

Safety data sheet

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BASF Safety data sheet according to the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System (UN GHS)

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Product: **Luwx® A Powder**

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Luwx® A Powder

Chemical name: polyethylene

CAS Number: 9002-88-4

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses: wax for the chemical industry

Recommended use: Chemical

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazards Identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

According to UN GHS criteria

No need for classification according to GHS criteria for this product.

Label elements

Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

The product does not require a hazard warning label in accordance with GHS criteria.

Other hazards

According to UN GHS criteria

The product is under certain conditions capable of dust explosion.

The product does not contain a substance fulfilling the PBT (persistent/bioaccumulative/toxic) criteria or the vPvB (very persistent/very bioaccumulative) criteria.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Substances

Chemical nature

polyethylene

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Mixtures

Not applicable

4. First-Aid Measures

Description of first aid measures

Remove contaminated clothing.

If inhaled:

Keep patient calm, remove to fresh air, seek medical attention.

On skin contact:

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

On contact with eyes:

Wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open.

On ingestion:

Rinse mouth and then drink 200-300 ml of water.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms: Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11.

(Further) symptoms and / or effects are not known so far

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment: Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:
dry powder, foam

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:
carbon dioxide

Additional information:

Avoid whirling up the material/product because of the danger of dust explosion.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

harmful vapours

Evolution of fumes/fog. The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire.

Advice for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment:

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus.

Further information:

The degree of risk is governed by the burning substance and the fire conditions. Contaminated extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with official regulations.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid dust formation. Use personal protective clothing.

Environmental precautions

Contain contaminated water/firefighting water. Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For small amounts: Pick up with suitable appliance and dispose of.

For large amounts: Contain with dust binding material and dispose of.

Avoid raising dust.

7. Handling and Storage

Precautions for safe handling

Breathing must be protected when large quantities are decanted without local exhaust ventilation.

Protection against fire and explosion:

Avoid dust formation. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable materials for containers: Low density polyethylene (LDPE), Stainless steel 1.4301 (V2), Stainless steel 1.4401, glass, Paper/Fibreboard, High density polyethylene (HDPE)

Further information on storage conditions: Keep container tightly closed and dry; store in a cool place.

Protect from temperatures below: -20 °C

Protect from temperatures above: 50 °C

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Control parameters

Components with occupational exposure limits

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The nuisance dust limit value is to be kept.

Particles, not otherwise specified, respirable

Particles, not otherwise specified, inhalable

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection:

Suitable respiratory protection for higher concentrations or long-term effect: Breathing protection if dusts are formed. Particle filter with medium efficiency for solid and liquid particles (e.g. EN 143 or 149, Type P2 or FFP2)

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves (EN ISO 374-1)

Suitable materials also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding > 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1):

e.g. nitrile rubber (0.4 mm), chloroprene rubber (0.5 mm), polyvinylchloride (0.7 mm) and other

Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing.

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side-shields (frame goggles) (e.g. EN 166)

Body protection:

No body protection required if used for intended purpose and satisfying generally accepted industrial hygiene rules.

General safety and hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wearing of closed work clothing is recommended. No eating, drinking, smoking or tobacco use at the place of work. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form:	powder
Colour:	white
Odour:	product specific
pH value:	
	not applicable
melting range:	101 - 109 °C
solidification temperature:	94 - 100 °C
Boiling point:	
	not determined
Flash point:	225 °C
Flammability:	hardly combustible
Ignition temperature:	390 °C
Vapour pressure:	
	Study scientifically not justified.
Density:	0,91 - 0,93 g/cm ³ (23 °C)
Solubility in water:	insoluble
Solubility (qualitative) solvent(s):	non-polar solvents soluble
Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Kow):	
	not applicable
Self ignition:	not self-igniting
Thermal decomposition:	No decomposition if used as directed.
Viscosity, kinematic:	950 - 1.550 mm ² /s (120 °C)
	(DIN 51562)
Explosion hazard:	not explosive
Fire promoting properties:	not fire-propagating

Other information

Minimum ignition energy:	> 30 - < 100 mJ
	Inductivity: 1 mH
Bulk density:	400 - 450 kg/m ³

10. Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Corrosion to metals: No corrosive effect on metal.

