

SAFETY DATA SHEET
Expandable Polystyrene

ACCORDING TO EC-REGULATIONS 1907/2006 (REACH), 1272/2008 (CLP) & 453/2010

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

1.1 Product identifier	
Product Name	SYNTHOS EPS
Chemical Name	Expandable Polystyrene. Expandable Polystyrene (containing pentane expanding agent).
Synonyms	FR-EPS, Flame Retardant Expandable polystyrene, poly(phenylethene).
Trade name	SYNTHOS EPS SF Silver® Polymers.
CAS No.	None assigned.
EINECS No.	Polymer exempt.
REACH Registration No.	Polymer exempt.
1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against	
Identified use(s)	Used primarily for the manufacture of foamed thermal insulation and packaging.
Uses advised against	None known.
1.3 Details of the supplier of the Safety Data Sheet	
1.3.1 EU Representative	LM24 Srl Via B. Brin 63 80142 Napoli Italy info@lm24.it
E-Mail (competent person)	
1.4 Emergency telephone number	
Emergency Phone No.	+39.081.0063810

2. SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture	
Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP)	In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
2.2 Label elements	According to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP)
Product Name	EPS Expandable Polystyrene.
Hazard Pictogram	None.
Signal word(s)	None.
Hazard statement(s)	EUH018: In use may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
Precautionary statement(s)	P210: Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. P233: Keep container tightly closed. P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

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P403 + P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

2.3 Other hazards

Product releases pentane, a flammable hydrocarbon.
May cause irritation to skin and eyes.

3. SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Polystyrene (CAS No. 9003-53-6), containing pentane isomers as blowing agent, carbon black and polymeric flame retardant.

3.1 Polymer

EC Classification No. 1272/2008

Hazardous ingredient(s)	%W/W	CAS No.	EC No.	REACH Registration No.	Hazard pictogram(s) and Hazard Codes
Pentane (mixed isomers)	<7	109-66-0 78-78-4	203-692-4 201-142-8	01-2119459286-30 01-2119475602-38	GHS02, Flam. Liq. 1; H224, GHS08, Asp. Tox. 1; H304, GHS07, STOT SE 3; H336, GHS09, Aquatic Chronic 2; H411, EUH066.

For full text of H/P phrases see section 16.

4. SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES



4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation

Remove persons affected by vapour to fresh air. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash skin with soap and water. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

Eye Contact

Irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, obtain medical attention.

Ingestion

Unlikely to be hazardous if swallowed. IF SWALLOWED: Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention immediately if ingested.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Inhalation: Headache, Dizziness.
Eyes and Skin Contact: Redness, Irritation.

4.3 Indication of the immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Unlikely to be required but if necessary treat symptomatically.

5. SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Product is not classified as flammable, but will burn on contact with flame or exposure to high temperature (see Section 9).

5.1 Extinguishing Media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, dry powder or carbon dioxide.

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Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Do not use water jet.
5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture	This product may give rise to hazardous fumes in a fire. Hazardous Decomposition Product(s): Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide, styrene, aliphatic hydrocarbons.
5.3 Advice for fire-fighters	Fire fighters should wear complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Keep containers cool by spraying with water if exposed to fire. Flammable concentrations of pentane may accumulate on storage in closed containers.

6. SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Caution - spillages may be slippery. Pentane can form explosive mixture with air. The pentane vapour is heavier than air; beware of pits and confined spaces. Remove or make safe all sources of ignition. Avoid friction, sparks, or other means of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only non-sparking tools.
6.2 Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into drains.
6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up	If safe to do so: Small spillages: Sweep up and shovel into waste drums or plastic bags. Transfer to a lidded container for disposal or recovery. Large spillages: Use vacuum equipment for collecting spilt materials, where practicable. Transfer to a lidded container for disposal or recovery.
6.4 Reference to other sections	See Also Section 8 and 13.

7. SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling	Provide adequate ventilation, including appropriate local extraction. Do not breathe fumes/vapour. Avoid generation of dust clouds. Should be kept away from naked flames and other sources of ignition. Extinguish any other fire. Remove or make safe all sources of ignition. Avoid friction, sparks, or other means of ignition. The electrical system should be spark-free. When using do not smoke. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate earthing. Avoid release to the environment. Permission must be obtained from the appropriate Local Authority before disposing of waste material.
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Process Hazards

Take precautionary measures against static discharges. To avoid the build-up of static electric charge, and also the formation of an explosive pentane-air mixture, containers should be fully emptied when processing. Increasing line velocity can increase the build up of static electric charges. All parts of the plant

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and equipment should be electrically bonded together and connected to earth. Electrical continuity should be checked at regular intervals. Antistatic clothing and footwear should be used.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Flammable concentrations of pentane may accumulate on storage in closed containers. Before unloading freight containers, keep doors open and ventilate for one hour. Keep container tightly closed, in a cool, well ventilated place.
Keep away from direct sunlight and other sources of heat or ignition. Keep away from rain and moist conditions.
Bulk: Keep under inert gas.
Open top tanks should be covered with an open rigid grid.
Take precautionary measures against static discharges. The electrical system should be spark-free. The product is usually supplied in fibreboard octabins. It is recommended not to double stack octabins.

