



# Material Safety Data Sheet

The Dow Chemical Company

**Product Name:** ETHAFOAM(TM) M4 Black 2 inch Polyethylene Foam Plank

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The Dow Chemical Company encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

## 1. Product and Company Identification

### Product Name

ETHAFOAM(TM) M4 Black 2 inch Polyethylene Foam Plank

### COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

The Dow Chemical Company  
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Midland, MI 48674  
USA

Customer Information Number:

800-258-2436

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

24-Hour Emergency Contact:

989-636-4400

Local Emergency Contact:

989-636-4400

## 2. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**Color:** Black

**Physical State:** Foam

**Odor:** Odorless

**Hazards of product:**

No significant immediate hazards for emergency response are known.

### OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### Potential Health Effects

**Eye Contact:** Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury due to mechanical action.

Fumes/vapor released during thermal operations such as hot-wire cutting may cause eye irritation.

**Skin Contact:** Essentially nonirritating to skin. Mechanical injury only.

**Skin Absorption:** Skin absorption is unlikely due to physical properties.

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**Inhalation:** Dust may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat). Fumes/vapors released during thermal operations such as hot wire cutting may cause respiratory irritation.  
**Ingestion:** Swallowing is unlikely because of the physical state. Very low toxicity if swallowed. Harmful effects not anticipated from swallowing small amounts. May cause choking or blockage of the digestive tract if swallowed.

### 3. Composition Information

| Component           | CAS #     | Amount   |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Ethene, homopolymer | 9002-88-4 | > 98.0 % |

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with plenty of water; remove contact lenses after the first 1-2 minutes then continue flushing for several minutes. Only mechanical effects expected. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist.  
**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with plenty of water.  
**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air; if effects occur, consult a physician.  
**Ingestion:** If swallowed, seek medical attention. May cause gastrointestinal blockage. Do not give laxatives. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.  
**Notes to Physician:** No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water fog or fine spray. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers. Foam.  
**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition. If material is molten, do not apply direct water stream. Use fine water spray or foam. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone. Hand held dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguishers may be used for small fires.  
**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.  
**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Mechanical cutting, grinding or sawing can cause formation of dusts. To reduce the potential for dust explosion, do not permit dust to accumulate. Dense smoke is emitted when burned without sufficient oxygen.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. In smoldering or flaming conditions, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and carbon are generated. Based on combustion toxicity testing, the effects of combustion from this foam are not more acutely toxic than the effects of combustion from common building materials such as wood.

### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:** Recover spilled material if possible. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.  
**Personal Precautions:** There are no special required instructions.  
**Environmental Precautions:** There are no special required instructions.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

**General Handling:** Mechanical cutting, grinding or sawing can cause formation of dusts. To reduce the potential for dust explosion, do not permit dust to accumulate. This product is combustible and may constitute a fire hazard if improperly used or installed.

### Storage

Store in a cool, dry place. Keep away from high temperatures and hot pipes. Store away from direct sunlight. This material is combustible and should not be exposed to flame or other ignition sources.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Exposure Limits

Although some of the additives used in this product may have exposure guidelines, these additives are encapsulated in the product and no exposure would be expected under normal handling conditions.

### Personal Protection

**Eye/Face Protection:** Eye protection should not be necessary. For fabrication operations safety glasses are recommended. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause eye discomfort, wear chemical goggles.

**Skin Protection:** No precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed.

**Hand protection:** Chemical protective gloves should not be needed when handling this material. Consistent with general hygienic practice for any material, skin contact should be minimized. Use gloves to protect from mechanical injury. Selection of gloves will depend on the task.

**Respiratory Protection:** When respiratory protection is required for certain operations, including but not limited to saw, router or hot-wire cutting, use an approved air-purifying respirator. The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Organic vapor cartridge with a particulate pre-filter.

