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SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier

SRM Number: 2885
SRM Name: Polyethylene (M_w, 6 280 g/mol)
Other Means of Identification: Not applicable.

Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in calibration and performance evaluation of instruments used to determine the molar mass* and molar mass distribution by size exclusion chromatography. A unit of SRM 2885 consists of approximately 0.3 g of polyethylene powder.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification

Physical Hazard: Not classified.
Health Hazard: Not classified.

Label Elements

Symbol: No Symbol

Signal Word: No Signal Word

Hazard Statement(s): Not applicable.

Precautionary Statement(s): Not applicable.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified: Not applicable.

Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity: Not applicable.

3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Substance: Polyethylene

Other Designations: Ethene, homopolymer; ethylene, polymers; polyethene

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Polyethylene	9002-88-4	618-339-3	100

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of First Aid Measures:

Inhalation: If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with soap and water.

Eye Contact: Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

Ingestion: If adverse effects occur after ingestion, seek medical treatment.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed: May aggravate respiratory disorders.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary: If any of the above symptoms are present, seek medical attention if needed.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and Explosion Hazards: Negligible fire hazard in bulk form. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode. Avoid generating dust. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

Extinguishing Media:
Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, regular foam.
Unsuitable: None listed.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical: None listed.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters: Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

NFPA Ratings (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 1 Fire = 1 Reactivity = 0

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures: Any accumulated material on surfaces should be removed and properly disposed of. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up: Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Keep out of water supplies and sewers. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Safe Handling Precautions: Minimize dust generation and accumulation on surfaces. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dust does not accumulate on surfaces. See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection". Avoid contact with incompatible materials (see Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity").

Storage: Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits: This material is a particulate matter and adequate inhalation/respiratory protection should be used to minimize exposure. No occupational exposure limits have been established for this fine particulate matter. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m^3 (TWA, total particulates)
5 mg/m^3 (TWA, respirable particulates)

Engineering Controls: Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

Personal Protection: In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

Respiratory Protection: If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

Eye/Face Protection: Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

Skin and Body Protection: Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Descriptive Properties	**Polyethylene**
Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	white opaque powder
Molecular Formula	$(C_2H_4)X$
Molar Mass (g/mol)	not available
Odor	not available
Odor threshold	not available
pH	not available
Evaporation rate	not available
Melting point/freezing point (°C)	85 - 110 (185 - 230 °F)
Density (specific gravity, water = 1)	0.91 - 0.96
Vapor Pressure	not available
Vapor Density (air = 1)	not available
Viscosity (cP)	not available
Solubility(ies)	insoluble in water; soluble in turpentine, naphtha, xylene, toluene, hot trichloroethylene, hot mineral oils; slightly soluble in methyl acetate, acetone
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	not available
Nominal Particle Size	not available
Thermal Stability Properties	
Autoignition Temperature (°C)	349 (660 °F)
Thermal Decomposition	not available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	not available
Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)	not available
Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)	not available
Flash Point	not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	not available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Stability: X Stable _____ Unstable

Possible Hazardous Reactions: None listed.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid generating dust. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible Materials: Combustible materials, halo carbons, halogens, oxidizing materials, acids.

Fire/Explosion Information: See Section 5, “Fire Fighting Measures”.

Hazardous Decomposition: Thermal decomposition may produce acrolein, formaldehyde, oxides of carbon.

Hazardous Polymerization: _____ Will Occur X Will Not Occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Exposure: X Inhalation X Skin _____ Ingestion

Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics: May aggravate respiratory disorders.

Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)

Inhalation: Acute exposure may result in mechanical irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

Skin Contact: Acute exposure may cause mechanical irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

Eye Contact: May cause mechanical irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

Ingestion: May cause irritation. No data listed for chronic exposure.

Numerical Measures of Toxicity

Acute Toxicity: Not classified.
Rat, Inhalation LD50: 75.5 gm/m^3 (30 m)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Not classified.

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation: Not classified.

Respiratory Sensitization: Not classified.

Skin Sensitization: Not classified.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Not classified.

Carcinogenicity: Not classified.

Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen _____ **Yes** X **No**

Polyethylene is not listed by OSHA, IARC, or NTP as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

Tumorigenic: Not classified.
Rat, Implant TDLo: 33 mg/kg

Mutagenic: Not classified

Reproductive Toxicity: Not classified.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure: No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure: No data available.

Aspiration hazard: Not applicable.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data: No data available for polyethylene.

Persistence and Degradability: No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential: No data available.

Mobility in Soil: No data available.

Other Adverse effects: No data available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal: Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. DOT and IATA: Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Regulations:

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH:	No
CHRONIC HEALTH:	No
FIRE:	No
REACTIVE:	No
PRESSURE:	No

State Regulations:

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

U.S. TSCA Inventory: Polyethylene is listed.

TSCA 12(b), Export Notification: Not listed.

Canadian Regulations: WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Sources: ChemADVISOR, Inc., SDS, *Polyethylene*, 20 March 2015.

Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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Users of this SRM should ensure that the SDS in their possession is current. This can be accomplished by contacting the SRM Program: telephone (301) 975-2200; fax (301) 948-3730; e-mail srmmsds@nist.gov; or via the Internet at http://www.nist.gov/srm.