MONSANTO PRODUCT NAME

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Synonyms:

PCBs
Chlorodiphenyl (__% Cl)
Chlorinated biphenyl
Polychlorinated biphenyl
Chlorinated biphenyls
(approx. __% Cl)

Trade Names/ Common Names:

Aroclor®[1] Series 1016, 1221, 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260
Therminol®[1] FR Series

PYRANOL®[2] and INERTEEN®[3] are trademarks for commonly used dielectric fluids that may have contained varying amounts of PCBs as well as other components including chlorinated benzenes.

ASKAREL - Generic name for a broad class of fire-resistant synthetic chlorinated hydrocarbons and mixtures used as dielectric fluids that commonly contained about 30-70% PCBs. Some ASKAREL fluids contained 99% or greater PCBs and some contained no PCBs.

This list of trade names is representative of several commonly used Monsanto products (or products formulated with Monsanto products). Other trademarked PCB products were marketed by Monsanto and other manufacturers. PCBs were also manufactured and sold by several European and Japanese companies. Contact the manufacturer of the trademarked product, if not in this listing, to determine if the formulation contained PCBs.

®[1] Registered trademark of Monsanto Company
®[2] Registered trademark of General Electric Company
®[3] Registered trademark of Westinghouse Electric Corporation

CAS No.'s: 001336363, 053469219, 021672296, 01109769, 011096825 and others

WARNING STATEMENTS

Federal regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act require PCBs, PCB items, storage areas, transformer vaults, and transport vehicles to be marked. (check regulations, 40 CFR 761, for details)

CAUTION
CONTAINS
PCBs
(Polychlorinated Biphenyls)

A toxic environmental contaminant requiring special handling and disposal in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations 40 CFR 761 For Disposal Information contact the nearest U.S. E.P.A. Office.

In case of accident or spill, call toll free the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center. 800-424-8802

Also Contact _____
Tel. No. _____ ML2

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FOR PROPER DISPOSAL INFORMATION
CONTACT U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
MS

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA *Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)*

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Care should be taken to prevent entry into the environment through spills, leakage, use, vaporization, or disposal of liquid or containers. Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors or mists. Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. If skin contact occurs, remove by washing with soap and water. Following eye contact, flush with water. In case of spillage onto clothing, the clothing should be removed as soon as practical, skin washed, and clothing laundered. Comply with all federal, state, and local regulations.

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

Ingestion: Consult a physician. Do not induce vomiting or give any oily laxatives. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN—If large amounts are ingested, gastric lavage is suggested.

Skin: If liquid or solid PCBs are splashed or spilled on skin, contaminated clothing should be removed and the skin washed thoroughly with soap and water. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN—Hot PCBs may cause thermal burns.

Eyes: Eyes should be irrigated immediately with copious quantities of running water for at least 15 minutes if liquid or solid PCBs get into them. A petrolatum-based opthalmic ointment may be applied to the eye to relieve the irritating effects of PCBs.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If skin rash or respiratory irritation persists, consult a physician. NOTE TO PHYSICIAN—If electrical equipment arcs over, PCBs or other chlorinated hydrocarbon dielectric fluids may decompose to produce HCl, hydrochloric acid, a respiratory irritant.

OCCUPATIONAL CONTROL PROCEDURES

Eye Protection: Wear chemical splash goggles and have eye baths available where there is significant potential for eye contact.

Skin Protection: Wear appropriate protective clothing and chemical resistant gloves to prevent skin contact. Consult glove manufacturer to determine appropriate type glove for given application. Wear chemical goggles, face shield, and chemical resistant clothing such as a rubber apron when splashing is likely. Wash immediately if skin is contaminated. Remove contaminated clothing promptly and launder before reuse. Clean protective equipment before reuse. Provide a safety shower at any location where skin contact can occur. Wash thoroughly after handling.

ATTENTION! Repeated or prolonged contact may cause chloracne in some people.

Respiratory Protection: Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Use NIOSH/MSHA approved equipment when airborne exposure limits are exceeded. Full facepiece equipment is recommended and, if used, replaces need for face shield and/or chemical splash goggles. Consult respirator manufacturer to determine the type of equipment for a given application. The respirator use limitations specified by NIOSH/MSHA or the manufacturer must be observed. High airborne concentrations may require use of self-contained breathing apparatus or supplied air respirator. Respiratory protection programs must be in compliance with 29 CFR Part 1910.134.

