

PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET

BANDAGES, DRESSINGS & ALLIED PRODUCTS - NO ADHESIVE OR IMPREGNATION

PSDS No. 02

Not a Dangerous Good, Hazardous Substance or Scheduled Poison
This Product Safety Data Sheet takes the place of a standard Material Safety Data Sheet.

COMPANY DETAILS

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IDENTIFICATION

Product Names			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AbSorb Plus • Algisite M • Allevyn Dressing Sheets • Allevyn Heel • Allevyn Tracheostomy • Allevyn Cavity • Artiflex Soft • Carbonet • Clinicrope Bandage • Combine Dressings • Comprilan • Co-Plus • Co-Plus LF • Cotton Wool Ripple Packs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton Wool Balls • Cotton Wool Rolls • Cotton Tips • Cotton Tipped Applicators • Cutilin • Easifix Cohesive • Easifix Conforming • Easifix K • Elastocrepe • Elastolite • EXU-DRY • Eye Pads • Handyband Conforming • Handy Crepe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handy Gauze Cohesive • Handy Gauze Swabs • Handy Grip Cohesive • Handygrip Self-Adhesive • Handy Tubular • Melolin • Melolite • Packing Gauze • Profore • Profore Latex-Free • Profore Lite • ProGuide • Propax Range • Sliver Wool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soffban Natural • Soffban Synthetic • Surgifix • Swabs & Sponges • Tensofix • Tensocrepe • Tensogrip • Tensopress • Triangular Bandages • Tricotex • Versagrip • Velband • VIC Bandage • Wound Dressings

USE

General bandages, support bandages, compression bandages, protective padding, wound dressings, surgical dressings, cotton products.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION / PROPERTIES

Appearance and Odour	Bandages, dressings and allied products, with low odour. Composed of synthetic / natural fabrics, or calcium alginate fibres (ALGISITE M only). Sealed in clear plastic, aluminium or paper bags.
Other Properties	<p>Natural rubber latex is contained in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandage Clips (latex wrapped in thread) • Co-Plus (latex coating on bandage) • Easifix Cohesive (latex coating on bandage) • Handy Gauze Cohesive (latex coating on bandage) • Handy Grip Cohesive (latex coating on bandage) • Handygrip Self-Adhesive (latex coating on bandage) • Handy Tubular (latex coating on bandage) • Profore (latex coating on components #3 and #4) • Surgifix (latex coating on bandage) • Tensogrip (latex coated threads) • Tensopress (latex end seal) <p>Padding material may release a small amount of dust and fibre. X-ray detectable swabs and sponges contain PVC threads encapsulating approximately 55% Barium Sulphate.</p>

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION / PROPERTIES (cont.)

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HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

Health Effects

Skin	<p>For those products containing latex:</p> <p>The natural rubber latex may cause skin irritation and sensitisation (an allergic skin reaction) in some individuals. Symptoms may include: dry, cracking skin; skin sores or bumps; and/or itching or rash.</p> <p>Natural rubber latex allergy: (caused by proteins in the latex). This serious allergy can cause severe reactions. Symptoms are: hives, skin rash, itching, swelling, sneezing, and/or difficulty breathing.</p>
Eye	<p>Padding material may release fibre that may enter the eye and cause minor irritation.</p> <p>No issue for other products.</p>
First Aid	
Skin	<p>Treat a melt burn as a thermal burn.</p> <p><u>For those products containing latex:</u> Seek medical attention. Do not continue to use the product when the individual has become sensitised.</p>
Eye	Rinse eye with water to remove any fibre.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Controls	Where padding material is used, ensure good dilution ventilation.
Protection	<p>For those products containing latex, persons with known sensitivity or allergy to natural rubber latex must NOT use the product.</p> <p>For ALGISITE M: Do not use on patients with a known allergy to alginates.</p> <p>No personal protection is required for any product used.</p>
Flammability	Combustible solid. Will burn under fire conditions. Padding materials may release a small amount of dust and loose fibre, that if allowed to accumulate on surfaces, may cause a fire hazard. Loose material in a pile may be a fire hazard.

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SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

Storage and Transport	Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from strong oxidising agents. Observe specific labelled storage requirements. No special transport requirements.
Waste and Disposal	Waste: Place in a sealed, labelled container for disposal. Disposal: in accordance with local waste regulations. May be incinerated in an approved facility. Used: products may need to be disposed of in accordance with the local authority's infectious waste requirements.
Fire Hazard	Extinguishing Media: According to the surrounding area. Any standard fire extinguisher may be used. Loose combustible fibre may build up where padding material is used and cause a fire hazard.

OTHER INFORMATION

Reactivity	Conditions to Avoid: Naked flames and ignition sources, particularly when the products are unwound or used. Incompatible Materials: Avoid contact with strong oxidizing agents. Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Nylon and polyamide fabrics also form oxides of nitrogen.
Environmental Issues	No environmental issues expected.

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<p>This PSDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Each user should read this PSDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products. If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company. Our responsibility for products sold is subject to our standard terms and conditions, a copy of which is sent to our customers and is also available on request.</p>		