

# Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

## Wood and Wood Dust (without chemical treatments or resins/additives), including Untreated Lumber (all species and grades), Logs, Chips, and Sawdust

### 1. Identification

TRADE NAME(S): Wood and Wood Dust (without chemical treatments or resins/additives), including Untreated Lumber (all species and grades), Logs, Chips, and Sawdust  
NOTE: For wood products containing chemical treatments or resins/additives, see specific SDS and label for those products

SYNONYMS and/or GRADES: None

PRODUCT USES: Building materials, wood pulp raw material, fuel, landscaping material


CHEMICAL NAME/CLASS: Wood Products

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### 2. Hazard(s) Identification

Signal Word: **DANGER**

**NOTE:** Wood dust may become hazardous while being transported or handled by downstream users. Products not containing wood dust are not hazardous as shipped but may become hazardous as the result of downstream activities (e.g. cutting, sanding) which creates small particles. Potential hazards are described below.

| Classification                               | Hazard Statement(s)   | Pictogram(s)  |
|--|---|---|
| HEALTH<br>Carcinogen- Category 1A<br>(H350)* | Wood dust may cause nasopharyngeal cancer and/or cancer of the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses by inhalation |  |

## 2. Hazard(s) Identification (cont'd.)

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| <p>Skin Irritation<br/>Category 2<br/>(H315)</p> <p>Specific Target Organ<br/>Toxicity- Single<br/>Exposure (STOT)<br/>Category-3<br/>(H335)</p> | <p>May cause skin irritation</p> <p>May cause respiratory irritation</p>   |  |
| <p>Eye Irritation<br/>Category 2B<br/>(H320)</p>   | <p>Causes eye irritation</p>   | <p>None</p>   |
| <p>Combustible Dust<br/>(OSHA Defined Hazard)</p>  | <p>If converted to small particles during further<br/>processing, handling, or by other means,<br/>may form combustible dust concentrations<br/>in air</p> | <p>None</p>   |

\*Hazard codes (GHS)

**HMIS Rating (Scale 0-4):**    **Health = 2\***    **Fire = 1**    **Physical Hazard = 0**  
**NFPA Rating (Scale 0-4):**    **Health = 1**    **Fire = 1**    **Reactivity = 0**

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention Statements:

- P210: Keep away from sparks, flame or other heat sources.
- P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
- P260 and P261: Avoid breathing dust.
- P280: Wear appropriate protective equipment for skin exposure. In case of inadequate ventilation wear an approved respirator suitable for conditions of use.
- P362 and P363: Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

#### Response Statements:

- P304 and P340: If inhaled and breathing becomes difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
- P308 and P313: If experiencing respiratory symptoms, following removal to fresh air, call a doctor or other qualified medical professional.
- P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs get medical advice/attention.
- P362: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- P352 and P264: If on skin wash with plenty of soap and water.
- P338 and P351: If in eyes, rinse cautiously for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so.

#### Disposal:

- P501: Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

**Ingredients of Unknown Acute Toxicity (>1%):** NAP



### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

| Ingredients  | CAS# | Wt.%  |
|--|------|-------|
| Wood (wood dust, softwood or hardwood, logs, wood chips) | None | 84-89 |

Common names: Untreated lumber, untreated wood, sawdust, sander dust, raw logs, wood chips.

NOTE: Wood products such as logs, bark and wood dust may include additional material such as soil and rock fragments which may contain particles of crystalline silica.

### 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air if respiratory symptoms are experienced. Seek medical help if persistent irritation, severe coughing, breathing difficulty or other serious symptoms occur.

**Eye Contact:** Treat dust in eye as a foreign object. Flush with water to remove dust particles. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Avoid touching or rubbing eyes to avoid further irritation or injury. Seek medical help if irritation persists.

