



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** Grade 55NS Expandable polystyrene

**Other means of identification**

**SDS number** 21636

**Product code** 5535NS; 5455NS; 5655NS; 6355NS; 6455NS; 6655NS

**Recommended use** Industrial manufacture of packaging, construction materials, safety gear, and is also used in other miscellaneous applications.

**Recommended restrictions** Other uses are not recommended unless an assessment is completed, prior to commencement of that use, which demonstrates that the use will be controlled.

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

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## 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.

<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Response</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Storage</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Disposal</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	Product is a white bead which releases highly flammable pentane vapors. In use, may form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture.
<b>Supplemental information</b>	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	<= 3

### 4. First-aid measures

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

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Apply extinguishing media carefully to avoid creating airborne dust. Avoid high pressure media which could cause the formation of a potentially explosible dust-air mixture.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	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.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	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.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	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. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. 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 <sup>3</sup>	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	Respirable particles.
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	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.

<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Other</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	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.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	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

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

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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

<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	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.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Dust may irritate respiratory system.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Dust may irritate the eyes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	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

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

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	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)		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
<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

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	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.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer of the waste, and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose in accordance with applicable 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).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	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

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

#### IATA

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

#### IMDG

<b>UN number</b>	UN2211
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	POLYMERIC BEADS, EXPANDABLE evolving flammable vapour
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	9
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	III
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No.
<b>EmS</b>	F-A, S-I
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	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)** Contains component(s) regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

**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](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

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

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

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

**NFPA ratings**



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