

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

PRODUCT: RF-35 (laminate)

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**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Name: RF-35 (laminate)**

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Product Description: Laminate – for the electronics industry – constructed of PTFE coated woven glass fabric and copper sheeted laminations

**2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<u>Component</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>Exposure Limits</u>	<u>% by Wt.</u>
Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)	9002-84-0	N.A.	15 – 60
Glass Fiber**	65997-17-3	OSHA PEL – 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV – 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 – 35
Copper**	7440-50-8	OSHA PEL – 1mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV – 1mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5 – 70
Titanium Dioxide	13463-67-7	OSHA PEL – 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV – Ca*	2 - 25

\*Value not specified however the chemistry of this item is tightly bound within the finished product

\*\*Dust values shown

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview**

Solid copper clad laminate

Use of this product is not normally considered hazardous however if cut, sawed, sanded, etc., dust may be generated which includes copper particulate that may irritate the lungs. Elevated temperatures above 300-degrees C may cause evolution of particulate matter, which can cause “polymer fume fever”, a temporary condition. May cause eye irritation and respiratory irritation. Moving the individual to fresh air will alleviate the symptoms. Elevated temperatures above 400 degrees C will result in thermal decay of PTFE and may release carbonyl fluoride that hydrolyses to hydrogen fluoride and carbon dioxide in air by reacting with moisture. Avoid exposure; provide supplemental fresh air to individual exposed.

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**Potential Health Effects:**

**EYE:** Normally none however if product is heated above 300-degrees C, air emissions may cause temporary irritation (tears, blurred vision, and redness). Rinsing eyes with clean water will alleviate effects. See physician.

**SKIN:** Normally none however if dust or copper dust is generated in the use of this product, wash skin with normal soap and water. Additionally, if product is heated above 300 degrees C, air emissions may cause skin irritation. Washing skin with soap and water will alleviate symptoms. See physician.

**INGESTION:** Normally not a concern (since it is a sizable solid) however swallowing small amounts of this product is unlikely to cause harmful effects. See physician.

**INHALATION:** Normally not a concern, however if the product is cut, sawed, etc., dust may be created that includes copper particulate constituents. Appropriate respiratory protection is warranted. Additionally, if the product is heated above 300 degrees C, it may create air emissions that cause temporary irritation to lungs. Breathing moderate amounts of semi-combusted material during thermal degradation may result in a loss of breathing comfort. Symptoms may include tightness of the chest, difficult breathing and coughing. Extended exposure may produce "polymer fume fever", a temporary condition. Moving the patient to fresh air will alleviate the symptoms. See physician.

**CHRONIC (CANCER) INFORMATION:** Normally not a concern due to this product being very stable. Though tightly bonded within the delivered product, small quantities of titanium dioxide are included within the mix of chemistry within the product.

**TERATOLOGY (BIRTH DEFECT) INFORMATION:** No known data available.

**REPRODUCTIVE INFORMATION:** No known data available.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** Generally, very stable. Minimal impacts due to the copper content of the product within an acidic wet/moist environment that may affect plants and animals. Copper fume emissions developed by high temperature incineration (without environmental controls) may also impact plants and animals.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**EYE:** Immediately flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention

**SKIN:** Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, get medical attention.

**INHALATION:** Remove patient from exposure, Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get immediate medical attention.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES: FLASHPOINT:** >400 Degrees C

**HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition of PTFE above 400-degrees C, can create Carbonyl fluoride, which with air and moisture, hydrolyses to Hydrogen Fluoride and Carbon Dioxide. Other PTFE degradation products include; perfluoroisobutylene, tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, carbon monoxide and trifluoromethane. Burning of the copper clad laminate can also create copper fumes.

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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Use appropriate extinguishing media for surrounding products.

**FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:** Use full bunker gear and respiratory protection.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Solid – collect with hands, broom, shovel and place in non-hazardous waste collection container for later disposal.**

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

PTFE laminated products present minimal hazards to people handling them in accordance to their operating and storage specifications. The primary health hazard associated with this product is the inhalation of thermal decomposition products when product is subjected to temperatures greater than 300 degrees C due to accidental fire, unintended use or inappropriate disposal practices. Burning of the copper clad laminate can release copper fumes.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Normally none are recommended. If however, cutting, sawing sanding, etc. of the product is necessary, a properly designed dust collection system is recommended at the source of cutting.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Not required for normal use of the product. For emergency conditions where thermal decomposition of product is occurring, self-contained breathing apparatus is recommended. If working in a dusty environment, wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved dust respirator.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Due to basic product handling processes, gloves – of any abrasion strength, are recommended to minimize cuts due to handling the product.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Due to basic product handling processes, protective eye wear (i.e., safety glasses) are recommended to minimize particulate entry or puncture to the eyes.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES.**

- Physical Form – Solid, cloth-like copper clad sheet
- Boiling Point – N/A
- Specific gravity - >1
- PH – N/A
- Odour - None

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**STABILITY:** Stable

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Keep away from flames and spark producing equipment

**INCOMPATIBILITY:** None

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition of PTFE above 400-degrees C, can create carbonyl fluoride which with air and moisture, hydrolyses to Hydrogen Fluoride and Carbon Dioxide. Other PTFE degradation products are; perfluoroisobutylene, tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, carbon monoxide and trifluoromethane. Copper, within the laminate and subjected to high heat, can develop copper fumes.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No known data

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No known data

**13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION:** Land-filling or incineration under approved, authorized controlled conditions is acceptable for disposal. Disposal should be in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

No known restrictions

**15. OTHER REGULATORY INFORMATION**

***U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:***

***TSCA:*** Not listed on TSCA chemical Inventory

***SARA Title III:*** Base material not listed

***European Union:*** RoHS, WEEE and ELV compliant