**Skin Contact:** Wood dust can elicit contact dermatitis. Seek medical help if rash, irritation or dermatitis persists.

**Skin Absorption:** Not known to be absorbed through the skin.

**Ingestion:** Not applicable under normal use.

**Symptoms or Effects:**

**Acute Symptoms/Effects** – Wood dust may cause mechanical irritation of the respiratory system. Wood dust can cause physical obstructions in the nasal passages, resulting in dryness of nose, dry cough, and sneezing. Wood dust may cause mechanical irritation of the eyes.

**Delayed Symptoms/Effects** – Unique delayed effects are not anticipated after exposure. See Section 11 for additional information on chronic effects.

### 5. Fire-fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media and Restrictions:** Water, carbon dioxide and sand.

**Specific Hazards, Anticipated Combustion Products:** Natural decomposition of organic materials such as wood may produce toxic gases and an oxygen deficient atmosphere in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas. Thermal decomposition (i.e. smoldering, burning) products include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, aliphatic aldehydes, terpenes, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Variable [typically 400°-500°F (204°-260°C)]

**Special Firefighting Equipment/Procedures:** No special equipment anticipated. Beware of potential combustible dust explosion hazard.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Depending on moisture content and more importantly, particle diameter and airborne concentration, wood dust may explode in the presence of an ignition source. Wood dust may similarly deflagrate (combustion without detonation like an explosion) if ignited in an open or loosely contained area. An airborne concentration of 40 grams (40,000 mg) of dust per cubic meter of air is often used as the LEL for wood dusts. Reference NFPA Standards 654 and 664 and the NFPA *Fire Protection Handbook* for guidance. Ventilation systems should be kept clean and precautions should be taken to prevent sparks or other ignition sources.

### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be taken in case Material Is Released or Spilled:** Sweep or vacuum up for recovery and disposal. Avoid creating dusty conditions whenever feasible. Maintain good housekeeping to avoid accumulation of wood dust on exposed surfaces. Use approved filtering facepiece respirator ("dust mask") or higher levels of respiratory protection as indicated and goggles where ventilation is not possible and exposure limits may be exceeded or for additional worker comfort.



## 7. Handling and Storage

**Precautions to be taken in Handling and Storage:** Dried wood dust may pose a combustible dust hazard. Keep away from ignition sources. Avoid eye contact. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of wood dust. Store in well-ventilated, cool, dry place away from open flame.

## 8. Exposure Control Measures/Personal Protection

### Exposure Limits/Guidelines:

| Ingredient(s)  | Agency | Exposure Limit(s)   | Comments                        |
|--|--------|---|---------------------------------|
| Wood (wood dust, softwood or hardwood, logs, wood chips) | OSHA   | PEL-TWA 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(see footnote <sup>A</sup> below) | Total Dust (PNOR)               |
|  | OSHA   | PEL-TWA 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(see footnote <sup>A</sup> below)  | Respirable dust fraction (PNOR) |
|  | ACGIH  | TLV-TWA 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                       | Inhalable fraction              |

<sup>A</sup> In *AFL-CIO v OSHA*, 965 F. 2d 962 (11th Cir. 1992), the Court overturned OSHA's 1989 Air Contaminants Rule, including the specific PEL's for wood dust that OSHA had established at that time. The 1989 vacated PEL's were: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> PEL-TWA and 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL (15 min), all softwood and hardwood except Western Red Cedar. Wood dust is now regulated by OSHA as "Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated" (PNOR), which is also referred to as "nuisance dust". However, some states have regulated wood dust PEL's in their state plans. Additionally, OSHA indicated that it may cite employers under the OSH Act general duty clause in appropriate circumstances.

### Ventilation:

**LOCAL EXHAUST** – Provide local exhaust as needed so that exposure limits are met. Ventilation to control dust should be considered where potential explosive concentrations and ignition sources are present. The design and operation of any exhaust system should consider the possibility of explosive concentrations of wood dust within the system. See "SPECIAL" section below.

