atmospheric moisture.

#### **Further Info on Storage Conditions**

Protect equipment (e.g. storage bins, conveyors, dust collectors) with explosion vents.

#### 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

The following exposure limits do not apply to the product in its supplied form; however, when the product is heated (i.e, during processing or thermal decomposition conditions), there is a potential for the release of 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI) vapors.

#### 4,4'-Diphenylmethane Diisocyanate (MDI) (101-68-8)

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US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

- Time Weighted Average (TWA): 0.005 ppm
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)
  - Ceiling Limit Value: 0.02 ppm, 0.2 mg/m3

#### Industrial Hygiene/Ventilation Measures

During normal processing, use general dilution and local exhaust as necessary to control airborne vapors, mists, dusts and thermal decomposition products below appropriate airborne concentration standards/guidelines. Special ventilation and personal protective equipment (PPE) is required to control exposure to potentially harmful decomposition products whenever a TPU is heated to temperatures above its decomposition temperature. Examples would include hot knife cutting, grinding, or sawing.

#### **Respiratory protection**

In the absence of sufficient general dilution or local exhaust ventilation a NIOSH approved air-supplied respirator may be needed during die cleaning, high temperature processing, purging or when thermal decomposition is suspected.

#### Hand protection

Wear heat resistant gloves when handling molten material.

#### Eye protection

Safety glasses with side-shields

#### Skin and body protection

No special skin protection requirements during normal handling and use.

#### **Additional Protective Measures**

Employees should wash their hands and face before eating, drinking, or using tobacco products. Educate and train employees in the safe use and handling of this product. Purgings should be collected as small flat thin shapes or thin strands to allow for rapid cooling.

#### 9.Physical and chemical properties

solid
film
Natural
Odorless
not applicable
220 °C (428 °F)
250 °C (482 °F)
not applicable
not applicable
1.1
insoluble
> 210 °C (> 410 °F)
Decomposition begins at 230 °C.
180 °C (356 °F)
500 - 700 kg/m3

# 10. Stability and reactivity

# **Hazardous Reactions**

Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

Stability Stable

# Materials to avoid None known.

**Conditions to avoid** None known.

#### Hazardous decomposition products

By Fire and Thermal Decomposition: Carbon Dioxide; hydrogen cyanide; 4,4'-Diphenylmethane Diisocyanate (MDI); Aldehydes, Carbon monoxide, Amines, Nitriles, nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrocarbons

# 11. Toxicological information

**<u>Toxicity Data for</u>** Seeflex 040E **Toxicity Note** No data available for this product.

#### 12. Ecological information

**Ecological Data for** Seeflex 040E **Additional Ecotoxicological Remarks** No data available for this product.

### 13. Disposal considerations

#### Waste Disposal Method

Waste disposal should be in accordance with existing federal, state and local environmental control laws.

# 14. Transport information

Land transport (DOT) Non-Regulated

Sea transport (IMDG) Non-Regulated

Air transport (ICAO/IATA) Non-Regulated

# 15. Regulatory information

**United States Federal Regulations** 

OSHA Hazcom Standard Rating: Non-Hazardous

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US. Toxic Substances Control Act: Listed on the TSCA Inventory.

#### US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302):

Components None

**SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Categories:** Non-hazardous under Section 311/312

US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A): <u>Components</u> None

US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372.65) - Supplier Notification Required: <u>Components</u> None

None

# US. EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Composite List of Hazardous Wastes and Appendix VIII Hazardous Constituents (40 CFR 261)

Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the person who generates a solid waste, as defined in 40 CFR 261.2, to determine if that waste is a hazardous waste.

# **State Right-To-Know Information**

The following chemicals are specifically listed by individual states; other product specific health and safety data in other sections of the MSDS may also be applicable for state requirements. For details on your regulatory requirements you should contact the appropriate agency in your state.

#### Massachusetts, New Jersey or Pennsylvania Right to Know Substance Lists:

Weight percent	Components	CAS-No.
>=1%	Polyurethane Polyether Elastomer	CAS# is a trade secret

#### California Prop. 65:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain any of the listed chemicals, which the state of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### 16. Other information

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Health	0
Flammability	1

**Physical Hazard** 0

0=Minimal 1=Slight 2=Moderate 3=Serious 4=Severe \*

= Chronic Health Hazard

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