

LUMBER (SOFTWOOD)  
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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET - UNTREATED LUMBER

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### SECTION 1 CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**MANUFACTURER:**  
Wood Preservers, Inc.  
P.O. Box 158  
Warsaw, VA 22572

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**  
Wood Preservers, Inc. - 804-333-4022

**SUBSTANCE:** LUMBER (SOFTWOOD)  
**TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:** UNTREATED TIMBER; LOGS; WOOD; POLES; PLANKS;  
SLATS; CORES  
**PRODUCT USE:** Building/construction product  
**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 20 2000  
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### SECTION 2 COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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**COMPONENT:** SOFTWOODS  
**CAS NUMBER:** Not assigned.  
**PERCENTAGE:** 100.0

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### SECTION 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4):** HEALTH=2 FIRE=2 REACTIVITY=0  
**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**  
**COLOR:** natural wood  
**PHYSICAL FORM:** solid wood board  
**ODOR:** faint pine or no odor  
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**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS:** Wood dust may cause: respiratory tract irritation,  
skin  
irritation, eye irritation, allergic reactions, nasal cancer

**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:** Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**INHALATION**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** Wood dust may cause: irritation of the nasal passages,

throat, upper lung passages and lungs, allergic reactions, wheezing, cough

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** Same as effects reported in short term exposure, nasal cancer

**SKIN CONTACT**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** Wood dust may cause: irritation, allergic reactions, rash

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** Same as effects reported in short term exposure

**EYE CONTACT**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** Irritation

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** Same as effects reported in short term exposure

**INGESTION**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** Ingestion of harmful amounts is unlikely

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** Ingestion of harmful amounts is unlikely

Visible levels of wood dust from sawing or sanding lumber does not indicate that an overexposure will occur. When visibility is impaired due to high levels of wood dust, take precautions to minimize exposure and against possible explosions. Have exposures evaluated by a safety and health professional (e.g., a certified industrial hygienist - CIH).

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**SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**INHALATION:** Remove from exposure. Get medical attention, if needed.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Wash exposed skin with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with plenty of water. Get medical attention, if needed.

**INGESTION:** It is unlikely that emergency treatment will be required. Get medical attention, if needed.

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**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Moderate fire hazard. Dust/air mixtures may ignite

or explode.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, regular foam.

**Large fires:** Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.

**FIRE FIGHTING:** Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire.

Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products.

**LOWER FLAMMABLE LIMIT:** 40 g/m<sup>3</sup> (dust)

**AUTOIGNITION:** 399-500 F (204-260 C)

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## SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE

Avoid generating dust. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal.

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## SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**STORAGE:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Store in a cool, dry place.

**HANDLING:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Minimize dust generation and accumulation.

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## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### EXPOSURE LIMITS

#### WOOD DUST, SOFTWOODS

#### SOFT WOOD DUST

5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993)

10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> OSHA STEL (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993)

5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ACGIH TWA

10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ACGIH STEL

**VENTILATION:** Provide local exhaust ventilation system when necessary to ensure

compliance with applicable exposure limits for wood dusts. Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant if explosive concentrations of wood dusts are present. To avoid static sparks, electrically ground and bond all equipment used in and around processes that involve wood dust generation.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses or goggles are recommended when working with this product.

**CLOTHING:** Protective clothing is not required under normal conditions.

**GLOVES:** Standard work gloves are recommended.

**PROTECTIVE MATERIAL TYPES:** Leather, cotton

**RESPIRATOR:** It should not be necessary to use a respirator when dealing with this product. If respirators are used, they should be selected by and used under the direction of a trained health and safety professional following requirements found in OSHA's respirator standard (29CFR 1910.134).

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## SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**PHYSICAL STATE:** solid

**APPEARANCE:** light to dark

**COLOR:** natural wood

**PHYSICAL FORM:** solid wood board

**ODOR:** faint pine or no odor

**BOILING POINT:** Not applicable

**MELTING POINT:** Not available

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** Not applicable

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**VAPOR DENSITY:** Not applicable

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water=1):** varies

**WATER SOLUBILITY:** insoluble

**PH:** Not applicable

**VOLATILITY:** Not applicable

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not available

**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not applicable

**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not available

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## SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.

### INCOMPATIBILITIES

Oxidizing materials such as chlorine, nitric and sulfuric acids.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION

Thermal decomposition products: oxides of carbon, aldehydes, organic acids,

smoke

**POLYMERIZATION:** Will not polymerize.

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## **SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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### **WOOD DUST, SOFTWOODS**

**CARCINOGEN STATUS:** NTP: Known Human Carcinogen; IARC: Human Sufficient Evidence, Animal Inadequate Evidence, Group 1

#### **LOCAL EFFECTS**

Irritant: inhalation, skin, eye

**TARGET ORGANS:** immune system (sensitizer)

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** respiratory disorders, skin disorders and allergies

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## **SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Fine particulates in high concentrations may cause gill coating in aquatic animals.

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## **SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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This material is not a hazardous waste in accordance with 40 CFR 261. Dispose of this material in a licensed landfill and follow local and/or state regulations.

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## **SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** No classification assigned.

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## **SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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### **U.S. REGULATIONS**

**CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):** Not

regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.30)**

Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 304 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.40)**

Not regulated.

**SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.21)**

**ACUTE:** No

**CHRONIC:** No

**FIRE:** No

**REACTIVE:** No

**SUDDEN RELEASE:** No

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**SARA TITLE III SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65):** Not regulated.

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29CFR1910.119):** Not regulated.

**STATE REGULATIONS**

California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

**NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS**

**U.S. INVENTORY (TSCA):** Listed on inventory.

**TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION:** Not listed.

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## **SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

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The information set forth herein is offered as a service to Wood Preservers' customers and is not intended to relieve a customer from its responsibility to determine the suitability of this information for their particular purposes, to comply with all laws and procedures regarding the safe use of these materials, and to use these materials in a safe manner.

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### **LABELING (Precautionary Statements):**

**PRODUCT:** LUMBER (SOFTWOOD)

**TARGET ORGANS:** Eyes, skin, respiratory tract

**HAZARD:** Sawing, sanding or machining wood products can produce wood dust which can cause a flammable or explosive hazard.

Wood dust may cause lung, upper respiratory tract, eye and skin irritation. Some wood species may cause dermatitis and/or allergic respiratory effects. The International Agency

for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified wood dust as a nasal carcinogen in humans.

Avoid dust contact with ignition source.

Sweep or vacuum dust for recovery or disposal.

Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of wood dust in air.

Avoid dust contact with eyes and skin.

For additional information or any other special handling procedures, see the Material Safety Data Sheet.