**Ingestion:** No precautions necessary due to the physical properties of the material.

### Engineering Controls

**Ventilation:** Good general ventilation should be sufficient for most conditions. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

|                                 |                                                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Physical State                  | Foam                                                         |
| Color                           | Black                                                        |
| Odor                            | Odorless                                                     |
| Flash Point - Closed Cup        | Not applicable                                               |
| Flammable Limits In Air         | <b>Lower:</b> Not applicable<br><b>Upper:</b> Not applicable |
| Autoignition Temperature        | No test data available                                       |
| Vapor Pressure                  | Not applicable                                               |
| Boiling Point (760 mmHg)        | Not applicable.                                              |
| Vapor Density (air = 1)         | Not applicable                                               |
| Specific Gravity (H2O = 1)      | 0.02 - 0.16 <i>Literature</i>                                |
| Liquid Density                  | 98.8 kg/m3 <i>ASTM D3575(W)/EN-ISO 845</i>                   |
| Freezing Point                  | Not applicable                                               |
| Melting Point                   | < 150 °C (< 302 °F) <i>Estimated</i>                         |
| Solubility in Water (by weight) | insoluble in water                                           |

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| pH                  | Not applicable |
| Kinematic Viscosity | Not applicable |

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at typical use temperatures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid temperatures above 70 °C (158 °F). Product decomposes above: 250 °C (482 °F). Avoid direct sunlight.

**Incompatible Materials:** Avoid contact with: Strong oxidizers.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

### Thermal Decomposition

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. Processing may release fumes and other decomposition products. At temperatures exceeding melt temperatures, polymer fragments can be released. Fumes can be irritating.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Repeated Dose Toxicity

Based on available data, repeated exposures are not anticipated to cause significant adverse effects.

## 12. Ecological Information

### CHEMICAL FATE

#### Movement & Partitioning

No bioconcentration is expected because of the relatively high molecular weight (MW greater than 1000). In the terrestrial environment, material is expected to remain in the soil. In the aquatic environment, material is expected to float.

#### Persistence and Degradability

Surface photodegradation is expected with exposure to sunlight. No appreciable biodegradation is expected.

### ECOTOXICITY

Not expected to be acutely toxic to aquatic organisms.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal practices must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. DOW HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION: Composition Information. FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options

include sending to a licensed, permitted: Recycler. Reclaimer. Landfill. Incinerator or other thermal destruction device. As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customer Information Group at 1-800-258-2436 or 1-989-832-1556 (U.S.), or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada) for further details.

## 14. Transport Information

**DOT Non-Bulk**  
NOT REGULATED

**DOT Bulk**  
NOT REGULATED

**IMDG**  
NOT REGULATED

**ICAO/IATA**  
NOT REGULATED

*This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.*

## 15. Regulatory Information

### OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Sections 311 and 312

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard   | No |
| Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard   | No |
| Fire Hazard                       | No |
| Reactive Hazard                   | No |
| Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard | No |

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Section 313

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

### Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Hazardous Substances List and/or Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance List:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

### Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substances List:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

### California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)

This product contains no listed substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, at levels which would require a warning under the statute.

**US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

**CEPA - Domestic Substances List (DSL)**

All substances contained in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

## 16. Other Information

**Hazard Rating System**

| NFPA | Health | Fire | Reactivity |
|------|--------|------|------------|
|      | 0      | 1    | 0          |

**Recommended Uses and Restrictions**

Material for industrial fabrication.

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**Legend**

|              |                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| N/A          | Not available                                                                                                                                               |
| W/W          | Weight/Weight                                                                                                                                               |
| OEL          | Occupational Exposure Limit                                                                                                                                 |
| STEL         | Short Term Exposure Limit                                                                                                                                   |
| TWA          | Time Weighted Average                                                                                                                                       |
| ACGIH        | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.                                                                                             |
| DOW IHG      | Dow Industrial Hygiene Guideline                                                                                                                            |
| WEEL         | Workplace Environmental Exposure Level                                                                                                                      |
| HAZ_DES      | Hazard Designation                                                                                                                                          |
| Action Level | A value set by OSHA that is lower than the PEL which will trigger the need for activities such as exposure monitoring and medical surveillance if exceeded. |

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