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SECTION 1 - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT: PART #2293- 24K Carbon Tow

Carbon Fibers are high strength carbon fibers produced from a polyacrylonitrile (PAN) precursor. The carbon fibers are surface treated to promote adhesion to organic polymers. The fibers are sized with a variety of proprietary sizes whose specific chemical identities are trade secrets.

DOT HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: Not regulated

FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION: Yarn, synthetic fibers NOI

CAS NUMBER: 7440-44-0 (carbon)

All chemical components are listed in the EPA's TSCA Inventory.

SECTION 2 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Epoxy resin size (see paragraph titled "Other Health Effects Data" in Section VI).

When carbon fibers are processed nuisance dust may be generated which can cause eye, skin or respiratory irritation.

SECTION 3 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS (TYPICAL VALUES)

APPEARANCE: Black fibers negligible odor

DENSITY: 1.73 – 1.96 g/cm³

FILAMENT DIAMETER: 4.5 – 8.4 microns

FILAMENT COUNT: 500 – 80,000

SECTION 4 – PHYSICAL HAZARDS

ELECTRICAL HAZARD: Carbon fiber dust and fibrous particles are electrically conductive and can cause shorting in electrical equipment and computers. Explosive shorting of high voltage systems is possible.

FLASH POINT: Not applicable

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water, carbon dioxide, dry chemical or foam (for cores & shipping containers).

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: None known

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: None known

SECTION 5 – REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY: Stable

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None known

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur

MATERIALS TO AVOID: None known

SECTION 6 - HEALTH HAZARDS

EXPOSURE LIMITS

OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m³ (total) Particles not otherwise regulated Exposure (PNOR); 5 mg/m³ (respirable).

ACGIH TLV: 10 mg/m³ (inhalable) Particles not otherwise specified (PNOS); 3 mg/m³ (respirable).

INGESTION (SWALLOWING): Chemically inert; no known hazard.

INHALATION (BREATHING): A 16-week repeat inhalation animal study with 7 micron diameter unsized carbon fiber did not produce any significant exposure-related effects or fibrogenic response. Dust may produce mechanical irritation to the mucus membranes of the nose, throat and upper respiratory tract.

SKIN CONTACT: Mechanical irritation accompanied by itching or dermatitis may occur from exposure to broken filaments or loose particles of carbon fiber.

EYE CONTACT: Particulate matter may cause eye irritation.

FIRST AID & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: If product irritates skin, wash area with mild soap and water. If particles get in eyes, flush with plenty of water for several minutes. If skin, eye or respiratory irritation persists, seek medical attention promptly.

OTHER HEALTH EFFECTS DATA: Liquid finished containing epoxy of the type applied to these fibers applied to these fibers have given positive results in Ames, mouse lymphoma and sister chromatid exchange "in vitro" (test tube) tests, implying a potential for genotoxicity. Of greater significance, live animal exposure to the liquid finish by inhalation produced no evidence of toxicity or increase in sister chromatid exchanges, and dermal exposure of live animals to the liquid finish produced no adverse effect on reproductive performance. Subacute dermal testing of the finish in live animals produced no toxicity or dermal irritation, but human patch testing showed a potential to produce dermal sensitization. The liquid finish produced no eye irritation in laboratory animals.

SECTION 7 – SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Use filtered vacuum cleaner with grounded electrical cord, or wet sweeping methods, to collect loose material; avoid circulating airborne fibrous particles during cleanup operations.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS: Do not incinerate. Waste material should be bagged or containerized, sealed and disposed of in an approved landfill in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. Product as shipped is not considered a hazardous waste under current RCRA regulations.

SECTION 8 – SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: When dust concentration exceeds recommended TLV of 10 mg/m³ (total dust) or 5 mg/m³ (respirable dust) wear NIOSH approved particulate respirator.

LOCAL EXHAUST: Recommended when appropriate to control employee exposure, especially at points where fragmentation or particulate generation may occur.

MECHANICAL (GENERAL) VENTILATION: May not be adequate as the sole means of controlling dust or lint.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES: Wear gloves when handling.

EYE PROTECTION: Wear safety goggles if dust or lint is present.

OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES: Apply barrier cream or wear long sleeved shirt to prevent fibrous matter from contacting exposed skin. Wash work clothing frequently. Wash exposed skin areas before eating and at end of work day. Use good housekeeping practices to keep work area free of dust and fibers.

SECTION 9 – SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Electrical equipment, enclosures and circuits in or near areas where carbon fibers are used should be protected against infiltration of or contact with airborne particles or filaments.

Store carbon fiber product in original containers. Avoid conditions that may generate carbon dust or lint.

As with all industrial products, selection of specific personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, disposable, clothing, respirators) and general control (e.g., local exhaust ventilation) depends upon the type of operation and exposure potential. To avoid ingestion incidental to handling, food and tobacco should not be present in the work area. Wash skin contact areas with soap and water after handling.

SECTION 13 - COMMENTS

The information accumulated herein is believed to be accurate but is not warranted to be, whether originating with Fibre Glast Developments or not. Recipients are advised to confirm in advance of need that the information is current, applicable, and suitable to their circumstances.