**MECHANICAL (GENERAL)** – Provide general ventilation in processing and storage areas so that exposure limits are met.

**SPECIAL** – Ensure that exhaust ventilation and material transport systems involved in handling this product contain explosion relief vents or suppression systems designed and operated in accordance with applicable standards if the operating conditions justify their use.

**OTHER ENGINEERING CONTROLS** – Cutting and machining of product should preferably be done outdoors or with adequate ventilation and containment.

### Personal Protective Equipment:

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION** – Use filtering face piece respirator ("dust mask") tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US), CSA (Canada), CEN (EU), or JIS (Japan) where ventilation is not possible and exposure limits may be exceeded or for additional worker comfort or symptom relief. Use respiratory protection in accordance with jurisdictional regulatory requirements similar to the OSHA respiratory protection standard 29CFR 1910.134 following a determination of risk from potential exposures.

**EYE PROTECTION** – Approved goggles or tight fitting safety glasses are recommended when excessive exposures to dust may occur (e.g. during clean up) and when eye irritation may occur.

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES** – Cloth, canvas, or leather gloves are recommended to minimize potential mechanical irritation from handling product.

## 8. Exposure Control Measures/Personal Protection (cont'd.)

**OTHER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT** – Outer garments which cover the arms may be desirable in extremely dusty areas.

**WORK/HYGIENE PRACTICES** – Follow good hygienic and housekeeping practices. Clean up areas where wood dust settles to avoid excessive accumulation of this combustible material. Minimize compressed air blowdown or other practices that generate high airborne-dust concentrations.

## 9. Physical/Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Light to dark colored, granular solid, saw dust, wood chips, logs and untreated lumber (all species and grades). Color and odor are dependent on the wood species and time since any wood dust was generated.

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| <b>Odor/Odor Threshold(s):</b>                  | NAV   |
| <b>pH:</b>                                      | NAP   |
| <b>Melting/Freezing Point:</b>                  | NAP   |
| <b>Boiling Point (@ 760 mm Hg) and Range:</b>   | NAP   |
| <b>Flash Point:</b>                             | NAP   |
| <b>Evaporation Rate:</b>                        | NAP   |
| <b>Flammability:</b>                            | NAV   |
| <b>Lower/Upper Explosive Limits:</b>            | 40,000 mg of dust per cubic meter of air is often used as the LEL for wood dusts. |
| <b>Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):</b>                  | NAP   |
| <b>Vapor Density (air = 1; 1 atm):</b>          | NAP   |
| <b>Relative Density:</b>                        | NAP   |
| <b>Solubility:</b>                              | <0.1  |
| <b>Partition Coefficient (n-octonal/water):</b> | NAP   |
| <b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>                | Variable [typically 400°-500°F (204°-260°C)]                                      |
| <b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>               | NAV   |
| <b>Viscosity:</b>                               | NAP   |
| <b>Other Properties:</b>                        | NAP   |

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity:** NAP

**Hazardous Polymerization:**  May occur  Will not occur

**Stability:**  Unstable  Stable

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid all sources of ignition.

**Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):** Avoid contact with oxidizing agents and drying oils.

**Hazardous Decomposition or By-Products:** Thermal decomposition (i.e. smoldering, burning) can release carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, carbon dioxide, terpenes and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Natural decomposition of organic materials such as wood may produce toxic gases and an oxygen deficient atmosphere in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas. Spontaneous and rapid hazardous decomposition will not occur.

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge:** Airborne wood dust may be ignited by a static discharge depending on airborne concentrations, particle size and moisture content.



## 11. Toxicological Information

### Likely Route(s) of Exposure:

- Ingestion:
- Skin: Dust
- Inhalation: Dust
- Eye: Dust

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:** See section 4

**Wood Dust - NTP:** According to its Report on Carcinogens, Thirteenth Edition, NTP states, "Wood dust is known to be a human carcinogen based on sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity from studies in humans". An association between wood dust exposure and cancer of the nasal cavity has been observed in many case reports, cohort studies, and case-control studies that specifically addressed nasal cancer. Associations with cancer of the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses were observed both in studies of people whose occupations are associated with wood dust exposure and in studies that directly estimated wood dust exposure. This classification is based primarily on increased risk in the occurrence of adenocarcinomas of the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses associated with exposure to wood dust. The evaluation did not find sufficient evidence to associate cancers of the oropharynx, hypopharynx, lung, lymphatic and hematopoietic systems, stomach, colon or rectum with exposure to wood dust. There is inadequate evidence for the carcinogenicity of wood dust from studies in experimental animals according to NTP.

