



GC SAM

ALTERNATIVE TO HBCD for XPS

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SAM PROJECT PARTNERSHIP



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GREENCHEMICALS

established in 2010.

We are Flame Retardants and Plastic Additives formulators.

Powder blends, compacted, masterbatches.

Our intention is reducing environmental impact of existing FR formulations!

2008 HBCD has been declared PBT product, toxic for the environment.

October 2008: HBCD in annex XIV, Reg. 1907/2006 very high concern substance (SVHC) .

Proposed to ban HBCD from August 2015 for EPS and XPS application!

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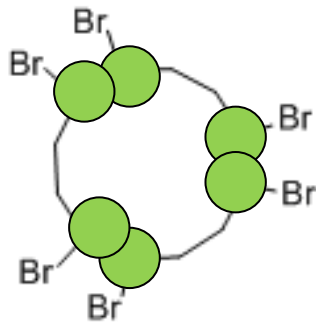
KEY CRITERIA SELECTION FOR HBCD REPLACEMENT

- FIRE PERFORMANCE
- SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH PROFILE
- REACH COMPLIANCE
- THERMAL STABILITY (TGA) FOR “FR – PS SECOND LIFE”
- COMPATIBLE WITH BASE POLYMER SYSTEMS
- EXISTING TECHNOLOGY. IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY
- COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION!

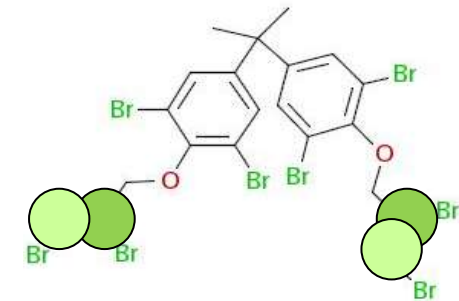
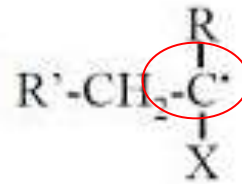


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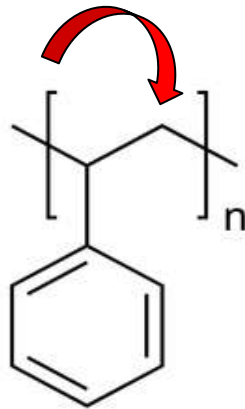


HBCD + DICUMENE + HEAT STAB.

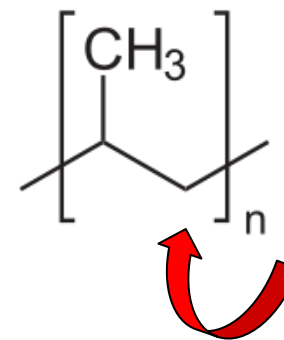


BDDP + DICUMENE + ANTIMONY TRIOXIDE

PS



PP



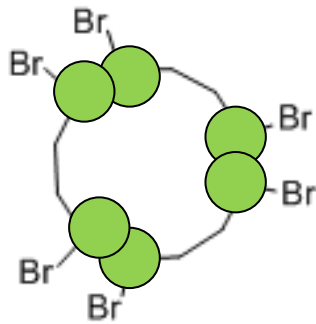
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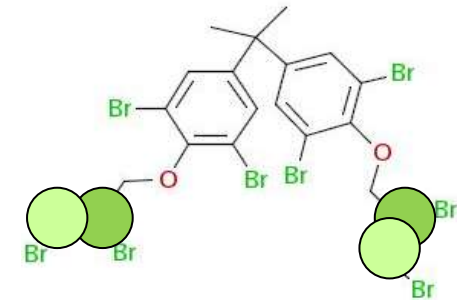
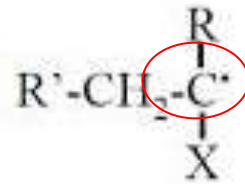
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Due to similarities between PS and PP, we supposed BDDP could have good performance in PS.

Removal of the Sb_2O_3 and optimizing of BDDP/DICUMENE ratio

has given unexpected result of remarkable **drop of extinguishing times.**

Spring 2011: development of lab tests and formulation.

