

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** Wood Dust  
**Other means of identification**  
**SDS number** 251-TIM-E  
**Recommended use** Granular particles of wood created by sawing and machining.  
**Recommended restrictions** None known.

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Customers of Timber Specialties Limited

**Company name**  
**Address**  
  
**Telephone number**  
**E-mail**  
  
**Contact person**  
**Emergency phone number**

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Combustible dusts Category 1  
**Health hazards** Carcinogenicity (inhalation) Category 1A

### Label elements

#### Hazard symbol



**Signal word** Danger  
**Hazard statement** May cause cancer by inhalation. May form combustible dust concentrations in air.  
**Precautionary statement**

**Prevention** Obtain special instructions before use (see Section 16). Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Prevent dust accumulation to minimize explosion hazard. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

**Response** If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, foam or water spray for extinction.

**Disposal** Dispose in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Other hazards** None known.

**Supplemental information** None.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Wood dust	N/A	100

## 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation** Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist. Some species may cause allergic respiratory reactions with asthma-like symptoms in sensitized individuals.

**Skin contact** Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Prolonged contact with wood dust may cause irritation to the skin. Some wood species may cause dermatitis or allergic skin reactions in sensitized individuals. In case of rashes, wounds or other skin disorders: Seek medical attention and bring along these instructions.

<b>Eye contact</b>	Do not rub eye. Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water. Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids wide apart. If eye irritation persists, get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth thoroughly if dust is ingested. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.
<b>Most important symptoms/ effects, acute and delayed</b>	Dust may cause eye, skin and respiratory tract irritation. Symptoms can include irritation, redness, scratching of the cornea, and tearing. May cause nasal dryness, irritation and mucostasis. Coughing, wheezing, sneezing, sinusitis. May cause eczema-like skin disorders (dermatitis). Airborne treated or untreated wood dust may cause nose, throat, or lung irritation and other respiratory effects.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Carbon dioxide, regular foam, dry chemical, water spray, or water fog. Apply extinguishing media carefully to avoid creating airborne dust.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Explosion hazard: Depending on moisture content, and more importantly, particle diameter and airborne concentration, wood dust in a contained area may explode in the presence of an ignition source. Wood dust may similarly deflagrate (combustion without detonation like an explosion) if ignited in an open or loosely contained area. An airborne concentration of 40 grams (40,000 mg) of dust per cubic meter of air is often used as the LEL for wood dusts. Reference NFPA Standards- 654 and 664 for guidance.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
<b>Fire-fighting equipment/instructions</b>	In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	Fine particles may form explosive mixtures with air.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Avoid generation and spreading of dust. Avoid inhalation of dust. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 8).
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Sweep or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. If not possible, gently moisten dust before it is collected with shovel, broom or the like. Containers must be labeled. For waste disposal, see Section 13.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Read SDS before use. Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of dust. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Do not smoke. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 8). Avoid release to the environment.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Keep away from heat, spark, open flames and other sources of ignition. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
Wood dust (CAS N/A)	TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable fraction.

### Canada. Alberta OELs (Occupational Health & Safety Code, Schedule 1, Table 2)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Wood dust (CAS N/A)	TWA	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Total dust.

**Canada. British Columbia OELs. (Occupational Exposure Limits for Chemical Substances, Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 296/97, as amended)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Wood dust (CAS N/A)	TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Dust.

**Canada. Ontario OELs. (Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Wood dust (CAS N/A)	STEL	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Dust.
	TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Dust.

**Canada. Quebec OELs. (Ministry of Labor - Regulation Respecting the Quality of the Work Environment)**

Components	Type	Value	Form
Wood dust (CAS N/A)	TWA	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Dust.

<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eyeface protection</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles when sawing or cutting.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	When handling wood, wear leather or fabric gloves.
<b>Other</b>	Wear long sleeve shirt, pants, and closed-toed shoes when handling wood.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Wear dust mask when sawing or sanding wood. If exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation is experienced, a NIOSH-approved positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus should be worn.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing hands after handling the material and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance</b>	
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Solid. Chips. Dust.
<b>Color</b>	Varies.
<b>Odor</b>	Wood odor.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Combustible dust.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit – lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Highly insoluble.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	399.2 - 500 °F (204 - 260 °C)
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.

**Viscosity** Not applicable.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity** The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

**Chemical stability** Material is stable under normal conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

**Conditions to avoid** Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Avoid contact with incompatible materials. Minimize dust generation and accumulation.

