



Technical Brief

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Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for MP Circuit Breakers

Re: Compliance with the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazardous Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200 (Subpart Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances)

It has been Mechanical Products' (MP) policy to avoid the use of hazardous materials in our processes and products as much as possible, and to continuously improve our manufacturing methods. As one of the fundamental principles of this policy, MP complies with US OSHA regulations concerning the use and availability of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).

An MSDS is designed to provide workers and emergency personnel with the proper procedures for handling a particular substance. MSDS's include information such as physical data (melting point, boiling point, etc.), toxicity, health effects, first aid, reactivity, storage and disposal. An MSDS reflects the hazards of working with a substance in an occupational fashion; an MSDS is not meant for consumers.

Through its Hazardous Communication Standard (HCS), US OSHA requires employers to establish hazard communication programs to transmit information on the hazards of chemicals to their employees by several methods, including labels, MSDS's and training programs. There are however a number of exemptions to the requirements for an MSDS within the HCS. A specific exemption is listed for manufactured items which have end use functions dependent upon their shape or design, and under normal conditions do not release more than very small quantities of chemicals ("Articles").

All of MP's products are considered to be "Articles" per paragraph (c) of US OSHA HCS, 29 CFR 1910.1200 (Subpart Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances) and, as articles, do not require an MSDS, per paragraph (b)(6)(v).

MP is strongly committed to working with our customers and our supply chain to reduce or eliminate exposure to all hazardous substances. We continue to monitor the status of all applicable standards and requirements (including RoHS and REACH) as part of our on-going compliance activities and will provide updates on any changes required for the continued safe use of MP products.

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