LANXESS Bromine Solutions
Brominated polymeric flame retardant for polystyrene foams

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Emerald Innovation® 3000 is a highly effective, sustainable brominated polymeric flame retardant offering a variety of enhanced performance properties. This innovative flame retardant is an excellent replacement for Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in both expanded polystyrene (EPS) and extruded polystyrene (XPS) foam products.

Emerald Innovation® 3000 offers many advantages:

- It is a stable, high-molecular weight polymer
- Its polymeric structure makes it not readily bioavailable, thus reducing the environmental concerns that threaten the sustainability of other commercially available brominated flame retardants for polystyrene foams
- It is a comparable alternative to HBCD in EPS and XPS foams, requiring minimal reformulation to use in existing production lines
- Can be used with FR synergist that are commonly used today in EPS/XPS applications
- Its reduced tendency to retain water helps to decrease the residual water content of EPS beads, providing improved process efficiency
- Enables formulators to achieve applicable fire safety standards for polystyrene foam insulation. In pilot plant scale trials in XPS, Emerald Innovation® 3000 successfully passed the EN ISO 11925-2 and German DIN 4102 B2 flammability tests.
- Provides comparable fire performance\(^2\) in polystyrene foam to foam containing HBCD at equivalent bromine levels.

\(^1\) Emerald Innovation® 3000 is based on technology licensed from DuPont.

\(^2\) Like HBCD, Emerald Innovation® 3000 will need to be stabilized for use in higher temperature processing conditions such as XPS foam applications.
**Physical characteristics**

- **Physical form:** Compacted white powder
- **Bromine content:** ~64% 
- **Softening point:** 120 °C
- **Molecular weight:** 100,000 – 160,000 g/mol
- **TGA 5% wt loss:** 255 °C

**Limiting oxygen index (LOI)**

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LOI of XPS foam with Emerald Innovation® 3000 equivalent to HBCD at same bromine content

**Flammability performance**

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German DIN 4102 B2: ▢ 1 % Br ▢ 1.8 % Br

Contact us today to learn more about Emerald Innovation® 3000, a cost-effective, performance alternative to HBCD for use in polystyrene foams.
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