Ventilation: Provide natural or mechanical ventilation to control exposure levels below airborne exposure limits (see below). If practical, use local mechanical exhaust ventilation at sources of air contamination such as open process equipment.

Airborne Exposure Limits: Chlorinated biphenyl (approximately 42% chlorine)

OSHA PEL: 1 mg/m³ 8-hour time-weighted average - Skin*
ACGIH TLV: 1 mg/m³ 8-hour time-weighted average - Skin*
2 mg/m³ short-term exposure limit - Skin*

**Skin notation means that skin absorption of this material may add to the overall exposure. Avoid skin contact.*

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OCCUPATIONAL CONTROL PROCEDURES *(continued)*

Airborne Exposure Limits (Continued): Chlorinated biphenyl (approximately 54% chlorine)

OSHA PEL: 0.5 mg/m³ 8-hour time-weighted average - Skin*
ACGIH TLV: 0.5 mg/m³ 8-hour time-weighted average - Skin*
1 mg/m³ short-term exposure limit - Skin*

**Skin notation means that skin absorption of this material may add to the overall exposure. Avoid skin contact.*

FIRE PROTECTION INFORMATION

Fire and Explosion: PCBs are fire-resistant compounds. They may decompose to form CO, CO_2, HCl, phenolics, aldehydes and other toxic combustion products under severe conditions such as exposure to flame or hot surfaces.

At temperatures in the range of 600-650°C in the presence of excess of oxygen PCBs may form polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs). Laboratory studies under similar conditions have demonstrated that PCBs do not produce polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs).

PCBs in electrical equipment have been reported to produce both chlorinated dioxins (PCDDs) and furans (PCDFs) during fire situations. These combustion products may result all, or in part, from non-PCB components of the dielectric fluids or other combusted materials. Consult the equipment manufacturer for information regarding composition of the dielectric fluids in electrical apparatus.

Standard fire fighting wearing apparel and self-contained breathing apparatus should be worn when fighting fires that involve possible exposure to chemical combustion products. Fire fighting equipment should be thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated after use.

Federal regulations require all PCB transformers to be registered with fire response personnel.

If a PCB transformer is involved in a fire-related incident, the owner of the transformer may be required to report the incident. Consult and follow appropriate federal, state, and local regulations.

REACTIVITY DATA

PCBs are very stable, fire-resistant compounds.

HEALTH EFFECTS SUMMARY

Skin Contact: PCBs can be absorbed through intact skin. Local action on skin is similar to that of common organic solvents where contact leads to removal of natural fats and oils with subsequent drying and cracking of the skin. A potential exists for contracting chloracne.

Eye Contact: The liquid products and their vapors are moderately irritating to eye tissues.

Ingestion: The acute oral toxicities of the undiluted compounds are: LD_{50} rats—8.65 gm/kg for 42% chlorinated, and 11.9 gm/kg for 54% chlorinated—"slightly toxic."

Inhalation: Animal experiments of varying duration and at different air concentrations show that for similar exposure conditions, the 54% chlorinated material produces more liver injury than the 42% chlorinated material.

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MATERIAL CONTAINS

HEALTH EFFECTS SUMMARY *(continued)*

Other: There are literature reports that PCBs can impair reproductive functions in monkeys. The National Cancer Institute performed a study in 1977 using Aroclor 1254 with both sexes of rats. NCI stated that the PCB, Aroclor 1254, was not carcinogenic under the conditions of their bioassay. There is sufficient evidence in the scientific literature to conclude that Aroclor 1260 can cause liver cancer when fed to rodents at high doses. Similar experiments with less chlorinated PCB products have produced negative or equivocal results.

The consistent finding in animal studies is that PCBs produce liver injury following prolonged and repeated exposure by any route, if the exposure is of sufficient degree and duration. Liver injury is produced first, and by exposures that are less than those reported to cause cancer in rodents. Therefore, exposure by all routes should be kept sufficiently low to prevent liver injury.

Numerous epidemiological studies of humans, both occupationally exposed and non-worker environmentally exposed populations, have not demonstrated any causal relationship between PCB exposures and chronic human illnesses such as cancer or neurological or cardiovascular effects. PCBs can cause dermatological symptoms; however, these are reversible upon removal of exposure source.

PCBs are identified as hazardous chemicals under criteria of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Part 1910.1200). PCBs have been listed in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs (1987)-Group 2A and in the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Annual Report on Carcinogens (Fourth).

