



# POLYONE CORPORATION

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### ATH-15CF/15T NATURAL

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#### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**POLYONE CORPORATION**  
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Telephone : Product Stewardship (440) 930-1395  
Emergency telephone number : **CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300 (24hrs for spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident).**

Product name : ATH-15CF/15T NATURAL  
Product code : EM10008048  
Chemical Name : Mixture  
CAS-No. : Mixture  
Product Use : Industrial Applications

#### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON REGULATED INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS-No.	Weight %
Carbon	7440-44-0	10 - 30

#### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

##### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

This mixture has not been evaluated as a whole. Information provided on the health effects of this product is based on individual components. All ingredients are bound and potential for hazardous exposure as shipped is minimal. However, some vapors may be released upon heating and the end-user (fabricator) must take the necessary precautions (mechanical ventilation, respiratory protection, etc.) to protect employees from exposure.

##### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

**Routes of Exposure:** : Inhalation, Ingestion, Skin contact

##### Acute exposure

Inhalation : Particulates, like other inert materials can be mechanically irritating. If overheated or burnt, the polymer releases formaldehyde.  
Ingestion : May be harmful if swallowed.  
Eyes : Particulates, like other inert materials can be mechanically irritating.  
Skin : Experience shows no unusual dermatitis hazard from routine handling.

**Chronic exposure** : Refer to Section 11 for Toxicological Information.

**Medical Conditions** : None known.

**Aggravated by Exposure:**

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- Inhalation : Move to fresh air in case of accidental inhalation of fumes from overheating or combustion. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.
- Ingestion : Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.
- Eyes : Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. If eye irritation persists, seek medical attention.
- Skin : Wash off with soap and plenty of water. If skin irritation persists seek medical attention.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

- Flash point : Not applicable
- Flammable Limits
  - Upper explosion limit : Not applicable
  - Lower explosion limit : Not applicable
- Autoignition temperature : Not applicable
- Suitable extinguishing media : Carbon dioxide blanket, water spray, dry powder, foamnone.
- Special Fire Fighting Procedures : Fullface self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) used in positive pressure mode should be worn to prevent inhalation of airborne contaminants.
- Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards : Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), other hazardous materials, and smoke are all possible. If overheated or burnt, the polymer releases formaldehyde. May burn with invisible flame.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

- Personal precautions : Wear appropriate personal protection during cleanup, such as impervious gloves, boots and coveralls.
- Environmental precautions : Should not be released into the environment. The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses or the soil.
- Methods for cleaning up : Clean up promptly by sweeping or vacuum. Package all material in plastic, cardboard or metal containers for disposal. Refer to Section 13 of this MSDS for proper disposal methods.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

- Handling : Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. Open container only in a well-ventilated area. Heat only in areas with

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appropriate exhaust ventilation.

Storage : Keep containers dry and tightly closed to avoid moisture absorption and contamination. Keep in a dry, cool place.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

- Respiratory protection : No personal respiratory protective equipment normally required. When temperatures exceed 230°C (446°F) and ventilation is inadequate to maintain concentrations below exposure limits, use a positive air supplied respirator. Air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.
- Eye/Face Protection : Safety glasses with side-shields. Wear face-shield and protective suit for abnormal processing problems.
- Hand protection : Protective gloves.
- Skin and body protection : Long sleeved clothing.
- Additional Protective Measures : Safety shoes.
- General Hygiene Considerations : Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.
- Engineering measures : Heat only in areas with appropriate exhaust ventilation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery.

Exposure limit(s)

Components	Value	Exposure time	Exposure type	List:
Carbon	2 mg/m3	Time Weighted Average (TWA):	Dust.	ACGIH
	5 mg/m3	PEL:	Respirable fraction.	OSHA Z1
	15 mg/m3	PEL:	Total dust.	OSHA Z1

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

- Form : Solid
- Appearance : Pellets, Slabs
- Color : NO PIGMENT
- Odor : formaldehyde
- Melting point/range : Not determined
- Boiling Point: : Not applicable
- Water solubility : Insoluble
- Evaporation rate : Not applicable
- Specific Gravity: : Not determined
- Bulk density : Not established
- Vapor pressure : Not applicable
- Vapour density : Not applicable
- pH : Not applicable

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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- Stability : Stable.
- Hazardous Polymerization : Will not occur.
- Conditions to avoid : Maintain polymer temperature below 230°C (446°F). Avoid prolonged exposure at or above recommended processing temperature.
- Incompatible Materials : Incompatible with strong oxidizers and with strong acids and bases (decomposes to form formaldehyde). At melt temperatures, acetal resins are incompatible with halogenated polymers such as vinyl (PVC) and any elastomers containing any halogenated polymers. At processing conditions, these materials are mutually destructive and involve rapid degradation. Even small amounts of such contaminants can cause sudden and spontaneous formaldehyde gas formation. Workplace fume well above threshold levels are a likely result. Unsafe pressurization of equipment such as extruder or mold can also result. Thoroughly purge and mechanically clean processing equipment to avoid even trace quantities of halogenated materials from coming in contact with the acetal. Prevent contamination of virgin or rework resin.
- Hazardous decomposition products : Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), other hazardous materials, and smoke are all possible. If overheated or burnt, the polymer releases formaldehyde. Decomposition of this material depends on the length of time it is exposed to elevated temperatures. At the recommended processing temperature of 210°C-220°C (410°F-428°F), decomposition should not be significant until after 30 minutes. Decomposition may be accelerated by contaminants, pigments and/or other additives.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

This mixture has not been evaluated as a whole for health effects. Exposure effects listed are based on existing health data for the individual components which comprise the mixture.

Toxicity Overview

This product contains the following components which in their pure form have the following characteristics:

CAS-No.	Chemical Name	Effect	Target Organ
7440-44-0	Carbon	Systemic effects	Respiratory system, heart or circulatory system.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

- Persistence and degradability : Not readily biodegradable.
- Environmental Toxicity : Chemicals are not readily available as they are bound within the polymer matrix.
- Bioaccumulation Potential : Chemicals are not readily available as they are bound within the



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polymer matrix.

Additional advice : Not applicable

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Product : Like most thermoplastic plastics the product can be recycled. Where possible recycling is preferred to disposal or incineration. The generator of waste material has the responsibility for proper waste classification, transportation and disposal in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial and local regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Recycling is preferred when possible. The generator of waste material has the responsibility for proper waste classification, transportation and disposal in accordance with applicable federal, state/provincial and local regulations.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

U.S. DOT Classification : Not regulated for transportation.

ICAO/IATA (air) : Refer to specific regulation.

IMO / IMDG (maritime) : Refer to specific regulation.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

US Regulations:

OSHA Status : Classified as hazardous based on components.

TSCA Status : All components of this product are listed on or exempt from the TSCA Inventory.

US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)

Not applicable

California Proposition 65 : WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance  
Not applicable

SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals:

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Not applicable  
Canadian Regulations:

National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)

Not applicable

WHMIS Classification : Not controlled.

DSL : DSL status has not been determined. Quantity use in Canada may be restricted by regulations.

National Inventories:

Australia AICS : Not determined

China IECS : Not determined

Europe EINECS : Not determined

Japan ENCS : Not determined

Korea KECI : Not determined

Philippines PICCS : Not determined

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

The information provided in this Safety Data Sheet is correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief at the date of its publication. The information given is designed only as a guidance for safe handling, use, processing, storage, transportation, disposal and release and is not to be considered a warranty or quality specification. The information relates only to the specific material designated and may not be valid for such material when used in combination with any other materials and/or in any particular process or processing conditions.