



**SDSPR113**

# **POLYCELL – DAMP SEAL**

## **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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### **1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PREPARATION AND COMPANY**

FORMULATION NUMBER : 062-1001

PRODUCT NAME : Polycell - Damp Seal

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#### **INTENDED USE**

ICI Paints' decorative products are intended for use in the decoration of buildings surfaces. Refer to product label for details of areas of use and methods of application.

### **2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

This product has been assessed under the CHIP Regulations and is classified as follows:

Indication(s) of Danger

Irritant

Symbol Letter(s)

Xi

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Category(ies) of Danger

Flammable, Irritant, Dangerous For The Environment

Warning Label Phrases

- R10 Flammable.
- R41 Risk of serious damage to eyes.
- R37/38 Irritating to respiratory system and skin.
- R52/53 Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Information on Occupational Exposure Limits is given in Section 8.

When cement based materials are mixed with water, or when the cement based materials become damp a strong alkaline material is produced. Contact with this alkaline material may cause serious burns to the eyes and burns and ulceration of the skin. Strong alkaline solutions in contact with the skin may damage the nerve endings first before damaging the skin and this may cause chemical burns to develop without pain being felt at the time. Cement based materials may until set cause both irritant and allergic contact dermatitis.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substances presenting a physico-chemical, health or environmental hazard within the meaning of the CHIP Regulations or which are assigned occupational exposure limits.

| EC No.    | CAS No.    | HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS                           | %       | CLASSIFICATION |                 |
|-----------|------------|---|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| 292-459-0 | 90622-57-4 | ALKANES, C9-12-ISO-                             | 10-25   | Xn             | R53-65-66       |
| 266-043-4 | 68475-76-3 | CEMENT WITH <2PPM CHROMIUM VI                   | 10-25   | Xi             | R37/38-41       |
| 265-185-4 | 64742-82-1 | NAPHTHA (PETROLEUM),<br>HYDRODESULFURIZED HEAVY | 2.5-10  | N, Xn          | R10-51/53-65-66 |
|           | 93763-70-3 | PERLITE - EXPANDER                              | 2.5-10  |                |                 |
| 252-104-2 | 34590-94-8 | METHOXY PROPOXY PROPANOL                        | 1.0-2.5 |                |                 |

Note: The text for R phrase codes shown above (if any) is given in section 16.

Note: 'EC Number' if quoted is the EINECS or ELINCS number.

#### **4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

In all cases of doubt, or where symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air, keep patient warm and at rest. If breathing is irregular or stopped administer artificial respiration. Give nothing by mouth. If unconscious place in the recovery position. Seek medical advice.

**EYE CONTACT: SPEED IS ESSENTIAL.** Remove contact lenses. Immediately irrigate with eyewash solution or clean water, holding the eyelids apart, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain immediate medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Remove contaminated clothing, wash skin thoroughly with soap and water, or use a proprietary skin cleanser. Do not use solvents or thinners. Seek medical advice if symptoms persist.

**INGESTION:** If accidentally swallowed, **DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING.** Keep at rest and obtain medical attention.

#### **5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media: Recommended - alcohol resistant foam, CO<sub>2</sub>, powders.

Not to be used - waterjet.

Recommendations : Fire will produce dense black smoke. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard.

Fire fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Closed containers exposed to fire should be cooled with water. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water-courses.

#### **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Exclude non-essential personnel.

Exclude sources of ignition and ventilate the area. Avoid breathing vapours. Refer to protective measures listed in section 8. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible absorbent materials, eg sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth, and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not allow to enter drains or watercourses. Clean preferably with a detergent; avoid use of solvents. If the product enters drains or sewers, immediately contact the local water company; in the case of contamination of streams, rivers or lakes, the relevant environment agency.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**HANDLING CONDITIONS:** Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors. They may form explosive mixtures with air. Prevent the creation of flammable or explosive concentrations of vapour in air and avoid vapour concentrations higher than the occupational exposure limits. In addition, the product should only be used in areas from which all naked lights and other sources of ignition have been excluded. Electrical equipment should be protected by the appropriate standard. Keep the container tightly closed. Exclude sources of heat, sparks and open flame. Non-sparking tools should be used. Avoid skin and eye contact. Avoid the inhalation of vapour and mist. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in storage and use areas. For personal protective equipment see Section 8. Always keep in containers made of the same material as the supply container, or in containers that are compatible with the product. The accumulation of contaminated rags may result in spontaneous combustion. Good housekeeping standards and regular safe removal of waste materials will minimise the risks of spontaneous combustion and other fire hazards.