PHYSICAL DATA

PROPERTIES OF SELECTED AROCLORS®

PROPERTY	1016	1221	1232	1242	1248	1254	1260
Color (APHA)	40	100	100	100	100	100	150
Physical state	mobile oil	mobile oil	mobile oil	mobile oil	mobile oil	viscous liquid	sticky resin
Stability	inert	inert	inert	inert	inert	inert	inert
Density (lb/gal 25°C)	11.40	9.85	10.55	11.50	12.04	12.82	13.50
Specific gravity x/15.5°C	1.36-1.37 x-25°	1.18-1.19 x-25°	1.27-1.28 x-25°	1.30-1.39 x-25°	1.40-1.41 x-65°	1.49-1.50 x-65°	1.55-1.56 x-90°
Distillation range (°C)	323-356	275-320	290-325	325-366	340-375	365-390	385-420
Acidity mg KOH/g, maximum	.010	.014	.014	.015	.010	.010	.014
Fire point (°C)	none to boiling point	176	238	none to boiling point	none to boiling point	none to boiling point	none to boiling point
Flash point (°C)	170	141-150	152-154	176-180	193-196	none	none
Vapor pressure (mm Hg @ 100°F)	NA	NA	0.005	0.001	0.00037	0.00006	NA
Viscosity (Saybolt Univ. Sec. @ 100°F) (centistokes)	71-81 13-16	38-41 3.6-4.6	44-51 5.5-7.7	82-92 16-19	185-240 42-52	1800-2500 390-540	— —

NA—*Not Available*

SPILL, LEAK & DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Cleanup and disposal of liquid PCBs and other PCB items are strictly regulated by the federal government. The regulations are found at 40 CFR Part 761. Consult these regulations as well as applicable state and local regulations prior to any disposal of PCBs, PCB items, or PCB-contaminated items.

If PCBs leak or are spilled, the following steps should be taken immediately:

All non-essential personnel should leave the leak or spill area.

The area should be adequately ventilated to prevent the accumulation of vapors.

The spill/leak should be contained. Loss to sewer systems, navigable waterways and streams should be prevented. Spills/leaks should be removed promptly by means of absorptive material, such as sawdust, vermiculite, dry sand, clay, dirt or other similar materials, or trapped and removed by pumping or other suitable means (traps, drip-pans, trays, etc.).

Personnel entering the spill or leak area should be furnished with appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing as needed. See Occupational Control Procedures section of this MSDS.

Personnel trained in the emergency procedures and protected against the attendant hazards should shut off sources of PCBs, clean up spills, control and repair leaks and fight fires in PCB areas.

All wastes and residues containing PCBs (e.g., wiping cloths, absorbent material, used disposable protective gloves, clothing, etc.) should be collected, placed in proper containers, marked and disposed of in the manner prescribed by EPA regulations (40 CFR Part 761) and applicable state and local regulations.

Various federal, state and local regulations may require immediate reporting of PCB spills and may also define spill clean-up levels. Consult your attorney or appropriate regulatory officials for information relating to spill reporting and spill clean-up.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Care should be taken to prevent entry of PCBs into the environment through spills, leakage, use, vaporization or disposal of liquids or solids. PCBs can accumulate in the environment and can adversely affect some animals and aquatic life. In general, PCBs have low solubility in water, are strongly bound to soils and sediments, and are slowly degraded by natural processes in the environment.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Polychlorinated Biphenyls

For regulatory purposes, under the Toxic Substances Control Act the term "PCBs" refers to a chemical substance limited to the biphenyl molecule that has been chlorinated to varying degrees or any combination of substances which contain such substance (40 CFR Part 761).

Chemically, commercial PCBs are defined as a series of technical mixtures, consisting of many isomers and compounds that vary from mobile oily liquids to white crystalline solids and hard non-crystalline resins. Technical products vary in composition, in the degree of chlorination and possibly according to batch.

The mixtures generally used contain an average of 3 atoms of chlorine per molecule (42% chlorine) to 5 atoms of chlorine per molecule (54% chlorine). They are used as components of dielectric fluids in transformers and capacitors. Prior to 1972, PCB applications included heat transfer media, hydraulic and other industrial fluids, plasticizers, carbonless paper, paints, inks and adhesives.

In 1972 Monsanto restricted sales of PCBs to applications involving only closed electrical systems (transformers and capacitors). In 1977 all manufacturing and sales were voluntarily terminated. In 1979 EPA restricted the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution of PCBs to specifically exempted and authorized activities.

DATE: 10/1/88 **SUPERSEDES:** All prior to 10/1/88

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