

# PRODUCT INFORMATION SHEET

## MILE HIGH FOAM® Closed Cell Polyethylene Foam Backer Rod

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Flexible polyethylene is an "article", not a chemical, as defined in 29 CFR 1910.1200©. It does not require a Safety Data Sheet under OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard. As a service to our customers, however, Backer Rod Mfg. Inc. has produced this Product Information Sheet.

### SECTION 1 - PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Name** : Mile High Foam® closed cell polyethylene foam backer rod

**Other Names** : Closed cell low density polyethylene foam (LDPE)

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### SECTION 2 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Since flexible polyethylene foam is a solid, physical characteristics such as boiling point, vapor pressure, vapor density evaporation rate, etc., do not apply.

**Appearance** : Cellular flexible material, light brown in color. May also be in various colors.

**Density** : 1.25 - 2 lbs per cu. ft.

**Solubility in Water** : Insoluble

**Stability and Reactivity** : Stable. No hazardous polymerization will occur in normal use.  
: Prolonged exposure to temperatures in excess of 196°F may cause some loss of volatile components (e.g., flame retardants) through evaporation.  
: Unprotected polyethylene foam will discolor and degrade under prolonged exposure to UV light.  
: Solvent resistance will vary with solvent type.

### SECTION 3 - FIRE HAZARD INFORMATION

**Auto-Ignition Point:** : 343°F (ASTM D 1929)

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## SECTION 3 - FIRE HAZARD INFORMATION cont.

- Fire Hazard** : **WARNING: Polyethylene Foam will burn** if exposed to an open flame or other sufficient heat source. Do not expose polyethylene foam to open flames or any other direct or indirect high temperature ignition source such as burning operations, welding, space heaters or naked lights.
- : **Once ignited, polyethylene foam will burn rapidly, releasing great heat and consuming oxygen at a high rate. In an enclosed space the resulting deficiency of oxygen will present a danger of suffocation to the occupants. Hazardous gasses released by the burning foam can be incapacitating or fatal to human beings if inhaled in sufficient quantities.**
- : **Once ignited, polyethylene foam is difficult to extinguish. Foam fires that appear to be extinguished may smolder and re-ignite. Always have fire officials determine whether a fire has been extinguished.**
- : Piles of foam dust can be readily ignite and presents a potential fire hazard. High concentrations of foam dust in the air can ge a potential explosion hazard if exposed to flame, sparks, or other ignition sources.
- Extinguishing Media** : Water spray, dry chemical, foam of carbon dioxide
- Fire-fighting Protection** : Fire-fighting personnel must be equipped with self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and fire-fighting clothing.

## SECTION 4 - HEALTH HAZARDS

- Exposure Limits** : None Established
- Acute Toxicity** : Skin Absorbtion Not likely. Non irritating  
: Swallowing None determined  
: Inhalation Inhalation of foam dust may cause irritation to nose, throat, and lungs  
: Skin Contact Non irritating  
: Eye Contact Foam dust may cause eye irritaion or injury

## SECTION 5 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

- : Keep foam away from sparks, naked lights, open flames, exposed electrical elements, or other ignition sources. Smoking should be forbidden in areas where material is stored or processed.
- : Maintain adequate sprinkler protection where large volumes of foam are kept (e.g., warehouses, fabrication areas and storage rooms). Check for compliance with insurance regulations, local building codes or other legal requirements.

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## SECTION 5 - HANDLING AND STORAGE cont.

- : Never use foam as an exposed interior wall or ceiling finish
- : Maintain sufficient aisle space to permit access for fire-fighting equipment and personnel to all foam storage areas.
- : Do not allow cuttings or foam scrap to accumulate.
- : Be aware that terms sometimes used to describe polyethylene foam, like "fire retardant" and "flame resistant", do not mean fire safety under all conditions. Flammability ratings from small-scale laboratory tests are not to be taken as an indication of the materials behavior under actual fire conditions.

## SECTION 6 - PERSONAL PROTECTION AND EXPOSURE CONTROLS

- Protective Equipment** : Unless exposure to foam dust is anticipated, dust masks, goggles, and gloves are not required. Long sleeves are recommended if arms are repeatedly rubbed against foam.
- Ventilation** : Mechanical ventilation should be considered in operations that generate abnormal quantities of foam dust, or where thermal decomposition of the foam occurs (e.g., hot-wire cutting, heat sealing, hot stamping and flame laminating.)

## SECTION 7 - EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

- Skin** : Wash off any foam dust.
- Eyes** : Flush thoroughly with water.
- Ingestion** : None necessary unless throat is obstructed
- Inhalation** : Consult physician if coughing, discomfort, or obstruction of air passage occurs.

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