

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

**50BK-LDPE**

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| <b>1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION</b> |
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**POLYONE CORPORATION**  
33587 Walker Road, Avon Lake, OH 44012

NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE : Product Stewardship (440)-930-1395

Emergency telephone number : **CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300 (24hrs for spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident).**

Product name : 50BK-LDPE

Product code : EM10002945

Chemical Name : Mixture

CAS-No. : Mixture

Product Use : Industrial Applications

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| <b>2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS</b> |
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| Components    | CAS-No.   | Weight % |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Zinc stearate | 557-05-1  | 1 - 5    |
| Carbon black  | 1333-86-4 | 30 - 60  |

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| <b>3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION</b> |
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**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

This mixture has not been evaluated as a whole. All ingredients are bound and potential for hazardous exposure as shipped is minimal. However, some vapors may be released upon heating or processing. The end-user (fabricator) must take the necessary precautions (mechanical ventilation, respiratory protection, etc.) to protect employees from exposure. See sections 8 and 11 for special precautions.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Routes of Exposure:** : Inhalation, Ingestion, Skin contact

**Acute exposure**

Inhalation : Resin particles, like other inert materials, can be mechanically irritating.

Ingestion : May be harmful if swallowed.

Eyes : Resin particles, like other inert materials, are mechanically irritating to eyes.

Skin : Experience shows no unusual dermatitis hazard from routine handling.

**Chronic exposure** : Refer to Section 11 for Toxicological Information.

**Medical Conditions** : None known.

**Aggravated by Exposure:**

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- Inhalation : Move to fresh air in case of accidental inhalation of fumes from overheating or combustion. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.
- Ingestion : Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.
- Eyes : Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. If eye irritation persists, seek medical attention.
- Skin : Wash off with soap and plenty of water. If skin irritation persists seek medical attention.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

- Flash point : Not applicable
- Flammable Limits  
Upper explosion limit : Not applicable  
Lower explosion limit : Not applicable
- Autoignition temperature : Not relevant
- Suitable extinguishing media : water, dry powder, foam, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).
- Special Fire Fighting Procedures : Fullface self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) used in positive pressure mode should be worn to prevent inhalation of airborne contaminants.
- Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards : None

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

- Personal precautions : Wear appropriate personal protection during cleanup, such as impervious gloves, boots and coveralls.
- Environmental precautions : Should not be released into the environment. The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses or the soil.
- Methods for cleaning up : Clean up promptly by sweeping or vacuum. Package all material in plastic, cardboard or metal containers for disposal. Refer to Section 13 of this MSDS for proper disposal methods.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

- Handling : Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. Heat only in areas with appropriate exhaust ventilation.
- Storage : Keep containers dry and tightly closed to avoid moisture absorption

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and contamination. Keep in a dry, cool place.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

- Respiratory protection : No personal respiratory protective equipment normally required.
- Eye/Face Protection : Safety glasses with side-shields.
- Hand protection : Protective gloves.
- Skin and body protection : Long sleeved clothing.
- Additional Protective Measures : Safety shoes.
- General Hygiene Considerations : Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.
- Engineering measures : Heat only in areas with appropriate exhaust ventilation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery.

Exposure limit(s)

| Components    | Value                 | Exposure time                | Exposure type               | List:   |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Carbon black  | 3.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Time Weighted Average (TWA): | Total dust. as carbon black | ACGIH   |
| Carbon black  | 3.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | PEL:                         | Total dust. as carbon black | OSHA Z1 |
| Zinc stearate | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>   | PEL:                         | Respirable fraction.        | OSHA Z1 |
|               | 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>  | PEL:                         | Total dust.                 | OSHA Z1 |
| Zinc stearate | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>  | Time Weighted Average (TWA): | as stearates                | ACGIH   |

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Form                | : Solid          | Evaporation rate | : Not applicable. |
| Appearance          | : Pellets, slabs | Specific Gravity | : Not determined  |
| Color               | : BLACK          | Bulk density     | : Not established |
| Odor                | : Very faint     | Vapor pressure   | : Not applicable  |
| Melting point/range | : Not determined | Vapor density    | : Not applicable  |
| Boiling Point:      | : Not applicable | pH               | : Not applicable  |
| Water solubility    | : Insoluble      |                  |                   |

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

- Stability : Stable.
- Hazardous Polymerization : Will not occur.