**STORAGE CONDITIONS:** Observe the label precautions. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place away from sources of heat, ignition and direct sunlight. No smoking. Prevent unauthorised access. Containers which are opened should be properly resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not use or store any paint container by hanging on a hook.

The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1993 may apply to the handling of certain Paint Products. Products packed in containers of 5 litres and above will be marked with a guide weight; refer to these weights when carrying out an assessment.

For flash points between 21 and 32 degrees Celsius store in accordance with the Highly Flammable Liquids and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Regulations 1972.

The principles contained in the HSE guidance note Storage of Packaged Dangerous Substances, should be observed when storing this product. Store separately from oxidising agents, strongly alkaline and strongly acidic materials, amines, alcohols and water.

**SPECIFIC USE(s):** Where applicable refer to the product label and literature for the application and use instructions.

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES**

| HAZARDOUS INGREDIENT                         | LTEL (8hr TWA) ppm | LTEL (8hr TWA) mg/m <sup>3</sup> | STEL (15 mins) ppm | STEL (15 mins) mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Notes  |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| CEMENT WITH <2PPM CHROMIUM VI                |                    | 4                                |                    |                                  | WEL,rd |
| NAPHTHA (PETROLEUM), HYDRODESULFURIZED HEAVY |                    | 600                              |                    |                                  | OEL    |
| PERLITE - EXPANDER                           |                    | 4                                |                    |                                  | WEL,rd |
| METHOXY PROPOXY PROPANOL                     | 50                 | 308                              |                    |                                  | OEL,SK |

OEL - Occupational Exposure Limits

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

SUP - Manufacturer's recommended Limit

LTEL - Long-term Exposure Limit.

TWA - Time weighted Average

STEL - Short term Exposure Limit (15mins)

sk - Risk of absorption through unbroken skin

sen - Respiratory sensitiser

rd - Figure quoted is for Respirable dust

id - Figure quoted is for Inhalable dust

Further guidance on WELs and OELs, and on occupational exposure to harmful materials (including mixed exposures) is given in HSE Guidance Note EH40.

### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Before commencing work, ensure that a COSHH Assessment has been carried out. All personal protective equipment, including

respiratory protective equipment, used to control exposure to hazardous substances must be selected to meet the requirements of local regulations.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Avoid the inhalation of vapour, particulates and spray mist. Where reasonably practicable, this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general ventilation. If this is not sufficient to maintain concentrations of particulates and solvent vapour below the occupational exposure limit, respiratory protection must be worn.

The selection of respiratory equipment should be in accordance with BS 4275. Recommendations for the selection, use and maintenance of Respiratory Equipment, and the current certificates of approval are issued annually by the Health and Safety Executive.

For solvent-based products, consider using water-based products as alternatives, where equivalent products exist. Work only in places of good ventilation. Inside always keep doors and windows fully open during application and drying. When applying solvent-based products by brush or roller to large surface areas inside, or using in small confined spaces, the wearing of air supplied breathing apparatus will always be necessary. When applying for short periods only, a cartridge mask may be worn providing the filter is changed regularly. Do not spray any product unless directed to do so on the container. The principal hazards associated with paint spraying are health hazard from inhalation of vapours and spray mist, and fire risk. When applying water-based paints by spray inside or in confined spaces, wearing a cartridge mask of Assigned Protection Factor 40 x OEL for particulates is recommended. This should be confirmed by your COSHH assessment. Contact your merchant about masks. When applying solvent-based paints by spray, in case of insufficient ventilation, the wearing of air-fed respiratory equipment will always be necessary. Refer to your COSHH assessment. When spraying solvent based products it is possible to build up an explosive or flammable atmosphere: refer to Guidance Note EH9 from the HSE or advice on good practice. All respiratory equipment must be suitable for the purpose and meet an appropriate standard approved by the HSE. Refer to BS4275.

