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# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

PRODUCT: Unitex® Base Board

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# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

#### **Product Information**

Trade name: Unitex® Base Board

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Use of the Product cladding product for exterior walls

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC.

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Code for Transport of Dangerous Goods.

UN Number: Not Applicable

Hazchem Code: Not Applicable

Poisons Code: Not Applicable

# 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

## Composition

Unitex Base Board is a product in sheet form of 1200 mm x 2400 mm in area with standard thicknesses of 50 mm, 75 mm and 100 mm and consists of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) that is factory finished with an alkali resistant fiberglass mesh and coated with a cement containing polymer rich profiled coating to a thickness of 2-3 mm. The coating has been dried and cured as part of the manufacturing process.



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Ingredients
Polystyrene
Fibreglass mesh
Portland cement
Acrylic Emulsion Polymer
Mineral grains
Pigments
Organic functional additives

CAS Number 9003-53-6 mixture 65997-15-1 proprietary proprietary proprietary

Proportion (vol)
93-98 %
< 1 %
< 1 %
1-2 %
2-3 %
< 1 %
< 1 %
< 1 %

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

# Inhalation

No adverse effects expected during handling or use. If respiratory discomfort occurs due to generated dusts whilst sawing the Unitex Base Board sheets, remove victim from area of exposure. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

## **Skin Contact**

No adverse effects expected that would require first aid. Dust or particles on the skin can be removed by using normal personal hygiene practices.

# **Eye Contact**

If dust is generated during use and if dust enters eyes, hold eyelids open and wash with flowing water for 15 minutes. If irritation or discomfort persists, seek medical advice.

# Ingestion

Not relevant, as swallowing is unlikely.

# **Advice to Doctor**

Treat symptomatically.

# 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Unitex® Base Board is a factory coated EPS sheet with thicknesses of 50 mm, 75 mm and 100 mm. The coating is not combustible whilst the expanded polystyrene is combustible and will melt and drip when ignited. The smoke may contain harmful substances.

## Hazards from combustion products

Incomplete combustion products may include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, smoke and hydrocarbons.

### Precautions for fire fighters and special protective equipment

Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to smoke or products of combustion.

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

If material is involved in a fire, use fine water spray, normal foam or dry agents such as carbon dioxide or dry chemical powder.



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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### **Spills and Disposals**

Sweep up and collect crumbs and pieces of Unitex Base Board for disposal in an approved general waste disposal site or facility..

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

## **Storage Conditions:**

Store Unitex Base Board at a work site in quantities required for current use. Prolonged storage in direct sunlight must be avoided as EPS can yellow and degrade whilst moisture can ingress into exposed EPS. Do not store product near solvents, hot work operations or naked flames or sparks.

### Safe handling advice

Unitex Base Board is not classified as a dangerous good for storage, handling or transport. It is recommended that when transporting Unitex Base Board on vehicles that the product be strapped down with protectors to avoid damage due to ropes cutting into EPS, and weights (e.g. empty pallets) be placed on top of the product to avoid loss of product being blown off the vehicle when moving.

Care should be taken when lifting and carrying in windy conditions as the sheet can act like a sail putting undue stresses on both the product (risk of breakage) and the person carrying the product (risk of falling and tripping).

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits None.

**Personal Protection**No protective clothing or equipment is required when handling or using Unitex Base Board.

However, it is good work practice to wear safety glasses with side shields and a particle

dust respirator when cutting the product with a hand or power saw.

**Hygiene Measures** Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet.

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** 

Form Sheets of 1200 mm x 2400 mm in area with thicknesses of 50 mm, 75 mm or 100 mm

consisting of white Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) with one side coated with a grey, ribbed

polymer/cement coating with embedded blue coloured fiberglass mesh.

**Odour** nil

Physical data

Boiling Point not applicable

Melting Point (°C): EPS melts at approx. 220-250°C whilst the coating will not melt.



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Vapour Pressure: not applicable

% Volatiles: nil

**Density:** 16 kg/m³ for EPS component

Auto Ignition Temperature:

Not combustible

#### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability: stable under normal conditions of use

**Conditions to avoid** avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight.

Avoid contact with organic solvents such as petroleum solvents, esters and ketones

**Thermal decomposition** no decomposition if used in ambient conditions. Avoid prolonged exposure to heat and

flame sources. Can be used in combination with a Unitex specified and supplied render and finishing system in Bushfire Attack Level designated areas up to BAL-40 (see relevant

Unitex information).

**Hazardous reactions** no hazardous reactions when stored and handled according to instructions.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if this product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled are:

Ingestion Not expected as chunks are unpalatable but choking may arise as internal airways may

block if ingested.

**Eye contact** Dust during power or hand sawing may be an eye irritant

**Skin contact** Contact with skin may result in irritation.

**Inhalation** Dusts may block internal airways causing breathing difficulties. Blow nose to remove the

obstruction.

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** As Unitex Base Board is a lightweight product, ensure that sheets are secured when not in

use and off-cuts/waste are stored securely to prevent dispersal by wind and flood to the

environment.



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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods Must be dumped or incinerated in accordance with local authority guidelines.

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Road and Rail transport Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code

(ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail.

**NON DANGEROUS GOODS** 

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous **Marine Transport** 

Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

NON DANGEROUS GOODS.

**Air Transport** Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport

Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

**NON DANGEROUS GOODS** 

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Australian Legislation** Non-Hazardous according to criteria of NOHSC..

Poison schedule Not listed

Registration

Australia (AICS) Listed/registered New Zealand (ERMA) Listed/registered

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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