



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

(In accordance with ISO 11014-1 Standard)

Product Name: Tissue-Tek<sup>®</sup> VIP<sup>®</sup> Processing/Embedding Medium

Revision Date: 2008-12-01

## 1. Identification of the Substance

**Product Name:** Tissue-Tek<sup>®</sup> VIP<sup>®</sup> Processing/Embedding Medium – (product code #4005)

**Manufactured For:** Sakura Finetek USA, Inc.  
Torrance, CA 90501 USA  
**Tel: 310-972-7800**

**Emergency Telephone Number:**  
**800-424-9300 (Chemtrec)**

## 2. Composition/Data on Components

CAS#	Component	Synonyms	%Weight
8002-74-2	Paraffin	Paraffin Wax	>99
232-315-6			
9003-27-4	Polyisobutylene	2-Methylpropene Polymer	<1
204-066-3			

## 3. Hazards Identification

Main Hazards: Not classified as hazardous.

Routes of Entry: Eye contact, skin contact

Carcinogenic Status: Not considered carcinogenic by NTP, IARC, and OSHA

Health Effects

- Eyes: Contact may cause slight transient irritation
- Skin: Material may cause irritation.
- Ingestion: No adverse effects are expected.
- Inhalation: No adverse effects are expected during normal conditions of use. Inhalation of paraffin wax fumes during heating may irritate the eyes, nose, and throat.

### **HMIS Rating**

Health: 1  
Flammability: 1  
Reactivity: 0

### **HMIS Rating Scale**

Minimal: 0  
Slight: 1  
Moderate: 2  
High: 3  
Severe: 4

## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** If there is difficulty in breathing, give oxygen. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Have victim drink 1-3 glasses of water to dilute stomach contents. Never administer anything by mouth if a victim is losing consciousness, is unconscious or is convulsing. Obtain medical attention immediately.

**Skin:** If skin irritation develops, or other symptoms occur, discontinue use. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist. Contaminated clothing should be washed or dry cleaned before re-use.

**Eye:** Immediately flood the eye with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, holding the eye open. Obtain medical attention if soreness or redness persists.

**Advice to Physicians:** Treat symptomatically.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** This product may give rise to hazardous fumes in a fire.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not Flammable. Select extinguishing agent appropriate to other materials involved.

**Protective Equipment for Fire Fighting:** Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

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### **6. Accidental Release Measures**

This product may be collected by carefully scooping into a pan, paper towel, or other absorbent material. If wax is hot, let cool before initiating clean-up. To clean-up spills of cooled wax, use nonsparking tools to scrape the wax into suitable containers for disposal. Wear appropriate protective clothing.

### **7. Handling and Storage**

Keep containers closed when not in use. Storage area should be cool, dry, and well ventilated. Keep away from incompatible materials.

### **8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

**Occupational Exposure Standards:** Polyisobutylene: None assigned.

**Paraffin:** (fume) ACGIH: TLV 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8h TWA

UK EH40: OES 2mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8h TWA.

UK EH40: OES 6mg/m<sup>3</sup> 10min TWA.

**Engineering Control Measures:** No specific measures necessary. Good general room ventilation is expected to be adequate to control airborne levels. Heating of this product may generate vapors or fumes, therefore, local exhaust ventilation is recommended to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits.

**Respiratory Protection:** Respiratory protection if there is risk of breathing mists or vapors from heated material. The specific respirator selected must be based on the airborne concentration found in the workplace and must not exceed the working limits of the respirator.

**Hand Protection:** Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shields

**Body Protection:** Normal work wear.

### **9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical State:** Waxy pellets

**Color:** Colorless, white, translucent

**Odor:** Odorless

**pH:** No data available.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 0.80

**Boiling Point:** No data available

**Melting Point:** 117-149°F (47-65°C), depending on the grade.

**Flash Point:** 410°F (210°C)

**Auto-flammability (deg C):** 245 (for 100% paraffin)

**Explosion Limits (%):** No data available

**Density:** No data available

**Vapor Pressure:** No data available

**Solubility in water:** Insoluble

**Vapor Density (Air=1) :** No data available

**Viscosity (cSt):** No data available.

### **10. Stability and Reactivity**

**Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Heat, high temperatures, pressure, mechanical shock.

**Materials To Avoid:** Reducing agents, strong acids.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

### **11. Toxicological Information**

**Acute Toxicity:** A low order of acute toxicity predicted.

**Paraffin:** A 100 mg dose applied to the rabbit eye for 24 hours caused mild irritation. A 500 mg dose applied to the rabbit skin for 24 hours caused mild irritation.

**Chronic Toxicity/Carcinogenicity:** Paraffin: When implanted in rats (120 mg/kg) And mice (480-660 mg/kg), caused tumors of the bladder, lungs, and thorax.

**Genotoxicity:** This product is not expected to cause any mutagenic effects.

**Reproductive/Developmental Toxicity:** This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental health effects.

### **12. Ecological Information**

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**Mobility:** No relevant studies identified.

**Persistence/Degradability:** No relevant studies identified.

**Bio-accumulation:** No relevant studies identified.

**Ecotoxicity:** No relevant studies identified.

### **13. Advice on Disposal**

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations (see sections 15).

### **14. Transport Information**

**DOT CFR 172.101 Data:** Not regulated.

**UN Proper Shipping Name:** Not regulated.

**UN Class:** None.

**UN Number:** None.

**UN Packaging Group:** None.

### **15. Regulatory Information**

#### **Labeling Information**

Health: Not Classified

Safety: Not Classified

Environment: Not Classified

**EC Annex/Classification:** According to EC Commission Directive 67/548/EEC this product is not classified.

**R phrases:** None

**S phrases:** None

**TSCA Listing:** All ingredients have been verified for inclusion on the EPA Toxic Substance Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory.

**EINECS Listing:** All ingredients in this product are listed on the European List of New Chemical substances (ELINCS) or are exempt from listing.

**DSL/NDSL (Canadian) Listing:** All ingredients in this product are listed on the Domestic Substance List (DSL) or the Non-Domestic Substance List (NDSL).

**PA Right to Know Law:** This product contains the following chemical found on the Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List.

**NJ Right to Know Law:** This product does not contain any chemicals on the New Jersey Workplace Hazardous Substance List.

**CA Proposition 65:** This product does not contain materials which the state of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**SARA Title III Sect. 302 (EHS):** This product does not contain any chemical subject to SARA Title III Section 302.

**SARA Title III Sect. 304:** This product does not contain any chemicals subject to SARA Title III Section 304.

**SARA Title III Sect. 311/312 Categorization:** Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

**SARA Title III Sect. 313:** This product does not contain a chemical which is listed in Section 313 at or above de minimis concentrations.

### **16. Other Information**

This Material Safety Data Sheet has been furnished on request. A revised Material Safety Data Sheet will be furnished only if requested, also in case of specification changes. The above information, which is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief, describes the safety aspects of our product but does not warrant any product properties. The company gives no warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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