**Wood Dust: IARC – Group 1:** Carcinogenic to humans; sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity. This classification is primarily based on studies showing an association between occupational exposure to wood dust and adenocarcinoma to the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses. IARC did not find sufficient evidence of an association between occupational exposure to wood dust and cancers of the oropharynx, hypopharynx, lung, lymphatic and hematopoietic systems, stomach, colon or rectum.

### Carcinogenicity Listing(s):

- NTP: Wood dust, Known Human Carcinogen.
- IARC Monographs: Wood dust, Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans.
- OSHA Regulated:

**Toxicity Data:** No specific information available for product or material in purchased form. Individual component information is listed below.

### Components:

#### Wood dust (softwood or hardwood)

Dusts generated from sawing, sanding or machining the product may cause respiratory irritation, nasal dryness and irritation, coughing and sinusitis. NTP and IARC (Group 1) classify wood dust as a human carcinogen. See Section 2 above.

**Target Organs:** Eyes, skin, and respiratory system.

**Note:** Weyerhaeuser evaluated the studies referenced in the ACGIH® TLV® Documentation for Wood Dust and others which included potential allergenic references for wood species which may cause skin or respiratory sensitization. There are a limited number of studies of highly variable consistency which reference sensitization from some species of wood. When the total weight of evidence is considered this product is considered to be an eye, skin and respiratory irritant and not a respiratory or skin sensitizer according to health hazard classification criteria.

## 12. Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** NAV for finished product.

**Biopersistence and Degradability:** Wood in this product or byproduct would be expected to be biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulation:** Not expected to bioaccumulate.

**Soil Mobility:** NAV

**Other Adverse Effects:** NAP

### 13. Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal Method:** Dry land disposal or incineration is acceptable in most areas. It is, however, the user's responsibility to determine at the time of disposal whether your waste meets any jurisdictional criteria. Note that wood dust may pose a combustible dust hazard.

### 14. Transport Information

**Mode:** (air, land, water) Not regulated as a hazardous material by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Not listed as a hazardous material in Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) regulations. Not regulated as a hazardous material by IMDG or IATA regulations concerning the transport of hazardous materials.

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| <b>UN Proper Shipping Name:</b>                  | NAP |
| <b>UN/NA ID Number:</b>                          | NAP |
| <b>Hazard Class:</b>                             | NAP |
| <b>Packing Group:</b>                            | NAP |
| <b>Environmental Hazards (Marine Pollutant):</b> | NAP |
| <b>Special Precautions</b>                       | NAP |

### 15. Regulatory Information

**TSCA:** NAP

**CERCLA:** NAP

**DSL:** NAP

**OSHA:** Wood products are not hazardous under the criteria of the federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200. However, wood dust generated by sawing, sanding or machining activities may be considered hazardous.

#### STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW:

**California Proposition 65 – WARNING:** This product may be shipped in dust form or subsequent drilling, sawing, sanding or machining solid wood may generate wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. **WARNING:** Depending on the origin and handling of the material, crystalline silica particles of respirable size may be contained in or on the product and released during transport or processing. Silica, crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size) are known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Pennsylvania** – Wood dust and crystalline silica appear on Pennsylvania's Appendix A, Hazardous Substance List.

