

Berry Plastics Corporation

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1 – MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND USE

Material Name:

POLYETHYLENE FILM

Chemical Family:

ETHYLENE HOMOPOLYMER AND COPOLYMER;
MAY CONTAIN COLOUR PIGMENT

WHMIS Classification:

THIS IS NOT A WHMIS CONTROLLED MATERIAL

Manufacturer:

Berry Plastics Corporation
(formerly Pliant Corporation)
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SECTION II – HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS

Hazardous Ingredients:

NONE

SECTION III – PHYSICAL DATA

Melting Point

100 – 125 °C

Solubility in Water

Insoluble

Odour

None to mild hydrocarbon

Form

Film

Colour

Translucent or Pigmented

Specific Gravity

0.92 – 0.96 G./CC.

SECTION IV – HAZARDOUS REACTIVITY

Instability: Stable at normal temperatures and storage conditions

Incompatibility: None reasonably foreseeable

Decomposition: Decomposition temperature 250 – 300 °C

The exact nature of the decomposition products will depend upon exposure conditions – temperature, access to oxygen, flaming and the presence of other materials. Complete combustion by-products are carbon dioxide and water.

SECTION V – FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

An electrostatic charge can potentially be built up when processing the film through film handling equipment, guide rolls, and the like. Grounding and elimination of the static charge is recommended.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Water, dry chemical, CO₂

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING

Use self-contained breathing apparatus if exposed to fumes from a fire involving polyethylene film.

Autoignition temperature, 350 °C. dense smoke emitted when burned without sufficient oxygen. Under fire conditions polymers decompose. The smoke may contain polymer fragments of varying composition in addition to unidentified toxic and/or irritating compounds. Hazardous combustion by-products may include and are not limited to carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

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SECTION VI – HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

Polyethylene film is not considered to be a hazardous material under normal use conditions

ROUTES OF ENTRY AND SYMPTOMS	ACUTE OR IMMEDIATE EFFECTS
Ingestion:	Non-toxic. Not a likely route of exposure.
Skin:	At room temperature non-toxic. Hot polymer will cause thermal burns.
Inhalation:	Film is not respirable. At processing temperatures above 325 °C fumes irritating to the eyes, nose and throat may be produced. This exposure may result in redness, tearing of the eyes and soreness in the nose and throat, together with coughing.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:	None known.
Chronic Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:	None known.
Carcinogenicity:	None known.

FIRST AID

Inhalation:	If exposed to fumes from overheating or combustion, move to fresh air. Consult a physician if required.
Skin Contact:	If hot polymer gets onto skin, cool rapidly with cold water, do not attempt to peel from skin. Seek medical treatment.
Ingestion:	No specific intervention is indicated as the compound is not likely to be hazardous by ingestion. However, consult a physician if necessary.

SECTION VII – PROTECTION INFORMATION

Generally applicable control measures and procedures. Provide local ventilation if processing is carried out at high temperatures.

Personal Protective Equipment Eye/Face:	Safety glasses recommended for good safety practice.
Protective Gloves:	Wear gloves and a long-sleeved shirt when handling hot film.

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SECTION VIII – DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Aquatic Toxicity:

No information. Toxicity is expected to be low based on the negligible solubility in water.

Note:

Review fire and explosion hazards and safety precautions before proceeding with clean up. Use appropriate personal protective equipment during clean up. No special procedures required. Pick up film to prevent a slipping hazard.

Waste Disposal:

Landfill or incineration in compliance with applicable Federal/State/Provincial and local regulations.

SECTION VIII – SHIPPING INFORMATION

Dot proper shipping name:

POLYMERIC MATERIAL

Hazard Class:

NOT REGULATED

TDG Proper Shipping Name:

NOT REGULATED

SECTION X - STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a cool, dry area; do not expose to heat, sparks or flame.

THE DATA IN THIS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET RELATES ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC MATERIAL DESIGNATED HEREIN AND DOES NOT RELATE TO USE IN COMBINATION WITH ANY OTHER MATERIAL OR IN ANY PROCESS.

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