

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

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| Product Name | ELVACITE® 4346 |
| Product Description | Polymer based on Methyl methacrylate and n-Butyl methacrylate. |
| Identified use(s) | Manufacture of inks, paints and varnishes. |
| Uses advised against | None known. |
| Manufacturer | Mitsubishi Chemical America, Inc., Specialty Resins Division, 9675 Bayport Boulevard, Pasadena, TX 77507, USA Phone: +1-713-758-8100 mcm.sdsinfo@m-chem.com |
| Emergency Phone No. | CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300 (Within USA and Canada) CHEMTREC 1-703-527-3887 (Outside USA and Canada) |

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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| Hazard classification | Combustible dust |
| Label elements | |
| Signal word | Warning |
| Hazard statement(s) | May form combustible dust concentrations in air. |
| Other hazards | Low toxicity under normal conditions of handling and use. |

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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| Chemical identity of the substance | Polymer based on Methyl methacrylate and n-Butyl methacrylate. |
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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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| Description of first aid measures | |
| Inhalation | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. |
| Skin Contact | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical attention. Molten material can cause severe burns. Do NOT try to peel molten polymer from the skin. Cool rapidly with water. |
| Eye Contact | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| Ingestion | IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention if ill effects occur. |

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
Not applicable.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
None necessary.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

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| Suitable extinguishing media | Water spray, foam, dry powder or CO ₂ . |
| Unsuitable Extinguishing Media | Do not use water jet. |

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Combustible but not readily ignited. May form combustible dust concentrations in air. Combustion or thermal decomposition will evolve toxic, irritant and flammable vapors. By analogy with similar materials, the product may decompose if heated to temperatures above 392°F (200°C).

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

A self contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing should be worn in fire conditions.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Caution - spillages may be slippery.

Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel into waste drums or plastic bags. Wash the spillage area with water.

Other advice

See Section: 8, 13

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING

Product as supplied: Avoid contact with eyes. Avoid prolonged skin contact. Unlikely to represent a dust hazard under normal handling conditions.

Process Hazards

The product may be suitable for a wide range of industrial applications and therefore it is impossible to make detailed recommendations regarding all process hazards. The following constitutes general advice: Extra care should be taken to prevent burns from contact with hot material.

Thermal processing requires adequate ventilation to remove any monomer decomposition products, and use of inert atmosphere may be required in some processes to safely decompose the resin when it is used as a binder.

Any thermal processing must consider the time-temperature decomposition of the resin. All polymers degrade to some extent at their processing temperature, an effect which increases with increasing temperature. It is therefore impossible to be precise about which substances may be evolved. However, it is only the minor components which vary substantially. The major components are given in Section 10.

If the product is to be used in applications for which the hazards are not fully understood it is recommended to consult the supplier before use.

STORAGE

Acrylic polymers are supplied in either bags or bulk containers. Keep containers in a clean, cool and dry area away from heat sources. Natural ventilation is adequate.

Storage temperature (°C):

Ambient.

Incompatible materials:

None known.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters

| Substance | CAS No. | OSHA PEL TWA | ACGIH TWA | ACGIH STEL | Company Std. TWA | Company Std. STEL |
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| Particulates (Total dust) (Respirable dust) | | 15 mg/m ³ 5 mg/m ³ | | | | |
| The following values apply to substances which may be evolved during thermal processing. | | | | | | |
| Methyl methacrylate | 80-62-6 | 100 ppm 410 mg/m ³ | 50 ppm (205 mg/m ³) | 100 ppm (410 mg/m ³) (SEN;A4) | 50 ppm | 100 ppm |
| n-Butyl methacrylate | 97-88-1 | Not established | Not established | | 50 ppm | 100 ppm |

Appropriate engineering controls

Do not eat, drink or smoke at the workplace. Provide adequate ventilation, including appropriate local extraction, to ensure that the occupational exposure limit is not exceeded. Consideration should be given to the work procedures involved and the potential extent of exposure as they may determine whether a higher level of protection is required. The following information is given as general guidance.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection



Wear eye/face protection. Safety spectacles/goggles/full face shield.

Skin protection



Not normally required.

Respiratory protection



A suitable dust mask or dust respirator with filter type P3 or FFP3 (EN143 or EN149) may be appropriate. In the unlikely event of formation of particularly high levels of dust a self contained breathing apparatus may be appropriate.