**New Jersey** – Wood dust and crystalline silica appear on New Jersey's Environmental Hazardous Substance List.

**SARA 313 Information:** This material does not contain any chemical ingredient (s) that exceed the de minimis reporting levels established by SARA Title III, section 313 and 40 CFR section 372.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Category:** This material has been reviewed according to the EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under SARA Title III Sections 311 and 312 and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories:

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| An immediate (acute) health hazard | Yes |
| A delayed (chronic) health hazard  | Yes |
| A corrosive hazard                 | No  |
| A fire hazard                      | No  |
| A reactivity hazard                | No  |
| A sudden release hazard            | No  |



## 15. Regulatory Information (cont'd.)

**FDA:** Not intended for use as a food additive or indirect food contact item.

**WHMIS Classification:** Wood and products made from wood are exempt from WHMIS per the Hazardous Products Act. However, wood dust is considered to be a controlled product: D2A (wood dust: IARC Group 1).

## 16. Other Information

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**Weyerhaeuser SDS available on:**

<http://www.wy.com/sustainability/environment/product-stewardship/safety-data-sheets/>

**User's Responsibility:** The information contained in this Safety Data Sheet is based on the experience of occupational health and safety professionals and comes from sources believed to be accurate or otherwise technically correct. It is the user's responsibility to determine if the product is suitable for its proposed application(s) and to follow necessary safety precautions. The user has the responsibility to ensure that the most current SDS is used.

### Definition of Common Terms:

|                  |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| ACGIH®           | = | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists   |
| C                | = | Ceiling Limit   |
| CAS#             | = | Chemical Abstracts System Number  |
| DOT              | = | U. S. Department of Transportation  |
| DSL              | = | Domestic Substance List   |
| EC#              | = | Identifying Number Assigned to Chemicals Contained in the European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (EINECS) |
| EC <sub>50</sub> | = | Effective Concentration That Inhibits the Endpoint to 50% of Control Population                                       |
| EPA              | = | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  |
| GHS              | = | Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals   |
| HMIS             | = | (Canada) Hazardous Materials Identification System  |
| HNOC             | = | Hazards Not Otherwise Classified  |
| IARC             | = | International Agency for Research on Cancer   |
| IATA             | = | International Air Transport Association   |
| IMDG             | = | International Maritime Dangerous Goods  |
| LC <sub>50</sub> | = | Concentration in Air Resulting in Death To 50% of Experimental Animals  |
| LCLo             | = | Lowest Concentration in Air Resulting in Death  |
| LD <sub>50</sub> | = | Administered Dose Resulting in Death to 50% of Experimental Animals   |
| LDLo             | = | Lowest Dose Resulting in Death  |
| LEL              | = | Lower Explosive Limit   |
| LFL              | = | Lower Flammable Limit   |
| MSHA             | = | Mine Safety and Health Administration   |
| NAP              | = | Not Applicable  |
| NAV              | = | Not Available   |
| NIOSH            | = | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health   |
| NFPA             | = | National Fire Protection Association  |
| NPRI             | = | (Canada) National Pollution Release Inventory   |
| NTP              | = | National Toxicology Program   |
| OSHA             | = | Occupational Safety and Health Administration   |
| PEL              | = | Permissible Exposure Limit  |
| PNOR             | = | Particulate Not Otherwise Regulated   |
| PNOS             | = | Particulate Not Otherwise Specified   |



## 16. Other Information (cont'd.)

|       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| RCRA  | = | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act                    |
| STEL  | = | Short-Term Exposure Limit (15 minutes)                    |
| STP   | = | Standard Temperature and Pressure                         |
| TCLo  | = | Lowest Concentration in Air Resulting in a Toxic Effect   |
| TDG   | = | (Canada) Transportation of Dangerous Goods                |
| TDLo  | = | Lowest Dose Resulting In a Toxic Effect                   |
| TLV   | = | Threshold Limit Value                                     |
| TSCA  | = | Toxic Substance Control Act                               |
| TWA   | = | Time-Weighted Average (8 hours)                           |
| UFL   | = | Upper Flammable Limit                                     |
| WHMIS | = | (Canada) Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |