

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET
HIGH DENSITY OVERLAID PLYWOOD

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SECTION I: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION AND USE

Material Name: HIGH DENSITY OVERLAID PLYWOOD
Trade Names: POURFORM HDO, Slipguard HDO, Transdeck, Highway Sign HDO
Manufacturer: Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd.

SECTION II: INGREDIENTS AND HAZARDS

Product is made by laminating softwood veneers, phenol formaldehyde adhesives, and resin impregnated thermal setting paper overlays under heat and pressure. The product may release trace amounts of formaldehyde: $\leq 0.05\%$ for 24 hours on freshly pressed panels, which decreases rapidly with time.

Hazards occur when remanufacturing; ie. sawing, (wood dust); and from storage in unventilated hot ($> 100^\circ\text{F}$) areas. Possible formaldehyde gas.

Wood Dust: ACGIH (1987) TLV's:
TWA 5 mg/m³ for softwood, STEL 10 mg/m³

Formaldehyde gas: OSHA (1988) TLV's:
TWA 1.0 ppm; STEL 2.0 pm

SECTION III: PHYSICAL DATA

Specific Gravity: Approx. 0.5 (water=1)
Percent Volatile: Approx. 5% at 220°F
Solubility in water: None
Heat of Combustion: 8,000 - 10,000 BTU/lb.
Odor and Appearance: Woodlike, wooden panels

SECTION IV: FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA

Product being wood based, is combustible.

Means of Extinction: Water spray, carbon dioxide foam, or dry chemical.
Method determined by surrounding fire.

Flashpoint: Autoignition will occur generally above 400°F.

Explosion Data: Sawdust from remanufacturing, if left to accumulate may create explosive conditions.
Keep work area clean.

SECTION V: REACTIVITY DATA

Chemical Stability: Stable.

Incompatibility with other Substances: Avoid contact with strong oxidizers.

Reactivity: First time exposure to high temperatures and humidity may result in the release of formaldehyde gas. If wood dust is allowed to accumulate during remanufacture, the potential for spontaneous combustion is increased.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Burning of wood products can produce Carbon Monoxide and other toxic fumes. Decomposition by-products include formaldehyde and aromatic ring compounds.

SECTION VI: HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Panel is an inert solid. Effects of over exposure will occur only in hot/damp storage conditions and when remanufacturing.

Irritancy of Product: Sawdust may cause allergic response or asthma may occur. Will cause eye irritation. Formaldehyde is a “suspected” carcinogen. It may cause upper respiratory and eye irritation.

SECTION VII: PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Personal Protective Equipment: When handling panels, gloves and safety boots should be worn. When remanufacturing, safety glasses and dust mask should be worn.

Ventilation: When sawing, proper exhaust required to remove dust.

Leak and Spill Procedures: No special requirements necessary in "as produced" state. Dust control should be implemented in the remanufacturing state.

Waste Disposal: Incineration in suitable, approved incinerators only. Scrap material may be placed in land fills.

Storage Requirements: Product should be stored in dry/cool areas.

Special Shipping Information: None

SECTION VIII: FIRST AND MEASURES

Specific Measures: Sawdust: eyes.....flush with water
inhalation.....remove to fresh air
ingestion.....N/A
slivers.....remove
If any irritation persists, consult doctor.

SECTION IX: PREPARATION DATE OF MSDS

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