Thermal hazards

Wear thermal insulating gloves when handling hot masses.

Wear suitable respiratory protective equipment if exposure to levels above the occupational exposure limit is likely. A suitable mask with filter type A may be appropriate. In the unlikely event of formation of particularly high levels of vapor a self contained breathing apparatus may be appropriate.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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| Form | Beads. |
| Color | Transparent / White. |
| Odor | Typically methacrylate. |
| Flammable Limits | Not applicable. |
| Flash Point (°C) | 300 |
| pH (Value) | Not available. |
| Solubility (Water) | Negligible. |
| Solubility (Other) | Not available. |
| Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/water) | Not applicable. |
| Vapor pressure (Pascal) | Not applicable. |
| Vapor Density (Air=1) | Not applicable. |
| Explosive Properties | Not applicable. |
| Oxidizing properties | Not applicable. |
| Viscosity (mPa. s) | Not available. |

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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| Reactivity | Non-reactive material. |
| Chemical stability | Stable under normal conditions. |
| Possibility of hazardous reactions | None known. |
| Conditions to avoid | Avoid dust generation. Keep away from heat. |
| Incompatible materials | None known. |
| Hazardous decomposition product(s) | Methyl methacrylate, n-Butyl methacrylate, Dodecyl mercaptan, Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide. |

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Ingestion

Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Low oral toxicity.

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| Inhalation | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. High concentrations of dust may be irritant to the respiratory tract. High concentrations of vapor from hot operations may be harmful, cause irritation of the respiratory tract and slight narcotic effects. |
| Skin corrosion/irritation | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |
| Serious eye damage/irritation | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. Dust may cause irritation. |
| Skin sensitization data | It is not a skin sensitizer. (By analogy with similar materials) Contains: (Methyl methacrylate, n-Butyl methacrylate, Dodecyl mercaptan). During normal handling this will not constitute a hazard. If the polymer matrix is destroyed e.g. when the product is dissolved in organic solvent, chemical residues will be released from the polymer matrix. Under these conditions, they may produce an allergic reaction in persons already sensitised. |
| Aspiration hazard | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |
| STOT - single exposure | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |
| STOT - repeated exposure | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |
| Germ cell mutagenicity | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |
| Reproductive toxicity | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |
| Carcinogenicity | Based upon the available data, the classification criteria are not met. |

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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| Ecotoxicity | The product is predicted to have low toxicity to aquatic organisms. |
| Persistence and degradability | The product is non-biodegradable in soil. There is no evidence of degradation in soil and water. |
| Bioaccumulative potential | The product has low potential for bioaccumulation. |
| Mobility in soil | The product is predicted to have low mobility in soil. |
| Other adverse effects | None known. |

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

The waste is considered to be non hazardous. Clean scrap may be reprocessed. Certain packages are returnable. Please consult your local office for further details. Ensure that all packaging is disposed of safely.

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| Disposal methods | May be disposed of by landfill in accordance with local regulations. Incineration may be used to recover energy value. |
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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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| DOT (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) | Not Classified as Dangerous for Transport. |
| UN No. | Not applicable. |
| Proper Shipping Name | Not applicable. |
| Class | Not applicable. |
| Packing group | Not applicable. |
| Environmental hazards | Not applicable. |
| Special precautions for user | Not applicable. |
| Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code | Not applicable. |

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations

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| SARA 302 - Extremely Hazardous Substances | None. |
| SARA 313 - Toxic Chemicals | None. |

US State Regulations

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| California | SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM None known. SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER None known. |
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16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Note: Not all of the following are necessarily contained in this Safety Data Sheet:

LTEL: Long Term Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

PEL: Permissible Exposure Levels

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorisation Act

WHMIS: Worker Hazardous Materials Information System

A4: Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen: Agents which cause concern that they could be carcinogenic for humans but which cannot be assessed conclusively because of the lack of data. In vitro or animal studies do not provide indications of carcinogenicity which are sufficient to classify the agent into one of the other categories.

R: Respirable particulate matter

MEDICAL USE: CAUTION: DO NOT USE IN MEDICAL APPLICATIONS INVOLVING IMPLANTATION IN THE HUMAN BODY.

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