**HAND PROTECTION:** Wear suitable gloves for protection against materials in section 3.

When skin exposure may occur, advice should be sought from glove suppliers on appropriate types and usage times for this product. The instructions and information provided by the glove supplier on use, storage, maintenance and replacement must be followed.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Eye protection designed to protect against liquid splashes should be worn.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Cotton or cotton/synthetic overalls or coveralls are normally suitable. Grossly contaminated clothing should be removed and the skin washed with soap and water or a proprietary skin cleaner.

All clothing should be worn so as to avoid 'traps' for fresh material to fall in, ie. With sleeves over the gloves and trouser legs over boots - not tucked inside. If 'trapping' does happen immediately clean the contaminated area and the protective clothing with copious amounts of clean water.

**FLATTING:** Protective gloves should be worn to avoid the risk of skin irritation. When surfaces are to be prepared for painting, account should be taken of the age of the property and the possibility that lead pigmented paint might be present. There is a possibility that ingestion or inhalation of scrapings or dust arising from the preparation work could cause health effects. As a working rule you should assume that this will be the case if the age of the property is pre 1960.

Where possible wet flattening or chemical stripping methods should be used with surfaces of this type to avoid the creation of dust. When dry flattening cannot be avoided, and effective local exhaust ventilation is not available, it is recommended that a dust respirator is worn, that is approved for use with lead dusts, and its type selected on the basis of the occupational hygiene (COSHH) assessment, taking into account the occupational hygiene exposure standard for lead in air. Furthermore, steps should be taken to ensure containment of the dusts created, and that all practicable measures are taken to clean up thoroughly all deposits of dusts in and around the affected area.

The Control of Lead at Work approved code of practice 1998 (ISBN 0 71 7615065) should be consulted for advice on protective clothing and personal hygiene precautions.

Care should also be taken to exclude visitors, members of the household and especially children from the affected area, during the actual work and the subsequent clean up operations.

All scrapings, dust, etc. should be disposed of by the professional painting contractor as Special (Hazardous) Waste, with the relevant documentation under The Special Waste Regulations 1996 plus amendment 2001, The Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991, The Controlled Waste Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles Regulations 1991 plus amendment 1998 and the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 plus amendment 1993.

Dry sanding, flame cutting and/or welding of the dry paint film may give rise to dust and/or hazardous fumes. Wet sanding should be used wherever possible. If exposure cannot be avoided by the provision of local exhaust ventilation, suitable respiratory protective equipment should be used.

Extra precautions will need to be taken when burning off old lead based paints (See above - "Flatting" for relevance to work on older property, ie pre 1960) as fumes containing lead will be produced.

It is recommended that a respirator, approved for use with particulate fumes of lead is selected on the basis of the occupational hygiene (COSHH) assessment, taking into account the occupational hygiene exposure standard for lead in air.

Similar precautions to those given above under the Flatting section should be taken with reference to protective clothing, disposal of scrapings and dusts, and exclusion of other personnel and especially children from the building during actual work and the subsequent clean up operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE CONTROLS: See section 12 for detailed information.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Physical State :        | Liquid                |
| Flash Point :           | 35 - < 38             |
| Initial Boiling Point : | 157 °C                |
| Specific Gravity :      | 1.302                 |
| Water Miscibility :     | No                    |
| pH :                    | No Information        |
| Viscosity :             | > 100 (ISO 6mm Range) |

Explosion limits: Lower - approx. 0.8% Upper - no information

The pH of wet/damp cement based products will be between 12 and 13.

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Extremes of temperature.

