

**Marlex® H525 Polyethylene**

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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING****Product information**

Trade name : Marlex® H525 Polyethylene  
Material : 1058726, 1058728

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**MEDICAL APPLICATION CAUTION:** Do not use this Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP material in medical applications involving permanent implantation in the human body or permanent contact with internal body fluids or tissues.

Do not use this Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP material in medical applications involving brief or temporary implantation in the human body or contact with internal body fluids or tissues unless the material has been provided directly from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP under an agreement which expressly acknowledges the contemplated use.

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP makes no representation, promise, express warranty or implied warranty concerning the suitability of this material for use in implantation in the human body or in contact with internal body fluids or tissues.

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview**

<b>Form:</b> Pellets <b>Physical state:</b> Solid <b>Color:</b> Opaque <b>Odor:</b> Mild to no odor
OSHA Hazards : This material is not hazardous under the criteria of the Federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29CFR 1910.1200.

**Potential Health Effects**

Physical Hazards : Pellets may cause a slip hazard on hard surfaces.

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Mechanical processing may form combustible dust concentrations in air and thermal processing at elevated temperatures may generate formaldehyde.

- Inhalation** : Repeated exposure to dust from this material may cause respiratory irritation.  
Fumes generated during thermal processing may cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract.
- Skin** : Contact with the skin is not expected to cause prolonged or significant irritation.  
Contact with the skin is not expected to cause an allergic response.  
If this material is heated, thermal burns may result from contact. Thermal burns may include pain or feeling of heat, discolorations, swelling, and blistering.
- Eyes** : Contact with the eyes may cause irritation due to the abrasive action.  
Not expected to cause prolonged or significant eye irritation. Thermal burns may result if heated material contacts eye.
- Ingestion** : Ingestion of this product is not a likely route of exposure.

**GHS-Classification**

Not a dangerous substance according to Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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**Carcinogenicity:**

- IARC** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
- NTP** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
- ACGIH** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS-No.	Weight %
Polyethylene Hexene Copolymer	25213-02-9	99.50 - 99.70

Contains no hazardous ingredients according to GHS.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- If inhaled** : Move to fresh air in case of accidental inhalation of dust or fumes from overheating or combustion. If symptoms persist,

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- call a physician.
- In case of skin contact : If the molten material gets on skin, quickly cool in water. Seek immediate medical attention. Do not try to peel the solidified material from the skin or use solvents or thinners to dissolve it.
- In case of eye contact : In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- If swallowed : Do not induce vomiting without medical advice.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water. Water mist. Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Foam. If possible, water should be applied as a spray from a fogging nozzle since this is a surface burning material. The application of high velocity water will spread the burning surface layer. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
- Specific hazards during fire fighting : Risks of ignition followed by flame propagation or secondary explosions can be caused by the accumulation of dust, e.g. on floors and ledges.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Use personal protective equipment. Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.
- Further information : This material will burn although it is not easily ignited.
- Fire and explosion protection : Treat as a solid that can burn. Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.
- Hazardous decomposition products : Normal combustion forms carbon dioxide, water vapor and may produce carbon monoxide, other hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon oxidation products (ketones, aldehydes, organic acids) depending on temperature and air availability. Incomplete combustion can also produce formaldehyde.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

- Personal precautions : Sweep up to prevent slipping hazard. Avoid breathing dust.
- Environmental precautions : Do not contaminate surface water. Prevent product from entering drains.
- Methods for cleaning up : Clean up promptly by sweeping or vacuum.
- Additional advice : Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air).

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling**

Advice on safe handling : Use good housekeeping for safe handling of the product. Keep out of water sources and sewers.

Spilled pellets and powders may create a slipping hazard.

Electrostatic charge may accumulate and create a hazardous condition when handling this material. To minimize this hazard, bonding and grounding may be necessary, but may not by themselves be sufficient.