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Conditions to avoid : To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.

Incompatible Materials : Strong acids, oxidizing and reducing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products : Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), other hazardous materials, and smoke are all possible.

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| <b>11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b> |
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This mixture has not been evaluated as a whole for health effects. Exposure effects listed are based on existing health data for the individual components which comprise the mixture.

Toxicity Overview

This product contains the following components which in their pure form have the following characteristics:

| CAS-No.   | Chemical Name | Effect           | Target Organ                    |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 557-05-1  | Zinc stearate | Systemic effects | Eyes, Skin, Respiratory system. |
| 1333-86-4 | Carbon black  | Systemic effects | Eyes, Respiratory system.       |

## LC50 / LD50

This product contains the following components which in their pure form have the following toxicity data:

| CAS-No.   | Chemical Name | Route       | Value          | Species |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| 557-05-1  | Zinc stearate | Oral LD50   | > 10 gm/kg     | rat     |
| 1333-86-4 | Carbon black  | Oral LD50   | > 15,400 mg/kg | rat     |
|           |               | Dermal LD50 | > 3 gm/kg      | rabbit  |

## Carcinogenicity:

This product contains the following components which in their pure form have the following carcinogenicity data:

| CAS-No.   | Chemical Name | OSHA | IARC | NTP |
|-----------|---------------|------|------|-----|
| 1333-86-4 | Carbon black  | no   | 2B   | no  |

## IARC Carcinogen Classifications:

- 1 - The component is carcinogenic to humans.
- 2A - The component is probably carcinogenic to humans.
- 2B - The component is possibly carcinogenic to humans.

## NTP Carcinogen Classifications:

- 1 - The component is known to be a human carcinogen.
- 2 - The component is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.

**Additional Health Hazard Information:**

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**Carbon black 1333-86-4 Carcinogenicity:** Many inhalation toxicologists believe that the tumor response observed in the referenced rat studies is species specific and does not correlate to human exposure. However, the IARC evaluation in Monograph Volume 65, issued in April 1996 concluded that, "There is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of carbon black". Based on this evaluation, along with their evaluation of inadequate evidence of carcinogenicity in humans, IARC's overall evaluation is that "Carbon Black is possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B). Carbon Black has not been listed as a carcinogen by the National Toxicology Program (NTP) or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) criteria document on carbon black recommends that only carbon black with PAH (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon) levels greater than 0.1% be considered suspect carcinogens.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

- Persistence and degradability : Not readily biodegradable.
- Environmental Toxicity : Chemicals are not readily available as they are bound within the matrix of the polymer.
- Bioaccumulation Potential : Chemicals are not readily available as they are bound within the matrix of the polymer.
- Additional advice : Not applicable

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Product : Like most thermoplastics the product can be recycled. Where possible, recycling is preferred to disposal or incineration. The generator of waste material has the responsibility for proper waste classification, transportation and disposal in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial and local regulations.
- Contaminated packaging : Recycling is preferred when possible. The generator of waste material has the responsibility for proper waste classification, transportation and disposal in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial and local regulations.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

- U.S. DOT Classification : Not regulated for transportation.
- ICAO/IATA : Not regulated for transportation.
- IMO / IMDG : Not regulated for transportation.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

## US Regulations:

- OSHA Status : Classified as hazardous based on components.

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TSCA Status : All components of this product are listed on or exempt from the TSCA Inventory.

US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)

Not applicable

California Proposition : This product does not contain a substance listed by California Prop 65.

SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals:

| Chemical Name  | CAS-No.  | Weight % |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| ZINC COMPOUNDS | 557-05-1 | 01.00    |

Canadian Regulations:

WHMIS Classification : D2A

WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure List

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| CAS-No.   |
| 1333-86-4 |
| 557-05-1  |

DSL : All components of this product are on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are exempt.

National Inventories:

Australia AICS : Listed.  
China IECS : Listed.  
Europe EINECS : Not determined.  
Japan ENCS : Listed.  
Korea KECI : Listed.  
Philippines PICCS : Listed.

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| <b>16. OTHER INFORMATION</b> |
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