Specific design for storage rooms or vessels

Storage rooms should be kept cool to reduce pentane release, and provided with a suitable ventilation system to prevent accumulation of pentane. In addition, safety devices to alert any build up of pentane/air explosive mixtures should be used.
The electrical system should be spark-free.
Equipment to be installed in potentially explosive atmospheres should conform to the requirements of ATEX Directive 94/9/EC.

Storage Temperature
Incompatible materials

Ambient.
Avoid storing or handling in conjunction with UN Class 1 explosives.
Steel (drums).

Suitable containers

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Used primarily for the manufacture of foamed thermal insulation and packaging.

8. SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

8.1.1 Occupational Exposure Limits

SUBSTANCE	CAS No.	LTEL (8 hr TWA ppm)	LTEL (8 hr TWA mg/m ³)	STEL (ppm)	STEL (mg/m ³)	Note
Pentane (mixed isomers)	109-66-0 78-78-4	600	1800	-	-	WEL
Carbon Black	1333-86-4	-	3.5	-	7	WEL

Source: WEL: Workplace Exposure Limit (UK HSE EH40)

8.1.2 Biological limit value

Not established.

8.1.3 PNECs and DNELs

Not established.

8.2 Exposure controls

8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls

Use only in well-ventilated areas.

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8.2.2 Personal protection equipment

Eye/face protection



Safety spectacles.

Skin protection (Hand protection/ Other)



Wear suitable gloves. Recommended: Impervious gloves (EN 374). Breakthrough time of the glove material: refer to the information provided by the gloves' producer.
Wear suitable protective clothing.
Antistatic safety shoes or antistatic boots.

Respiratory protection



An approved dust mask should be worn if dust is generated during handling.

Thermal hazards

Not applicable.

8.2.3 Environmental Exposure Controls

European Community and local provisions on Volatile Organic Substances (VOC), are to be fulfilled when they are applicable to the EPS industry.

9. SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

These properties are the most relevant.

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form	Solid, Small spherical beads.
Colour	Black.
Odour	Perceptible odour.
Odour Threshold (ppm)	Not established.
pH (Value)	Not applicable.
Melting Point (°C)	Not available.
Boiling Point (°C)	Not available.
Flash Point (°C)	< -50°C (Pentane)
Upper Explosive Limit (UEL)	7.8% (v/v) (Pentane)
Lower Explosive Limit (LEL)	1.3% (v/v) (Pentane)
Auto Ignition Temperature (°C)	285°C (Pentane) (ASTM E-659)
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	In use, may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
Vapour Pressure (mm Hg)	Not available.
Vapour Density (Air=1)	2.5 (Pentane)
Density (g/ml)	1070–1100kg/m ³ @ 20°C (beads).
Bulk Density (g/ml)	circa. 600kg/m ³ @ 20°C.
Softening Point (°C)	70-75°C (beads expand with evolution of pentane)
Solubility (Water)	Insoluble.
Solubility (Other)	Soluble in aromatic hydrocarbons, halogenated solvents and ketones.
Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/water)	Not available.
Decomposition Temperature (°C)	Not available.
Viscosity (mPa.s)	Not established.
Explosive properties	In use, may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising.

9.2 Other information

None.

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10. SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1	Reactivity	Stable under normal conditions.
10.2	Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions.
10.3	Possibility of hazardous reactions	In use, may form flammable/explosive vapour-air mixture.
10.4	Conditions to avoid	Keep away from heat, sources of ignition and direct sunlight.
10.5	Incompatible materials	Avoid storing or handling in conjunction with UN Class 1 explosives.
10.6	Hazardous Decomposition Product(s)	Pentane, styrene monomer, carbon monoxide. (in case of fire or during hot wire cutting) Release of pentane increases with temperature. (beads expand with evolution of pentane)

11. SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This assessment is based on information available on similar products.

Contains: Carbon Black. Unlikely to cause harmful effects under normal conditions of handling and use.

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

11.1.1 Polymer

Acute toxicity

Inhalation

High atmospheric concentrations may lead to dizziness, headache and anaesthetic effects. While carbon black inhalation may cause discomfort or irritation to the respiratory tract and nasal passages, the product is expected to present a lesser degree of hazard for typical industrial or commercial handling by trained personnel since the carbon black and (other hazardous components) are incorporated in a polymer matrix.

