



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## PARAFFIN WAX

### 1. IDENTIFICATION: PRODUCT IDENTIFIER AND CHEMICAL IDENTITY

**Product Name:** PARAFFIN WAX AND HYDROCARBON WAXES - FULLY REFINED AND/OR SEMI REFINED

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restriction on Use:**

Candle making, crayons, water proofing agent in textile and MDF industries, electrical insulator, coating agent, production of adhesives etc.

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Hazardous Nature:** The substance is not classified according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word** Void

**Hazard Statements** Void

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Chemical Characterisation: Substances**

**CAS No. Description**

8002-74-2 Paraffin waxes and Hydrocarbon waxes

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek medical attention if breathing problems develop.

**Skin Contact:**

In case of skin contact, immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash affected areas with water and soap. Seek medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Eye Contact:**

In case of eye contact, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

First aid is not normally required if a small amount of solid material is swallowed. If molten material is swallowed seek immediate medical attention. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.



### **Information for Doctor Symptoms Caused by Exposure:**

Inhalation: Vapours emitted from molten wax may cause respiratory irritation.

Skin contact: Direct contact with molten material may cause thermal burns.

Eye contact: Direct contact with molten material may cause thermal burns. Vapors from molten wax may cause watering of the eyes.

Ingestion: Ingestion of molten material may cause thermal burns. Ingestion of large quantities will produce a laxative effect and may be irritating to the digestive tract.

## **5 . FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, sand and water fog.

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:**

This material may burn but will not ignite readily.

Hazardous combustion products include oxides of carbon and small amounts of oxides of sulphur and nitrogen.

### **Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire Fighters:**

Wear Safe Work Australia approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

## **6 . ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:**

Wear Safe Work Australia approved respiratory protection and full protective clothing. Evacuate all non-essential personnel from affected area. Do not breathe vapours. Ensure adequate ventilation. Extinguish all sources of ignition. Avoid sparks and open flames. No smoking.

### **Environmental Precautions:**

In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses.

### **Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up:**

Sweep up and place in a suitable container for subsequent disposal. Do not generate dust. Provide adequate ventilation.

## **7 . HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for Safe Handling:**

Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation of dust /vapours. Food, beverages and tobacco products should not be stored or consumed where this material is in use. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use. Provide eyewash fountains and safety showers in close proximity to points of potential exposure.



## 8 . EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Exposure Standards:

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NES | TWA: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

### Engineering Controls:

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapour below occupational exposure standards.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

#### Respiratory Protection:

No respiratory protection is required when working with the solid material. If airborne concentrations of wax fumes generated from molten wax, are expected, a Safe Work Australia approved air purifying respirator with a dust/mist/fume filter may be used. See Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and 1716 for more information.

#### Skin Protection:

Not normally required for solid material. The use of thermally resistant gloves and protective clothing is recommended when there is potential for exposure to molten wax. See Australian Standards AS/NZS 2161, 2210.1 and 2210.2 for more information.

#### Eye and Face Protection:

Safety glasses with top and side shields or goggles. See Australian Standards AS/NZS 1336 and 1337 for more information.

## 9 . PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance:

#### Form:

Solid - slab or pastille

#### Colour:

White Transparent, grey or yellow

#### Odour:

None - Characteristic waxy odour

#### Odour Threshold:

Not determined.

#### pH-Value:

Not applicable.

#### Melting point/Melting range:

50-68 °C

#### Oil Content/ Oil Content

From 0.5% to 30% oil content

#### Range:

Above 280 °C

#### Flash Point:

This material may burn but will not ignite readily.

#### Flammability:

>300 °C

#### Auto-ignition Temperature:

No information available

#### Decomposition

No information available

#### Temperature:

Not determined.

#### Explosion Limits:

Not determined.

#### Lower:

Not applicable.

#### Upper:

No information available

#### Vapour Pressure:

0.80-0.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

#### Bulk Density:

Not applicable.

#### Relative Density at 20 °C:

Not applicable.

#### Vapour Density:

Not applicable.

Insoluble



## 10 . STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.  
**Chemical Stability:** Stable at ambient temperature and under normal conditions of use.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Heat, sparks, open flames, hot surfaces and direct sunlight.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidising agents.  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**  
 Oxides of carbon and small amounts of amounts of oxides of sulphur and nitrogen.

## 11 . TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity:

#### LD<sub>50</sub> /LC<sub>50</sub> Values Relevant for Classification:

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Oral	LD50	>5000 mg/kg (rat)
Dermal	LD50	>2000 mg/kg (rabbit)

### Acute Health Effects

**Inhalation:** Vapours emitted from molten wax may cause respiratory irritation.

**Skin:** Direct contact with molten material may cause thermal burns.

**Eye:** Direct contact with molten material may cause thermal burns. Vapors from molten wax may cause watering of the eyes.

### Ingestion:

Ingestion of large quantities will produce a laxative effect and may be irritating to the digestive tract. **Skin**

**Corrosion / Irritation:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met. Serious

**Eye Damage / Irritation:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitisation:** No sensitising effects known.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Carcinogenicity:** This product does NOT contain any IARC listed chemicals.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

### Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure:

Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

### Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Repeated Exposure:

Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.

**Chronic Health Effects:** No information available

**Existing Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** No information available

**Additional toxicological information:** When used and handled according to specifications, the product does not have any harmful effects to our experience and the information provided to us.



## 12 . ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** No information available  
**Aquatic toxicity:** No information available  
**Persistence and Degradability:** No information available  
**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No information available  
**Mobility in Soil:** No information available

## 13 . DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Methods and Containers:** Dispose according to applicable local and state government regulations.  
**Special Precautions for Landfill or Incineration:**  
Please consult your state Land Waste Management Authority for more information.

## 14 . TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**UN Number** Not regulated  
**IMDG, IATA** Void  
**Proper Shipping Name** Not regulated  
**IMDG, IATA** Void  
**Dangerous Goods Class** Not regulated  
**IMDG Class:** Void  
**Packing Group:** Not regulated  
**IMDG, IATA** Void  
**Marine pollutant:** No

## 15 . REGULATORY INFORMATION

### Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances:

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## 16 . OTHER INFORMATION

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**Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
TWA: Time Weighted Average  
NES: National Exposure Standard