At elevated temperatures (>350°F, >177°C), polyethylene can release vapors and gases, which are irritating to the mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth, throat, and lungs. These substances may include acetaldehyde, acetone, acetic acid, formic acid, formaldehyde and acrolein. Based on animal data and limited epidemiological evidence, NTP, IARC (2A), and OSHA have listed formaldehyde as a probable human carcinogen. Following all recommendations within this MSDS should minimize exposure to thermal processing emissions.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Treat as a solid that can burn. Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

**Storage**

Requirements for storage areas and containers : Keep in a dry place. Keep in a well-ventilated place.

Advice on common storage : Do not store together with oxidizing and self-igniting products.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Ingredients with workplace control parameters****US**

Ingredients	Basis	Value	Control parameters	Note
Nuisance Dust	OSHA Z1B	TWA	15 mg/m3	Total dust
	OSHA Z1B	TWA	5 mg/m3	(respirable dust)

Control as Particulate Not Otherwise Classified (PNOC). The ACGIH Guideline\* for respirable dust is 3.0 mg/m3 and 10.0 mg/m3 for total dust. The OSHA PEL for respirable dust is 5.0 mg/m3 and 15.0 mg/m3 for total dust.

\* This value is for inhalable (total) particulate matter containing no asbestos and < 1.0% crystalline silica.

**Personal protective equipment**

Respiratory protection : No respiratory protection is normally required. If heated material generates vapor or fumes that are not adequately controlled by ventilation, wear an appropriate respirator. Use the following elements for air-purifying respirators: Organic Vapor and Formaldehyde. Use a positive pressure, air-

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- supplying respirator if there is potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, or other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection. Dust safety masks are recommended when the dust concentration is excessive.
- Eye protection : Use of safety glasses with side shields for solid handling is good industrial practice. If this material is heated, wear chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shields or a face shield. If there is potential for dust, use chemical goggles.
- Skin and body protection : At ambient temperatures use of clean and protective clothing is good industrial practice. If the material is heated or molten, wear thermally insulated, heat-resistant gloves that are able to withstand the temperature of the molten product. If this material is heated, wear insulated clothing to prevent skin contact if engineering controls or work practices are not adequate.
- Protective measures : Consider the potential hazards of this material (see Section 2), applicable exposure limits, job activities, and other substances in the work place when designing engineering controls and selecting personal protective equipment. If engineering controls or work practices are not adequate to prevent exposure to harmful levels of this material, the personal protective equipment listed below is recommended. The user should read and understand all instructions and limitations supplied with the equipment since protection is usually provided for a limited time or under certain circumstances.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****Information on basic physical and chemical properties****Appearance**

- Form : Pellets  
 Physical state : Solid  
 Color : Opaque  
 Odor : Mild to no odor

**Safety data**

- Thermal decomposition : Low molecular weight hydrocarbons, alcohols, aldehydes, acids and ketones can be formed during thermal processing.
- Density : 0.91 - 0.97 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Water solubility : Negligible

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Chemical stability : This material is considered stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Conditions to avoid : Avoid prolonged storage at elevated temperature.

Materials to avoid : Avoid contact with strong oxidizing agents.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Marlex® H525 Polyethylene**

Acute oral toxicity : Presumed Not Toxic

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Acute inhalation toxicity : Presumed Not Toxic

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Acute dermal toxicity : Presumed Not Toxic

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Skin irritation : No skin irritation

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Eye irritation : No eye irritation

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Sensitization : Did not cause sensitization on laboratory animals.

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Further information : This product contains POLYMERIZED OLEFINS. During thermal processing (>350°F, >177°C) polyolefins can release vapors and gases (aldehydes, ketones and organic acids) which are irritating to the mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth, throat, and lungs. Generally these irritant effects are all transitory. However, prolonged exposure to irritating off-gases can lead to pulmonary edema. Formaldehyde (an aldehyde) has been classified as a probable human carcinogen by NTP, IARC (2A), and OSHA based on animal data and limited epidemiological evidence.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity effects****Elimination information (persistence and degradability)**

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- Bioaccumulation : Does not bioaccumulate.
- Mobility : The product is insoluble and floats on water.
- Biodegradability : This material is not expected to be readily biodegradable.