To prevent the creation of flammable concentrations of vapour in air, good natural ventilation, and if necessary, local exhaust ventilation, should be provided. The accumulation of dry overspray, contaminated rags, etc may result in spontaneous combustion. Good housekeeping standards plus the regular and safe removal of waste materials will minimise the risk.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: Keep away from oxidising agents, strongly alkaline and strongly acidic materials in order to avoid exothermic reactions.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: When exposed to high temperatures may produce hazardous decomposition products such as carbon monoxide and dioxide, smoke and oxides of nitrogen.

## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

There is no data available on the product itself. The product has been assessed following the conventional method in the CHIP Regulations and is classified for toxicological hazards accordingly. This takes into account, where known, delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects of components from short-term and long-term exposure by oral, inhalation and dermal routes of exposure and eye contact. See Sections 2 and 15 for details of the resulting hazard classification.

Over-exposures of vapour are irritating to eyes and respiratory system. Excessive concentrations may produce effects on the central nervous system including drowsiness. In extreme cases loss of consciousness may result. Long term exposure to vapour concentrations in excess of quoted OELs may result in adverse health effects. Splashes entering the eye will cause discomfort and possible damage. Prolonged contact with the skin may have a defatting effect which may lead to skin irritation and in some cases dermatitis.

High repeated dust exposures in excess of the OEL have been linked with rhinitis and coughing. Skin exposure has been linked to allergic (Chromium) dermatitis. Allergic dermatitis more commonly arises through contact with wet/damp cement containing mixtures than dry cement. Individuals who have suffered from these conditions should take extra care, or avoid use. Mild exposures to eyes can cause soreness. Gross exposures or untreated mild exposures can lead to chemical burning and ulceration of the eye. Contact between cement powder and body fluids (eg. Sweat and eye fluid) may also cause irritation, dermatitis or burns.

Propylene glycol ethers and their acetates are known not to exhibit the reprotoxic effects that are associated with some ethylene glycol ethers and their acetates.

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

There is no specific data available on the product itself.

The product should not be allowed to enter drains or watercourses or be deposited where it can affect ground or surface waters.

The Air Pollution Control requirements of regulations made under the Environmental Protection Act may apply to the use of this product.

Products classified as Marine Pollutants are indicated as such under Transport (section 14).

Products classified as Dangerous For the Environment are indicated as such in sections 2 and 15.

Any substances in the product that are classified as Dangerous for the Environment, present at concentrations above those requiring listing are given in section 3.

## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Wastes, including emptied containers, should be disposed of in accordance with national regulations.

CODES ACCORDING TO THE LIST OF WASTES REGULATIONS:

Product as supplied: Assigned as hazardous waste code 08 01 11\* waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other dangerous substances.

Part-used containers, containing dried residues of the supplied product: Assigned as hazardous waste code 08 01 11\* waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other dangerous substances

Used containers, rigorously scraped out and containing dried residues of the supplied product: Assigned as non-hazardous waste code 15 01 02 plastic packaging OR non-hazardous waste code 15 01 04 metal packaging.

"Rigorously scraped out" means removing the maximum amount of product from the container by physical or mechanical means (draining or scraping) to leave a residue or contamination that cannot be removed by such means.

These codes have been assigned based on the actual composition of the product both as supplied and as dried residues. If mixed with other wastes, the waste codes quoted may not be applicable.

## **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Transport within user's premises:

Always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

Transport to be in accordance with ADR for road, IMDG for sea. The transport classifications provided in this section are not valid for transport by Air. Please call the number in section 1 of this safety data sheet to obtain more information on this products classification for Air transport.

### **ADR Classification Information**

UN Number : 1263  
Proper Shipping Name : PAINT  
Hazard Class : 3  
Sub-Hazard Class :  
Packing Group : III  
Technical Name (NOS only) :  
Ltd Qty Code : LQ7  
Packing Instructions : P001

### **IMDG Classification Information**

UN Number : 1263  
Proper Shipping Name : PAINT  
Hazard Class : 3  
Sub-Hazard Class :  
Packing Group : III  
Technical Name (NOS only) :  
Ltd Qty Maximum : 5.0 litres  
Packing Instructions : P001  
Marine Pollutant if indicated here:  
Emergency Schedule No : F-E,S-E  
Flashpoint : 35 - < 38

In pack sizes up to and including 30 litres, under the terms of 2.3.2.5, this product is not subject to the packaging, labelling and marking requirements of the IMDG Code, but both full documentation and placarding of cargo transport units is still required.