Test performed: UL 94 V2

PS		<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
BDDP			<i>3</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Dicumene			<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>0.08</i>
Sb_2O_3			<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.9</i>	-	-
Rating V-2	1.6 mm	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
	3.2 mm	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass

All values are in %w/w

HB: Horizontal Burning

V-2: Formulations that meets UL94 V-2 criteria

BDDP: Tetrabromobisphenol A bis (2,3-dibromopropyl ether)

Sb_2O_3 : Antimony Trioxide

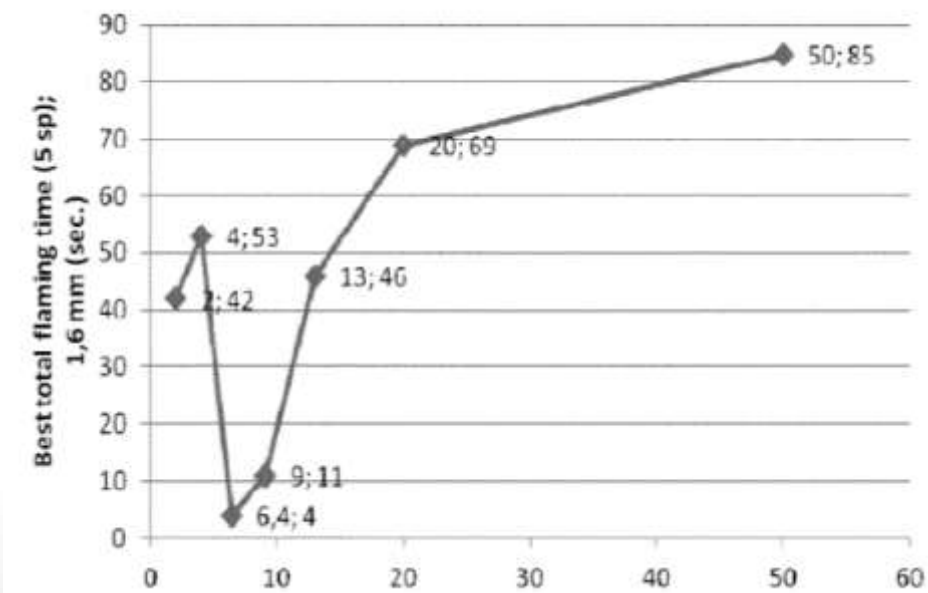
Dicumene: 2,3-dimethyl-2,3-diphenylbutane

UNEXPECTED SYNERGISTIC EFFECT OF BDDP AND DICUMENE

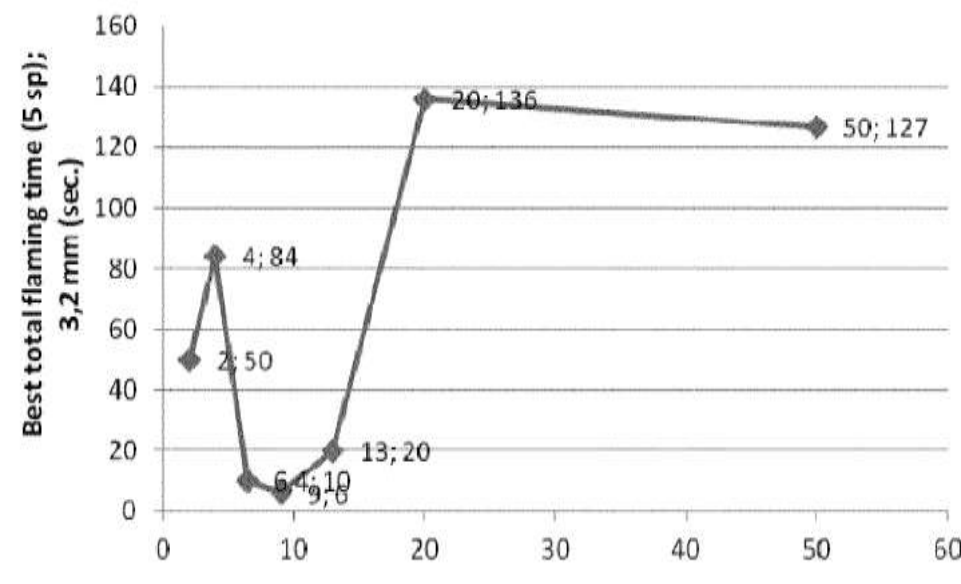
% R2 / R1+R2	R1:R2	Best total flaming time (5 sp); 1,6 mm (sec.)
2	50:1	42
4	25:1	53
6,4	15,625:1	4
9	11,1:1	11
13	7,7:1	46
20	5:1	69
50	1:1	85