**Further information on ecology**

- Additional ecological information** : This material is not expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms.  
Fish or birds may eat pellets which may obstruct their digestive tracts.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The information in this MSDS pertains only to the product as shipped.

Use material for its intended purpose or recycle if possible. This material, if it must be discarded, may meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined by US EPA under RCRA (40 CFR 261) or other State and local regulations. Measurement of certain physical properties and analysis for regulated components may be necessary to make a correct determination. If this material is classified as a hazardous waste, federal law requires disposal at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**The shipping descriptions shown here are for bulk shipments only, and may not apply to shipments in non-bulk packages (see regulatory definition).**

Consult the appropriate domestic or international mode-specific and quantity-specific Dangerous Goods Regulations for additional shipping description requirements (e.g., technical name or names, etc.) Therefore, the information shown here, may not always agree with the bill of lading shipping description for the material. Flashpoints for the material may vary slightly between the MSDS and the bill of lading.

**USDOT**

NOT REGULATED AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR DANGEROUS GOODS FOR TRANSPORTATION BY THIS AGENCY.

**IMO / IMDG**

NOT REGULATED AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR DANGEROUS GOODS FOR TRANSPORTATION BY THIS AGENCY.

**IATA**

NOT REGULATED AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR DANGEROUS GOODS FOR TRANSPORTATION BY THIS AGENCY.

**ADR**

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**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****National legislation**

**Canadian PBT Chemicals** : No data available

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : No SARA Hazards

**EPCRA - EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMUNITY RIGHT - TO - KNOW**

**SARA 302 Reportable Quantity** : SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Ingredients** : SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**Clean Air Act**

**Ozone-Depletion Potential** : This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 12 (40 CFR 61).

**California Prop. 65 Ingredients** : This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

**Notification status**

Europe REACH	: Not in compliance with the inventory
United States of America US.TSCA	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
Australia AICS	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand NZIoC	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ENCS	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
Korea KECI	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory
Philippines PICCS	: Not in compliance with the inventory
China IECSC	: On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory



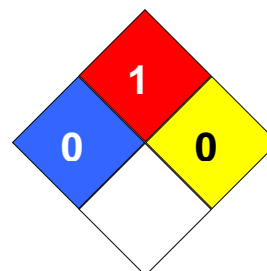
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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**NFPA Classification** : Health Hazard: 0  
Fire Hazard: 1  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Further information**

Legacy MSDS Number : 240370

Significant changes since the last version are highlighted in the margin. This version replaces all previous versions.

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The above information is based on the data of which we are aware and is believed to be correct as of the date hereof. Since this information may be applied under conditions beyond our control and with which we may be unfamiliar and since data made available subsequent to the date hereof may suggest modifications of the information, we do not assume any responsibility for the results of its use. This information is furnished upon condition that the person receiving it shall make his own determination of the suitability of the material for his particular purpose.

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet			
ACGIH	American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists	LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
AICS	Australia, Inventory of Chemical Substances	NFPA	National Fire Protection Agency
DSL	Canada, Domestic Substances List	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
NDSL	Canada, Non-Domestic Substances List	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CNS	Central Nervous System	NZIoC	New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service	NOAEL	No Observable Adverse Effect Level
EC50	Effective Concentration	NOEC	No Observed Effect Concentration
EC50	Effective Concentration 50%	OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
MAK	Germany Maximum Concentration Values	PICCS	Philippines Inventory of Commercial Chemical Substances
GHS	Globally Harmonized System	PRNT	Presumed Not Toxic
>=	Greater Than or Equal To	RCRA	Resource Conservation Recovery Act
IC50	Inhibition Concentration 50%	STEL	Short-term Exposure Limit
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.
IECSC	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
ENCS	Japan, Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances	TWA	Time Weighted Average
KECI	Korea, Existing Chemical Inventory	TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
<=	Less Than or Equal To	UVCB	Unknown or Variable Composition, Complex Reaction Products, and Biological Materials
LC50	Lethal Concentration 50%	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials

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			Information System
LD50	Lethal Dose 50%		