

## **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)** -Wood Dust

TRADE NAME: Wood Dust (Redwood)

SYNONYMS: None CAS. NO .: None

DESCRIPTION: Particles generated by any manual or mechanical cutting

or abrasion process performed on wood.

PHYSICAL DATA

Boilina Point Not Applicable Specific Gravity Variable

(Dependent on wood and moisture content)

Vapor Density Not Applicable % Volatiles of Volume Not Applicable Meltina Point Not Applicable Vapor Pressure Not Applicable Solubility in H2O (% by wt.) Insoluble Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate=1) Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Appearance & Odor Light to dark colored granular solid

Odorless

FIRE and **EXPLOSION** DATA

Flash Point Not Applicable

Autoignition Temperature Variable (typically 400-500° F) Explosive Limits in Air 40 grams M3(LEL)

Extinguishing Media Water, CO2, Sand Special Fire Fighting Procedures Wet down with water.

> Wet down wood dust to reduce the likelihood of ignition or dispersion of dust into the air. Remove burned or wet dust to open area after

> > fire is extinguished.

Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazard Strong to severe explosion hazard (if wood

dust "cloud" contacts an ignition source).

HEALTH **EFFECTS DATA**  Exposure Limit ACGIH TLV (円): TWA - 5.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

STEL(15 min.) - 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> OSHA PEL - 5 mg/m3

Skin & Eve Contact Eve Irritation & Allergic Contact Dermatitis

(Wood dust can cause eye irritation.

Various species of wood dust can elicit allergic contact dermatitis in sensitized individuals.)

Ingestion Not Applicable Skin Absorption Not known to occur

Inhalation May cause nasal dryness, irritation and obstruction.

Coughing, wheezing and sneezing; sinusitis and prolonged colds have also been reported.

Chronic Effects May cause dermatitis on prolonged, repetitive

contact; may cause respiratory sensitization and/or irritation. Prolonged exposure to wood dust has been reported by some observers to be associated with nasal cancer. Wood dust is not listed as a car-

cinogen by IARC, NIP, ACGIH or OSHA.

#### REACTIVE DATA

Conditions Contributing to Instability Incompatibility

Stable under normal conditions Avoid Contact with: oxidizing agents, drying oils and flame. Product may ignite at temperatures in

excess of 400°F.

Hazardous Decomposition

Products

Thermal-oxidative degradation of wood produces irritating and toxic fumes and gases, including CO, aldehydes and inorganic acids.

Conditions contributing to Polymerization

Not Applicable

### **PRECAUTIONS** and SAFE HANDI ING

GENERALLY

**APPLICABLE** 

CONTROL

**MEASURES** 

**Eve Contact** Skin Contact

Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin. Careful bathing and clean clothes are indicated

after exposure.

Avoid repeated or prolonged breathing of wood dust in air.

Oxidizing Agents and Drying Oils

Avoid contact

Avoid

Open Flame

Inhalation

Avoid

# Ventilation

Safety Equipment

Provide adequate general & local exhaust ventilation to maintain healthful working conditions Provide and wear goggles or safety glasses. Other protective equipment such as gloves and approved dust respirators may be needed

depending upon dust conditions.

### EMERGENCY and FIRST AID **PROCEDURES**

Eyes

Flush with water to remove dust particles. If

irritation persists, get medical attention. Get medical advice if a rash or persistent irrita-Skin

tion or dermatitis occur, and before returning to

work where wood dust is present.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air and get medical advice if persistent irritation, severe coughing, breathing difficulties occur, before returning to work where

wood dust is present.

Ingestion

Not Applicable

### SPILL/LEAK **CLEAN-UP** PROCEDURES

Recovery or disposal

Clean-up: Sweep or vacuum spills for recovery or disposal; avoid creating dust conditions. Provide good ventilation where dust conditions may occur. Place recovered wood dust in a container for proper disposal.

### IMPORTANT

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