Ingestion

Unlikely to be hazardous if swallowed.

Skin Contact

No data.

Eye Contact

No data.

Irritation

May cause irritation to skin and eyes.

Corrosivity

No data.

Sensitisation

No data.

Repeated dose toxicity

This product contains Carbon Black (as an additive in the polystyrene matrix) which may cause discomfort or irritation to the respiratory tract and nasal passages. Under normal EPS processing conditions, carbon black exposure is considered to be negligible, and well below the occupational exposure limit.

Carcinogenicity

No data.

Mutagenicity

No data.

Toxicity for reproduction

No data.

11.2 Other information

None.

12. SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This environmental hazard assessment is based on information available on similar products.

This product contains a substance which is classified as dangerous for the environment. However recent studies on aquatic organisms have shown that EPS-beads, while containing this substance, do not need to be classified for environmental hazard.

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12.1 Toxicity	<p>Aquatic invertebrates: EC50 (48 h) > 100 mg/l, Daphnia magna (OECD Guideline 202, part 1, static) Nominal concentration. The product has low solubility in the test medium. An eluate has been tested. No toxic effects occur within the range of solubility.</p> <p>Aquatic plants: EC50 (72 hour) > 100 mg/l (Growth rate).</p>
12.2 Persistence and degradability	<p>The product itself has not been tested. In accordance with the required stability the product is not readily biodegradable. The statement has been derived from the structure of the product. It can be largely eliminated from the water by abiotic processes, e.g. mechanical separation.</p>
12.3 Bioaccumulative potential	<p>The product has low potential for bioaccumulation.</p>
12.4 Mobility in soil	<p>The product is essentially insoluble in water. Expandable polystyrene sinks in fresh water, may float or sink in sea water.</p>
12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	<p>Not classified as PBT or vPvB.</p>
12.6 Other adverse effects	<p>Pentane has very low Global Warming Potential (<0.00044) and zero Ozone Depletion Potential.</p>

13. SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Surplus, unused, old beads may still contain residual pentane. Therefore product has to be treated using all the safety measures in place for the fresh material. See Also Section 7.

13.1 Waste treatment methods	<p>Recover or recycle if possible. Remove all packaging for recovery or disposal. Normal disposal is via incineration operated by an accredited disposal contractor.</p>
13.2 Additional Information	<p>Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.</p>

14. SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

14.1 UN number	UN2211
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	POLYMERIC BEADS, EXPANDABLE, evolving flammable vapour.
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	9
14.4 Packing Group	III
14.5 Environmental hazards	None.
14.6 Special precautions for user	<p>633: Keep away from any source of ignition.</p> <p>Transport or conveyance within the manufacturing premises: Refer to the internal procedures and information provided by this document.</p> <p>Transport or conveyance outside the manufacturing</p>

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		premises: Apply the requirements of the regulations on transport of dangerous goods and the manufacturer's recommendation on safe loading, transporting, unloading of the material. Not applicable.
14.7	Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	
14.8	Additional Information	Hazard Identification Number: 90 Tunnel Restriction Code: D/E IMDG EMS: F-A, S-I
	Hazard label(s)	
	Sea transport (IMDG)	
	Air transport (ICAO/IATA)	
		
		UN Class 9 miscellaneous hazard label

15. SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1	Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture	
15.1.1	EU regulations	
	Authorisations and/or restrictions on use	None known.
15.1.2	National regulations	Not applicable.
15.2	Chemical Safety Assessment	Not available.

16. SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

This Safety Data Sheet was prepared in accordance with EC Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (REACH), 1272/2008 (CLP) & 453/2010.

The following sections contain revisions or new statements: 1-16.

LEGEND

LTEL	Long Term Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
DNEL	Derived No Effect Level
PNEC	Predicted No Effect Concentration
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
vPvB	very Persistent very Bioaccumulative

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Hazard statement(s), Precautionary statement(s) and Hazard Codes

H224	Extremely flammable liquid and vapour.
H304	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
EUH066	Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.
Flam. Liq. 1	Flammable liquid Category 1
Asp. Tox. 1	Aspiration hazard Category 1
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity — single exposure Category 3
Aquatic Chronic 2	Hazardous to the aquatic environment Chronic Category 2

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Hazard pictogram(s)



GHS02



GHS07



GHS08



GHS09

Training advice:

Suitable information on safety in handling, storage and conversion of the product should be given to employees based on all the existing information. A DVD on EPS Fire Safety is available from Plastics Europe in 18 European languages. Please contact your EPS beads supplier for a copy.

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Annex to the extended Safety Data Sheet (eSDS)

No information available.