



Duratron CU60 PBI Safety Sheet

1. Product and Company Identification

Commercial Product Name: Duratron CU60 PBI
Company (manufacturer): Quadrant EPP Belgium NV
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2. Product Description

Commercial product name: Duratron CU60 PBI

These products are 'articles' according to the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH).

Material characterisation: Polybenzimidazole (PBI)

3. Product Characteristics

Form: Semi-finished products (round rods, plates, tubes) / finished parts machined from semi-finished products.

Colour: Black Test Methods

Odour: Odourless

Density: 1.30 g/cm³ ISO 1183-1

Melting temperature: - ISO 11357-1/-3

Glass transition temperature: 425°C ISO 11357-1/-2

Thermal decomposition: >500°C

Self ignition temperature: not applicable ASTM D 1929

Solubility in water: insoluble

4. Handling & Storage

Machining: During machining of the semi-finished products, evacuate swarf to prevent slipping or tripping hazard and observe the maximum allowable concentration of dust levels on the workplace which apply in your country. Wear safety goggles during machining.

Safety: The products shall be stored indoors in a normal environment (air at 10 – 30°C / 30 – 70% RH) and kept away from any source of degradation such as sunlight, UV-lamps, chemicals (direct or indirect contact), ionising radiation, flames, etc. Dimensional changes (camber, warpage, shrinkage...) of the products as well as slight colour shifts of the external surfaces can occur with time. The latter does generally not pose a problem in case of semi-finished products since the surface-layer is mostly removed anyway upon machining them into finished parts. The properties of materials which are prone to water absorption, e.g. Polybenzimidazole, may change significantly with storage time as a result of water absorbed from the environment (this effect depends very much on shape and size of the products and the time). However, this water absorption phenomenon being a reversible one, the original material properties can if necessary be restored by drying them.

Safety measures: Standard industrial safety recommendations shall be observed. Temperatures above the thermal decomposition temperature shall be avoided.



5. Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable extinguishing media:	Since PBI does not burn, use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials and decomposition products, adapted to the nature and extend of fire.
Hazardous decomposition products:	The main products formed in case of overheating are carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Formation of further hazardous decomposition products depends upon the fire conditions and cannot be excluded.
Special protective equipment:	Firemen should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and/or eyes. If exposed to combustion fumes in a high concentration, bring the victim into fresh air. If molten material contacts skin, cool rapidly with cold water and obtain medical attention for removal of adhering material and treatment of the burn.

6. Disposal Considerations

According to the 'European Waste Catalogue and Hazardous Waste List' uncontaminated waste from the products is not classified as hazardous. The following six-digit codes can be used:

07 02 13	Waste plastic from the manufacture, formulation, supply and use of plastics.
12 01 05	Plastic shavings and turnings.
16 01 19	Plastic, from end-of-life vehicles from different means of transport (including off road machinery) and wastes from dismantling of end-of-life vehicles and vehicle maintenance.
17 02 03	Plastic construction and demolition waste.
20 01 39	Plastics from municipal wastes (household waste and similar commercial, industrial and institutional wastes).

7. Marking & Transport Information

Classification & labelling:	Hazard warning labelling in accordance with relevant EC-Directives is not required.
International transport regulations:	Not applicable.