**Incompatible materials** Oxidizing agents. Drying oils.

**Hazardous decomposition products** During combustion: Carbon oxides. Nitrogen oxides. Aliphatic aldehydes. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Inhalation** Wood dust is irritating to the nose, throat and lungs. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of wood dusts may cause respiratory irritation, recurrent bronchitis and prolonged colds. Some species may cause allergic respiratory reactions with asthma-like symptoms in sensitized individuals. Prolonged exposure to wood dusts by inhalation has been reported to be associated with nasal and paranasal cancer.

**Skin contact** Handling may cause splinters. Prolonged contact with wood dust may cause irritation to the skin. Some wood species may cause dermatitis or allergic skin reactions in sensitized individuals.

**Eye contact** Dust may irritate the eyes.

**Ingestion** Not likely, due to the form of the product. However, ingestion of dusts generated during working operations may cause nausea and vomiting. Certain species of wood and their dusts may contain natural toxins, which can have adverse effects in humans.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Wood dust: May cause nasal dryness, irritation and mucostasis. Coughing, wheezing, sneezing, sinusitis and prolonged colds have also been reported. Depending on wood species may cause respiratory sensitization and/or irritation. Symptoms can include irritation, redness, scratching of the cornea, and tearing. May cause eczema-like skin disorders (dermatitis). Airborne treated or untreated wood dust may cause nose, throat, or lung irritation and other respiratory effects.

### Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Not expected to be acutely toxic.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Dust may irritate skin.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Dust may irritate the eyes.

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

**ACGIH Sensitization** Wood  
Wood dust (CAS N/A) Dermal sensitization. Respiratory sensitization.

**Canada - Manitoba OELs Hazard: Dermal sensitization**  
Wood dust (CAS N/A) Dermal sensitization

**Canada - Manitoba OELs Hazard: Respiratory sensitization**  
Wood dust (CAS N/A) Respiratory sensitization

**Canada - Saskatchewan OELs Hazard Data: Sensitiser**  
Wood dust (CAS N/A) Sensitizer

**Respiratory sensitization** Exposure to wood dusts can result in hypersensitivity.

**Skin sensitization** Exposure to wood dust can result in the development of contact dermatitis. The primary irritant dermatitis resulting from skin contact with wood dusts consist of erythema, blistering, and sometimes erosion and secondary infections occur.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

**Carcinogenicity** May cause cancer by inhalation. This classification is based on an increased incidence of nasal and paranasal cancers in people exposed to wood dusts.

**ACGIH Carcinogens**  
Wood dust (CAS N/A) A1 Confirmed human carcinogen. A2 Suspected human carcinogen.

**Canada - Manitoba OELs: carcinogenicity**  
Wood/Wood dust (CAS N/A) Confirmed human carcinogen. Suspected human carcinogen.

## IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Wood/Wood dust (CAS N/A) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.

## US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Wood/Wood dust (CAS N/A) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Not classified.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Not likely, due to the form of the product.
<b>Chronic effects</b>	Chronic exposure to wood dusts can result in pneumonitis, and coughing, wheezing, fever and the other signs and symptoms associated with chronic bronchitis. Individuals with pre-existing disease in or a history of ailments involving the skin, kidney, liver, respiratory tract, eyes, or nervous system are at a greater than normal risk of developing adverse effects from woodworking operations with this product.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	No data available on bioaccumulation.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	This product is insoluble in water.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Dispose of contents in accordance with municipal, provincial, and federal regulations. DO NOT BURN! Ash may be toxic and a hazardous waste; combustion vapors may be toxic.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose of the container in accordance with provincial requirements.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. This material must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

## 14. Transport information

<b>TDG</b>	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
<b>IMDG</b>	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.

## 15. Regulatory information

<b>Canadian regulations</b>	This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the HPR and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.
<b>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</b>	Not regulated.
<b>Export Control List (CEPA 1999, Schedule 3)</b>	Not listed.
<b>Greenhouse Gases</b>	Not listed.
<b>Precursor Control Regulations</b>	Not regulated.
<b>International regulations</b>	
<b>Stockholm Convention</b>	Not applicable.

<b>Rotterdam Convention</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Kyoto protocol</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Montreal Protocol</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Basel Convention</b>	Not applicable.

#### International Inventories

<b>Country(s) or region</b>	<b>Inventory name</b>	<b>On inventory (yes/no)*</b>
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

#### 16. Other information

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**Special Instructions** If you expect to generate wood dust, read Sections 4, 7, 8, and 11.

**Disclaimer** Supplier cannot anticipate all conditions under which this information and its product, or the products of other manufacturers in combination with its product, may be used. It is the user's responsibility to ensure safe conditions for handling, storage and disposal of the product, and to assume liability for loss, injury, damage or expense due to improper use. The information in the sheet was written based on the best knowledge and experience currently available.