

# Material Safety Data Sheet

MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD (MDF)  
QUICK IDENTIFIER (In Plant Common Name)

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## SECTION 1 - IDENTITY

Common Name: (used on label) (Trade Name & Synonyms)	MEDIUM DENSITY FIBERBOARD MDF <sup>2</sup>	Cas No.	NONE
Chemical Name	N/A	Chemical Family	N/A
Formula	N/A		

## SECTION 2 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Principal Hazardous Component(s) (chemical & common name(s))	%	Threshold Limit Value (units)
UREA - FORMALDEHYDE RESIN	*7-10%	(2.0 ppm STEL) .75 ppm
*FREE FORMALDEHYDE IS LESS THAN 1% OF THE RESIN MIXTURE		
AMMONIA	<1%	25 ppm
WAX (PARAFFIN)	<1%	2.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
SOFT WOOD DUST	—	5.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## SECTION 3 - PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Fire & Explosion Data)

Boiling Point	N/A	Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1)	VARIABLE DEPENDENT ON WOOD SPECIES AND MOISTURE CONTENT		Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	N/A		
Percent Volatile by Volume (%)	N/A	Vapor Density (Air = 1)	N/A	Evaporation Rate (_____ = 1)		N/A		
Solubility in Water	INSOLUABLE		Reactivity in Water	NONE				
Appearance and Odor	LIGHT TO DARK TAN COLORED GRANULAR SOLID. COLOR AND ODOR ARE DEPENDENT ON THE WOOD SPECIES AND LENGTH OF TIME SINCE BOARD WAS MANUFACTURED. TREATED BOARD MAY SMELL LIKE AMMONIA							
Flash Point	N/A	Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume	Lower 40 g/m <sup>3</sup>	Upper N/A	Extinguisher Media	Water CO <sub>2</sub> Sand	Auto-Ignition Temperature	400° - 500° F
Special Fire Fighting Procedures	FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES ARE THE SAME AS OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS. SATURATE BOARD WITH WATER AND MOVE TO A SECURE OUTSIDE STORAGE LOCATION.  AVOID BREATHING SMOKE, WEAR NIOSH APPROVED RESPIRATORY PROTECTION.							
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards	MDF DOES NOT PRESENT A FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD. DUST GENERATED FROM SAWING, SANDING OR MACHINING MFD MAY CREATE A SEVERE FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD.							

## SECTION 4 - PHYSICAL HAZARDS

Stability  Unstable  Stable  Conditions  to Avoid RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE AFFECT THE RATE OF FORMALDEHYDE AND AMMONIA EMISSIONS FROM MDF. WOOD DUST MAY AUTO IGNITE AT TEMPERATURES IN EXCESS OF 400°F, PYROLYSIS MAY OCCUR AT LOWER TEMPERATURES.

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid) STRONG OXIDIZING AGENTS, STRONG ACIDS

Hazardous Decomposition Products IRRITATING FUMES AND GASES, INCLUDING CARBON MONOXIDE, ALDEHYDES AND ORGANIC ACIDS.

Hazardous Polymerization  May Occur  Will Not Occur  Conditions  to Avoid NONE

## SECTION 5 - HEALTH HAZARDS

Threshold Limit Value 0.3 ppm CEILING (FORMALDEHYDE) 5.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (WOOD DUST); 25 ppm 8-hr TWA (AMMONIA); 35 ppm 15 min STEL (AMMONIA)

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure 1. Acute Overexposure IRRITATION OF SKIN, EYES, NOSE AND RESPIRATORY SYSTEM. SENSITIZATION OF THE SKIN AND RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

2. Chronic Overexposure THE E.P.A. HAS CLASSIFIED FORMALDEHYDE AS A PROBABLE HUMAN CARCINOGEN BASED ON LABORATORY RESEARCH.

WOOD DUST EXPOSURES HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NASAL CANCER.

Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS OR ALLERGIES, SKIN CONDITIONS

Chemical Listed as Carcinogen or Potential Carcinogen	National Toxicology Program	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I.A.R.C. Monographs	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	OSHA	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit	ACGIH Threshold	0.3 ppm 8-HR TWA (FORMALDEHYDE)	Other Exposure Limit Used	2ppm15-min STEL 0.5ppm ACTION (FORMALDEHYDE) 50ppm PEL; 35ppm TLV 15-min STEL (AMMONIA)		

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

- Inhalation REMOVE TO FRESH AIR
- Eyes FLUSH WITH WATER FOR 15 MINUTES. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IF IRRITATION PERSISTS.
- Skin WASH AFFECTED AREA WITH SOAP AND WATER.
- Ingestion N/A

## SECTION 6 - SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiratory Protection (Specify Type) APPROVED RESPIRATORY PROTECTION IF AIR CONTAMINANTS EXCEED TLV.

Ventilation	Local Exhaust	NECESSARY TO REMOVE DUST DURING SANDING, SAWING & MACHINING PROCESSES	Mechanical (General)	VENTILATE TO MAINTAIN FORMALDEHYDE CONCENTRATION LESS THAN THE PEL OR TLV	Special	N/A	Other	N/A
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Protective Gloves RECOMMENDED

Eye Protection SAFETY GLASSES, GOGGLES OR FULL FACE RESPIRATOR

Other Protective Clothing or Equipment PROTECTIVE OUTER LAYER MAY BE DESIRABLE IN EXTREMELY DUSTY AREAS.

## SECTION 7 - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AND SPILL/LEAK PROCEDURES

Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storage PROVIDE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. FORMALDEHYDE AND/OR AMMONIA VAPORS MAY BE RELEASED DURING STORAGE. STORE IN A COOL, DRY PLACE AWAY FROM OPEN FLAME, SPARKS OR HOT SURFACES.

Other Precautions

Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled VACUUM, SWEEP, OR SHOVEL TO MINIMIZE DUST GENERATION. PROVIDE ADEQUATE VENTILATION.

Waste Disposal Methods DISPOSE ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS. RESINS USED IN GLUE FORMULATIONS CONTAIN FORMALDEHYDE.

## IMPORTANT

Do not leave any blank spaces. If required information is unavailable, unknown, or does not apply, so indicate.