In pack sizes less than 450 litres, under the terms of 2.2.3.1.5, this product is not subject to the provisions of ADR.



## **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

This product has been assessed under the CHIP Regulations and is classified as follows:

### NAMED SUBSTANCES

Contains

No substances are required to be named in this section

### INDICATION(S) OF DANGER

Irritant

### SYMBOLS LETTER(S)

Xi

### WARNING LABEL PHRASES:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| J37(G) | SOLVENT-BASED PRODUCT   |
| R10    | Flammable   |
| R41    | Risk of serious damage to eyes.   |
| R37/38 | Irritating to respiratory system and skin.  |
| R52/53 | Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.   |
| S16    | Keep away from sources of ignition. No smoking.   |
| J42    | Contains white spirit.  |
| S51    | Use only in well ventilated areas.  |
| J103   | Ensure maximum ventilation during application and drying.   |
| J7     | Do not use on large surface areas inside, or in confined spaces.  |
| S24/25 | Avoid contact with skin and eyes.   |
| S36/38 | Wear suitable protective clothing and eye/face protection.  |
| S26    | In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.   |
| J34    | After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water or a proprietary skin cleanser. Do not use solvent, thinners or white spirit.                               |
| S2     | Keep out of the reach of children   |
| S46    | If swallowed, seek medical advice and show this container or label.   |
| S64    | If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (Only if the person is conscious).   |
| J15    | Do not use or store by hanging on a hook.   |
| J16    | Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Some local authorities have special facilities for disposing of waste paint.  |
| S61    | Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheet.  |
| J50    | Avoid the inhalation of dust. Wear suitable face mask if dry sanding.   |
| J44    | Special precautions should be taken during surface preparation of pre-1960s paint surfaces over wood and metal as they may contain harmful lead.                                    |
| J45(H) | For further advice contact: Customer Advice Centre at: ICI Paints, Wexham Road, Slough SL2 5DS.<br>Tel: 0870 444 1111. See <a href="http://www.plycell.co.uk">www.plycell.co.uk</a> |
| J65(B) | Polycell and the 'tick device' are trade marks of the ICI group   |

Label phrase according to the Volatile Organic Compounds in Paints, Varnishes and Vehicle Refinishing Products Regulations:

EU limit value for this product (cat A/i) : 600g/l (2007) / 500g/l (2010)

This product contains max. 435g/l VOC

Where 'J' and/or 'P' phrases are denoted, these are ICI Paints or paint industry reference codes to additional phrases.

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Text for R Phrases shown in section 3 describing each ingredient:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| R10    | Flammable.  |
| R37/38 | Irritating to respiratory system and skin.  |
| R41    | Risk of serious damage to eyes.   |
| R51/53 | Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. |
| R53    | May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.                             |
| R65    | Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed.  |
| R66    | Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.                                       |

The information in this safety data sheet is required in pursuant to the CHIP Regulations.

Guidance on the use of cement containing products is given in the HSE Guidance Note EH26 (Occupational Skin Diseases - Health and Safety Precautions) (HMSO 1981).

Other Reference: The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH). You should satisfy yourself that your COSHH Assessment is in accordance with the COSHH Regulations and Approved Code of Practice. ICI does not accept any responsibility for your COSHH Assessment.

The information on this sheet is not a specification: it does not guarantee specific properties. The information is intended to provide general guidance as to health and safety based upon our knowledge of the handling, storage and use of the product. It is not applicable to unusual or non-standard uses of the product nor where instructions and recommendations are not followed.

We will be pleased to answer any specific enquiries regarding the safe use, storage and handling of our product.

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