

Polyamide 6 Resins

This document provides a brief description of Polyamide 6 Resins, as represented by Durethan® B 29, its uses, and the potential hazards associated with short and long term exposure. Environmental impact information for accidental releases is included. This information is general in nature and is not intended as a replacement for the safety data sheet (SDS), product label and other safe handling literature. For additional information consult the LANXESS Corporation safety data sheet.

Identification

Chemical Name:	Polyamide 6 Resins (PA 6)
Synonym(s):	Polycaprolactam, Nylon 6, Poly-ε-caproamide
CAS Number:	25038-54-4

Description

Overview:	Durethan® B 29 is a colorless, odorless solid at ambient temperatures. The product is sold in granular form.						
Uses:	Durethan® B 29 is a polyamide 6 based engineering thermoplastic manufactured by LANXESS for use in a variety of markets and applications, including automotive equipment, furniture, power tool housings, lawn and garden equipment and packaging film for medical, food and industrial goods.						
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Potential Human Health Effects

Occupational Exposure

Potential for occupational exposure exists during manufacture, at unloading, storage and staging areas and during processing operations at facilities using Durethan[®] B 29 in the manufacture of other products. A much lower potential for exposure exists in facilities using the product in closed manufacturing processes by trained personnel.

Employee Training

Workers handling Durethan[®] B 29 should be trained to implement proper handling procedures and to understand the potential health and physical hazards of this product. LANXESS recommends long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and suitable protective footwear be worn when handling Durethan[®] B 29. Workers handling hot material should wear heat-resistant protective gloves that are able to withstand the temperature of the molten product. Safety glasses with side shields should be worn if eye contact is possible. Selection and use of a respirator must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Thermal processing operations should be ventilated to control gases and fumes given off during processing.

Consumer Exposure

LANXESS Corporation does not sell Durethan[®] B 29 to the general public.

Short-Term Health Effects

Skin contact with Durethan[®] B 29 may be irritating, with symptoms of redness, itching, swelling and burning. Unprotected skin contact with hot material will cause thermal burns.

Long-Term Health Effects

No long-term adverse health effects are expected.

Physical Hazards

Durethan[®] B 29 is stable under normal conditions of use. Heating to decomposition may release carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Hazardous decomposition products may also include hydrogen cyanide, pyridine, hydrocarbons, amines and nitriles. Melted product is flammable and produces intense heat and dense smoke during burning. Avoid heat, open flames and other potential sources of ignition.

Potential Environmental Impact

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Conclusion

Under normal conditions of anticipated use as described in this Product Safety Assessment, and if the recommended safe use and handling procedures are followed, Durethan® B 29 is not expected to pose a significant risk to human health or the environment.

References

Safety Data Sheet (SDS), Durethan® B 29, LANXESS Corporation

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Notices

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