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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:

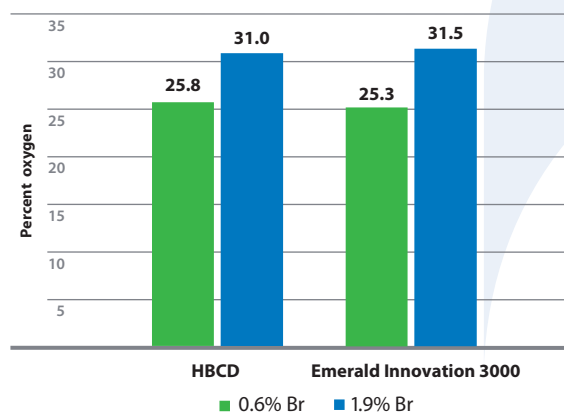
- It is a stable, high-molecular weight polymer
- Its polymeric structure makes it not readily bioavailable, thus preventing the environmental concerns that threaten the sustainability of other commercially available brominated flame retardants for polystyrene foams
- It is a comparable alternative to 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 performance¹ in polystyrene foam to foam containing HBCD at equivalent bromine levels

¹Like HBCD, Emerald Innovation™ 3000 will need to be stabilized for use in higher temperature processing conditions such as XPS foam applications

Physical Characteristics

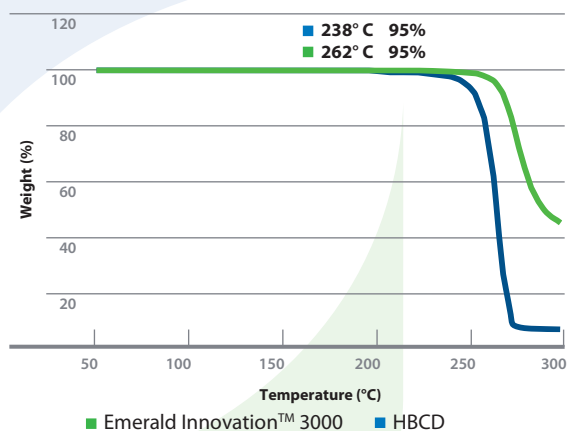
Physical Form:	White Powder
Bromine Content:	~64%
Softening Point:	120°C
Molecular Weight:	100,000-160,000 g/mol
TGA 5% wt loss:	262°C

Limiting Oxygen Index (LOI)



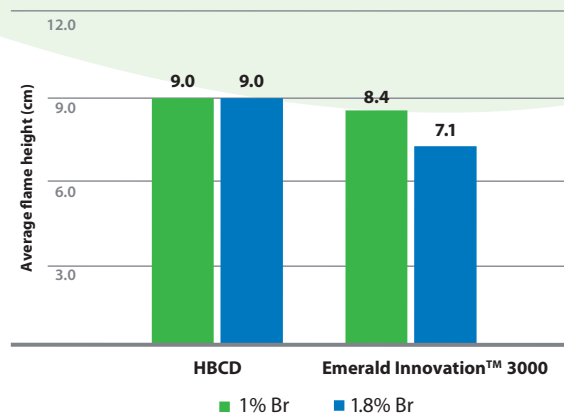
LOI of XPS foam with Emerald Innovation™ 3000 equivalent to HBCD at same bromine content

Dynamic TGA Data



Flammability Performance

German DIN 4102 B2



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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