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Product Identifier

RM Number: 8456
RM Name: Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene

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Description: This RM is intended primarily for use in mechanical characterization of material properties and laboratory-simulated performance. A unit of RM 8456 is an ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE), supplied as a cylindrical polyethylene bar, with nominal dimensions of 7.62 cm (3.00 in) in diameter by 152.4 cm (60 in) in length.

Disposal: RM 8456 should be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

Transport Information: This material is not regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and/or International Air Transportation Association (IATA).

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