

# 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

Boiling Point Not Applicable Specific Gravity Variable

(Dependent on wood and moisture content)

Vapor Density

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Melting Point

Vapor Pressure

Solubility in H<sub>2</sub>O (% by wt.)

Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate=1)

pH

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Insoluble

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

Extinguishing Media

Special Fire Fighting Procedures

40 grams M³(LEL)

Water, CO₂, Sand

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 (R): TWA - 5.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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

Skin & Eye Contact Eye 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 **HANDLING**

Eye Contact

Avoid 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 Inhalation

dust in air.

Oxidizing Agents and Drying Oils

Open Flame

Avoid contact

Avoid

### **GENERALLY APPLICABLE** CONTROL **MEASURES**

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**

Eves

Skin

Flush with water to remove dust particles. If

irritation persists, get medical attention.

Get medical advice if a rash or persistent irritation 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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