



# Material Information Data Sheet

## Polyurethane - flexible foam

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Material: Flexible polyurethane foam or slabstock polyurethane foam

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Polyurethane foams are not hazardous products nor mixtures of dangerous substances. They are identified as industrial polymers. According to EU Regulation 1907/2006/EC (REACH) and OSHA Hazardous Communication Standard, Polyurethane foams are defined as "articles" and in that respect they are not bound to obligation for a Safety Data Sheet.

Nevertheless, in order to provide Customers with useful information on products' main characteristics, Future Foam prepared this Material Information Data Sheet, which - only for the sake of convenience and simplicity - shows a structure similar to Safety Data Sheets for dangerous substances and mixtures.

### A. Product Identification

Product names	Polyether Polyurethane Foam Polyester Polyurethane Foam
Trade names	Various, FutureStat, FutureCell, Futuratex
Composition	Polyurethane polymer
Material Information	Poly-addition product of diisocyanates, polyether/ polyester polyols and water controlled by catalysts, stabilizers and other additives, resulting in a cellular polyurethane foam.

Regulatory Information	No OSHA, DOT, EPA labeling or placarding requirements. No labeling is required for this material by existing EU Regulation on Classification, Packaging and Labeling of substances and mixtures (EC) 1272/2008.
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**B. Physical properties**

Physical form/appearance	Cellular material with elastic properties
Color	Varies based on customer's requirement
Density	0.8-7.0 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> (12.8-112 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Solubility in water	Insoluble
Odor	None or mild odor
Flash ignition point	Between 315°C and 370°C
Decomposition temperature	Above 180°C
Thermal energy	28,000 KJ/kg
Stability and reactivity	The product is stable at temperatures between - 40°C and + 100°C

**C. Fire Hazards**

Auto-ignition point	Between 370°C to 427°C
Fire hazard	The product is a combustible material and causes, when burning, intense heat and dense smoke. In a fire, decomposition products such as carbon black, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, gaseous hydrocarbons and nitrogen containing products can be generated in various concentrations depending on the combustion conditions.
Melting point	The product has no melting point but will decompose

Suitable fire extinguishers	Water, carbon dioxide, dry powder, liquid foam
Human protection in large fires	Fire fighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus. Should the burning foam come in contact with skin, cool the burned area with water without removing the foam. In case of serious burns call a doctor immediately. In the event of persons inhaling combustion gases, they must be removed from the area and given swift medical attention.
Further fire information	Terms like "is flame retarded" or "contains flame retardants" are sometimes used to describe improved ignition resistance in small-scale tests and do not reflect hazards in large scale fire conditions
Storage & Processing	In processing flexible PU Foams all prescriptions, directives and technical rules regarding the layout of workstations, machinery safety and workplace human protection must be observed. Because of the fire risks associated with certain processing operations on block foam (e.g. hot-wire cutting, grinding, flame lamination, etc) it is advisable to seek expert guidance on fire precautions that need to be in place. Attention should be paid to the possibility to produce electrostatic charges during foam processing operations that may be dangerous.

#### D. Toxicological data

Oral	There is no evidence that PU foam is toxic in case of ingestion. LD50(oral-rats) < 5,000 mg/kg
Inhalation	No adverse effect known by inhalation following contact with PU foam. In case of fabrication in which foam material is grinded and foam dust particles can be generated a proper exhaust of dust must be in place and/or PPE (personal protection equipment) must be worn. Concentration in air equal to or greater than 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8-h TWA of inhalable dust not allowed.
Skin contact	No adverse effects known following contact with polyurethane foam.

Eye contact	Dust particles can cause mechanical irritation. Rinse with water to remove dust.
Microbiological: contamination	PU foam is sterile when manufactured.

**E. Protective measures in handling, storage and processing**

Eye protection	Protective goggles should be worn for processes which generate dust
Protective clothing	Not required. In case of dust generating operations skin protective clothes and appropriate respiratory masks are recommended.
Other measures	No specific measures are needed for fully cured PUR foam. Gloves should be used when handling fresh foams.
Handling foam	Special protective equipment and clothing is not necessary when handling foam, since it does not irritate the skin, eyes or respiratory system, except in those processes where dust is produced
Ventilation	Provided there is adequate general ventilation, no special precautions are necessary for most handling and cutting operations
Ventilation during some operations	Local exhaust ventilation is necessary for some operations i.e. where dust is produced from sawing, buffing or grinding operations or where fumes are produced in flame laminating, thermo-forming or hot wire cutting
Storage	Store away from heat sources (match, cigarette, open fire, electrical heater, welding ...). Store in compliance with safety standards established by local authorities and by specific requirements of any pertinent insurance company.

**F. Ecological information**

Biodegradability	Dependent on the type of PU foam, the product is not degradable or degrades slowly
Additional ecological data	Future Foam's products do not contain Ozone depleting substances and are not produced using products regulated by pertinent legislation.

**G. Transport information**

Labelling	PU foam is not classified for conveyance or supply under the International Agreements on Carriage of Dangerous Goods. The product is not classified as hazardous for any mode of transportation under current DOT or EU/UN regulations.
Measures	No special steps need to be taken for the transportation of PU foam

**H. Disposal considerations**

Production trim	Trim polyurethane foam and off-cuts can usually be recycled by use in rebond manufacturing if they are clean and sorted.
Legislation	Under EPA and EU environmental legislation, there are no special requirements for the disposal of conventional PU foam.

## **I. Disclaimer of liability**

Local rules and regulations must be adhered to.

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The data on this sheet relates only to flexible polyurethane foam made by Future Foam.

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### **Input for external Material Data Systems or polyurethane foam convertors.**

Polyurethanes are polymers and defined in Data Systems, i.e. IMDS, as a product, not as a chemical compound. In terms of REACH polyurethane foam is defined as article.

For the manufacture of polyurethane foam, a series of raw materials are used. The following raw materials are mixed together: diisocyanates, polyols, and water. These ingredients are fully reacted during foam manufacture and chemically converted into the polyurethane polymer matrix. In addition, other essential additives of different characteristics are used in small concentrations, some of which could be also chemically bonded to the matrix.

Depending on the final application, legal requirements or customer's request PU foam may contain any of the following substances:

- Tertiary amine catalysts
- Flame-retardants
- Silicone surfactants
- Inorganic Tin
- Pigments and/or reactive colorants
- EPA Registered antimicrobial(s)

No detailed breakdown of the finished foam will yield any of these raw materials or additives that can be expressed as final percentages, as most are reactive and chemically bonded to the PU foam matrix or disappear gradually during the curing phase (24h) of manufacture.