Chemical stability

The product is stable if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

No hazardous reactions when stored and handled according to instructions.

Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation. Avoid deposition of dust. Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid electro-static charge.

Incompatible materials

Substances to avoid:

strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products:

No hazardous decomposition products if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

11. Toxicological Information**Information on toxicological effects**Acute toxicity

Assessment of acute toxicity:

Based on our experience and the information available, no adverse health effects are expected if handled as recommended with suitable precautions for designated uses.

Experimental/calculated data:

ATE (oral): > 2.000 mg/kg

Irritation

Assessment of irritating effects:

Not irritating to eyes and skin.

Respiratory/Skin sensitization

Assessment of sensitization:

Based on the ingredients, there is no suspicion of a skin-sensitizing potential.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Assessment of mutagenicity:

Based on the ingredients, there is no suspicion of a mutagenic effect.

Carcinogenicity

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

Based on the ingredients there is no suspicion of a carcinogenic effect in humans.

Reproductive toxicity

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

Based on the ingredients, there is no suspicion of a toxic effect on reproduction.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Assessment of STOT single:

Based on the available information there is no specific target organ toxicity to be expected after a single exposure.

Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:

Based on our experience and the information available, no adverse health effects are expected if handled as recommended with suitable precautions for designated uses.

Aspiration hazard

No aspiration hazard expected.

Other relevant toxicity information

The product has not been tested. The statements on toxicology have been derived from products of a similar structure and composition.

12. Ecological Information

Toxicity

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

There is a high probability that the product is not acutely harmful to aquatic organisms.

At the present state of knowledge, no negative ecological effects are expected.

Persistence and degradability

Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H₂O):

Not readily biodegradable (by OECD criteria).

The product is virtually insoluble in water and can thus be separated from water mechanically in suitable effluent treatment plants.

Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment bioaccumulation potential:

Accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

Mobility in soil

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Assessment transport between environmental compartments:

Volatility: The substance will not evaporate into the atmosphere from the water surface.

Adsorption in soil: Adsorption to solid soil phase is possible.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

According to Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH): The product does not contain a substance fulfilling the PBT (persistent/bioaccumulative/toxic) criteria or the vPvB (very persistent/very bioaccumulative) criteria.

Other adverse effects

The product does not contain substances that are listed in Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer.

Additional information

Other ecotoxicological advice:

Do not discharge product into the environment without control. The product has not been tested. The statements on ecotoxicology have been derived from products of a similar structure and composition.

13. Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods

Must be disposed of or incinerated in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging:

Uncontaminated packaging can be re-used.

Packs that cannot be cleaned should be disposed of in the same manner as the contents.

14. Transport Information

Land transport

ADR

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

RID

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UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

Inland waterway transport

ADN

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user:	None known

Transport in inland waterway vessel

Not evaluated

Sea transport

IMDG

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

Air transport

IATA/ICAO

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

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Maritime transport in bulk is not intended.

15. Regulatory Information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Not applicable

16. Other Information

Information on intended use: This product is of industrial quality and unless otherwise specified or agreed intended exclusively for industrial use. This includes the mentioned and recommended usage. Any other intended applications should be discussed with the manufacturer. In particular this concerns the application for products that are the object of special standards and regulations.

The data contained in this safety data sheet are based on our current knowledge and experience and describe the product only with regard to safety requirements. This safety data sheet is neither a Certificate of Analysis (CoA) nor technical data sheet and shall not be mistaken for a specification agreement. Identified uses in this safety data sheet do neither represent an agreement on the corresponding contractual quality of the substance/mixture nor a contractually designated use. It is the responsibility of the recipient of the product to ensure any proprietary rights and existing laws and legislation are observed.

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