

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

TKG® AL (POM C)

Section 1. COMPANY AND PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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Material Name: TKG® AL

Acetal-Copolymer

Section 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON COMPONENTS

MATERIAL CAS Number %

Acetal Polymer (Polyoxymethylene Co-Polymer) 24969-26-4 95 - 100

This product is not known to contain toxic chemicals listed under section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 and 40CFR part 372.

Section 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview: Acetal stock shapes melt and become unusable for their intended purpose at temperature above 175°C

(350°F). If heated to temperatures over 230°C (446°F), the polymer releases formaldehyde. Formaldehyde

may cause skin, eye and respiratory irritation and allergic reactions.

Eye Contact: Contact with powder or dust may cause mechanical irritation.

Skin Contact: Molten Acetal may cause thermal burns.

Inhalation: Shapes are not considered an inhalation hazard.

Ingestion: Not a probable route of exposure.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Long-Term Exposure: None known.

Chronic effects: There are no known effects from exposure to Acetal itself. Significant skin permeation and systemic

toxicity after contact appears unlikely. There are inconclusive or unverified reports of human sensitization.

Carcinogenicity: Chronic inhalation studies in animals have shown that formaldehyde causes nasal cancer in rats. The

international agency for research on cancer has classified formaldehyde as a carcinogen in group 2a, and

the national toxicology program included formaldehyde in its annual report on carcinogens.

Section 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye contact: In case of eye contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a

physician if symptoms persist.

Skin contact: If molten polymer contacts skin, cool rapidly with cold water. Do not attempt to peel polymer from skin.

Obtain medical attention for thermal burns.

Inhalation: If exposure to fumes from overheating, move to fresh air. Consult a physician if symptoms persist.

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Section 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Autoignition temperature: 320-340°C (608-644°F). Method ASTM D1929.

Conditions of flammability: Burns with an invisible flame.

Extinguishing Media: Water spray, foam, dry chemical and/or CO₂.

Hazardous Combustion Products: Hazardous combustion products may include intense heat, dense black smoke, carbon monoxide

and formaldehyde.

Fire-Fighting Instructions: Fire fighters and others exposed to products of combustion should wear full protective clothing

including self-contained, breathing apparatus. Fire fighting equipment should be thoroughly

decontaminated after use

Section 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spill Response: Clean up by vacuuming or sweeping to prevent falls.

Section 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Precautions: Open containers only in well-ventilated area.

Storage Requirements: Dry storage. Keep containers closed to prevent contamination.

Section 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Eye Protection: Safety glasses are recommended to prevent particulate from entering eyes while grinding or

machining.

Skin Protection: Protective gloves are required when handling hot polymer. Long sleeve cotton shirt and long

pants when handling molten polymer.

Ventilation: Local exhaust at processing equipment to keep particulates below 15 mg/m₃, the OSHA limits for

nuisance dusts. Grinding and machining of parts should be reviewed to assure that particulate levels are kept below recommended standards. Formaldehyde fumes may be released during

fabrication.

Respiratory Protection: None under normal processing, if ventilation is adequate. If formaldehyde concentration is above

1 ppm (temperatures exceed 230°C/446°F) a properly fitted NIOSH approved respirator is

required.

Safety Stations: Make emergency eyewash stations, safety/quick-drench showers, and washing facilities available

in work area.

Other Precautionary Information: Grinding and machining of parts should be reviewed to assure that particulate levels are kept

below recommended standards.

INGREDIENT AGENCY VALUE

Particulates PEL (OSHA) 15 mg/m₃ total dust

5 mg/m₃ respirable dust

Formaldehyde OSHA PEL 0.75 ppm/8 hrs. TWA; 2 ppm STEL

ACGIH TLV 0.3 ppm ceiling; 2 ppm STEL

Section 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Appearance: Stock shape may be rods or plate of different sizes. White or black.

Odor: Slight odor.

Percent volatiles: Negligible

Melting point: 168°C (335°F)

Specific Gravity: 1.35 – 1.45

Water Solubility: Insoluble

Section 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable.

Conditions to Avoid: Heating above 230°C (446°F) forms formaldehyde.

Materials to avoid: Strong acids and bases (decomposes forming formaldehyde) and strong oxidizing agents. At melt

temperatures, Acetal resins are incompatible with halogenated polymers such as PVC and PVDC and any elastomers containing halogenated polymers. Even small amounts of such contaminants can cause sudden and spontaneous formaldehyde gas formations. Workplace fume concentrations well above threshold levels and unsafe pressurization of processing equipment

can result.

Section 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity Data: None available.

Section 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental Fate and Effects: No data has been established for this product.

Section 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal: Preferred options for disposal are: recycling, incineration with energy recover, and landfill.

Treatment and disposal must be in accordance with federal, state, provincial and local

regulations.

Section 14. OTHER INFORMATION

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