



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Grade 54NS Expandable polystyrene
Other means of identification	
SDS number	21635
Product code	3354NS, 3454NS, 3654NS, 5354NS, 5454NS, 5654NS, 7654NS, I3354NS, I5354NS, I7454NS, S3454NS, S5354NS, S5454NS, S5654NS, S7654NS, S7454NS, S7354NS
Recommended use	Industrial manufacture of packaging, construction materials, safety gear, and is also used in other miscellaneous applications.
Recommended restrictions	This material is not intended for use in the manufacture of any form of medical or surgical device.
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information	
Manufacturer/Supplier	Epsilyte, LLC 501 Brunner Street Peru, IL 61354 United States
Supplier	Epsilyte, LLC 501 Brunner Street Peru, IL 61354 United States
Telephone Numbers - 24 hour Emergency Assistance	
Chemtrec (US)	800-424-9300
Chemtrec24 (Asia)	65 3158 1074 (Singapore)
Chemtrec24 (Europe)	44 (0) 1235 239 670 (UK)

Telephone numbers 8-4:45 (M-F, CST)

Customer Service	(316) 247-3904
SDS Assistance	(815) 224-5259
SDS Assistance Email:	sdsrequest@epsilyte.com

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.
Health hazards	Not classified.
OSHA defined hazards	Combustible dust
Label elements	
Hazard symbol	None.
Signal word	Warning
Hazard statement	May form combustible dust concentrations in air if converted to small particles during further processing, handling, or by other means.

Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Not applicable.
Response	Not applicable.
Storage	Not applicable.
Disposal	Not applicable.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	Product is a white bead which releases highly flammable pentane vapors. In use, may form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture.
Supplemental information	Prevent dust accumulations to minimize explosion hazard. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before use. In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.
	Store away from incompatible materials.
	Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Polystyrene	9003-53-6	92 - 97
Pentanes (All Isomers)	Mixture	2 - < 8
Modifiers and/or Additives	Proprietary	<= 2

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Do not rub eyes. Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treat symptomatically.
General information	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Avoid high pressure media which could cause the formation of a potentially explosible dust-air mixture. Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Apply extinguishing media carefully to avoid creating airborne dust.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Explosion hazard: 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. During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Selection of respiratory protection for firefighting: follow the general fire precautions indicated in the workplace. Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use only non-sparking tools. 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. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. This product is miscible in water. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

Environmental precautions

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Static electricity and formation of sparks must be prevented. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

This material can accumulate static charge which may cause spark and become an ignition source. Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. To maintain product quality, do not store in heat or direct sunlight. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Additional components	Type	Value	Form
Dust	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m ³	Total dust.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Additional components	Type	Value	Form
Dust	TWA	3 mg/m ³	Respirable particles.
		10 mg/m ³	Inhalable particles.

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

Skin protection	
Other	Wear suitable protective clothing.
Respiratory protection	If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state	Solid.
Form	Beads.
Color	White.
Odor	Hydrocarbon.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not applicable.
Melting point/freezing point	199.94 - 215.06 °F (93.3 - 101.7 °C) Softens & expands (EPS beads containing pentanes)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	-60.0 °F (-51.1 °C) (EPS beads containing pentanes)
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	1.4 % (EPS beads containing pentanes)
Flammability limit - upper (%)	8.3 % (EPS beads containing pentanes)
Explosive limit - lower (%)	See flammability limit.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	See flammability limit.
Vapor pressure	< 100 mm Hg @77 °F (25 °C)
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	< 1 % Negligible.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	500 °F (260 °C) (EPS beads containing pentanes)
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Other information	
Chemical family	Polystyrene Thermoplastic Polymer
Density	1.02 g/ml @77 °F (25 °C)
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
VOC	7.5 Maximum (EPS beads containing pentanes)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

Conditions to avoid	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point. Contact with incompatible materials. Minimize dust generation and accumulation.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Dust may irritate respiratory system.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust may irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Not expected to be acutely toxic.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

Germ cell mutagenicity No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Polystyrene (CAS 9003-53-6) 3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

NTP Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Not classified.

Aspiration hazard Not an aspiration hazard.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Components	Species	Test Results
Polystyrene (CAS 9003-53-6)		
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Fish	LC50 Oryzias latipes	> 500 mg/l, 48 Hours

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of any ingredients in the mixture.

Bioaccumulative potential Not likely to bioaccumulate in aquatic organisms.

Mobility in soil The product is insoluble in water.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Incinerate the material under controlled conditions in an approved incinerator. Do not incinerate sealed containers. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer of the waste, and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN2211
UN proper shipping name	Polymeric beads, expandable, evolving flammable vapor
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	9
Subsidiary risk	-
Label(s)	9
Packing group	III
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.
Special provisions	32, IB8, IP3, IP7, T1, TP33
Packaging exceptions	155
Packaging non bulk	221
Packaging bulk	221

IATA

UN number	UN2211
UN proper shipping name	Polymeric beads, expandable evolving flammable vapour
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	9
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III
Environmental hazards	No.
ERG Code	9L
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

IMDG

UN number	UN2211
UN proper shipping name	POLYMERIC BEADS, EXPANDABLE evolving flammable vapour
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	9
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	No.
EmS	F-A, S-I
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

All components of the mixture on the TSCA 8(b) inventory are designated "active".

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories Combustible dust

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Not regulated.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Not listed.

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Not listed.

US. Rhode Island RTK

California Proposition 65

This material is known to contain low levels of ethylbenzene and styrene. Customers and manufacturers are encouraged to evaluate their potential warning requirements for California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2016, as amended (Proposition 65). For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Further information Refer to:
OSHA 3371-08 2009, Hazard Communication Guidance for Combustible Dusts
NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids

HMIS® ratings Health: 1
Flammability: 0
Physical hazard: 0

NFPA ratings



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