%R2 / R1+R2	R1:R2	Best total flaming time (5 sp); 3,2 mm (sec.)
2	50:1	50
4	25:1	84
6,4	15,625:1	10
9	11,1:1	6
13	7,7:1	20
20	5:1	136
50	1:1	127

Range of concentration of the best total flaming time: 0,9-1,7%



% Dicumene on the total amount of Flame Retardant



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TEST performed: UL 94 V-2

TESTS TO CATCH BEST BDDP/DICUMENE RATIO

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
PS		94.6	99.2	99.0	99.5	99.25	99.05	99.54	99.08	98.62	99.34	99.12	98.72	98.3	99.06	99.08	98.88	98.67
BDDP		0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3
Dicumene		0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.1	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.03
% Dicumene su totale FR		50%	50%	50%	20%	20%	20%	13%	13%	13%	9%	9%	6%	6%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Max Flaming Time (sec.)	1.6 mm	> 60	22	20	17	22	30	20	18	10	19	3	19	1	15	20	20	15
	3.2 mm	26	20	16	17	17	17	16	13	8	25	3	10	2	10	>30	20	17
Total Flaming Time for 5 Spec. (sec.)	1.6 mm	> 300	85	92	69	147	165	62	91	46	86	11	60	4	53	95	78	42
	3.2 mm	145	127	84	136	95	59	100	91	20	115	6	34	10	84	>300	90	50
Specimens Dripped	1.6 mm	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
	3.2 mm	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
Cotton Ignition	1.6 mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	3.2 mm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rating	1.6 mm	HB	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2
	3.2 mm	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2	V-2



REGULATORY

	BDDP	DICUMENE
Cas N°	21850-44-2	1889-67-4
Reg. 1272/2008 (CLP) C&L	Not classified	Skin Sens. Cat. 1
Reg. 1907/2006 (REACH)	REACH compliant Registered in 2013 No SVHC	REACH compliant Registered in 2013 No SVHC
Dir. 2002/95/CE and s.m.i. (RoHS)	Compliant	Compliant

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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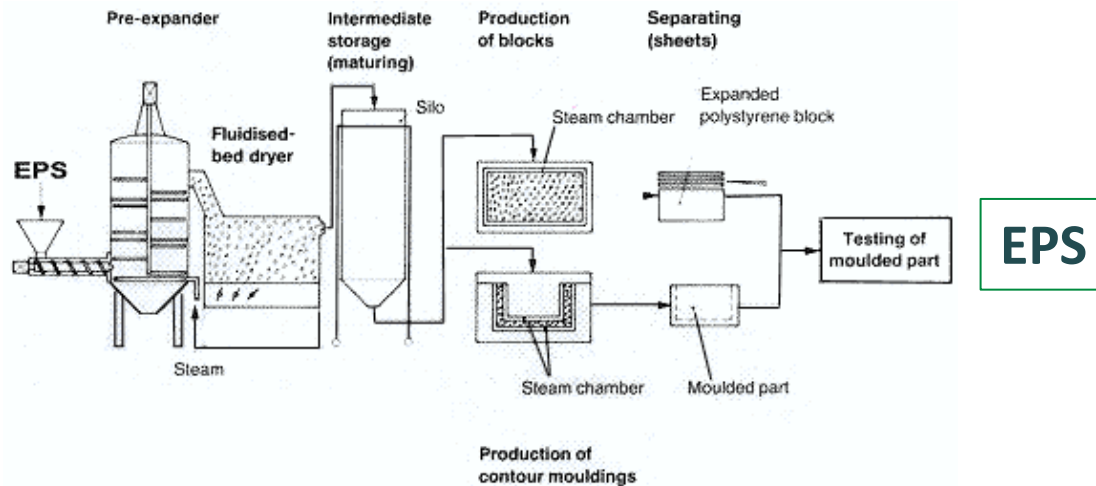
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(54) Novel flame-retardant composition for polystyrenic compounds

**GC SAM is patent pending in EU,
waiting for the grant.
Greenchemicals is evaluating partnership.**

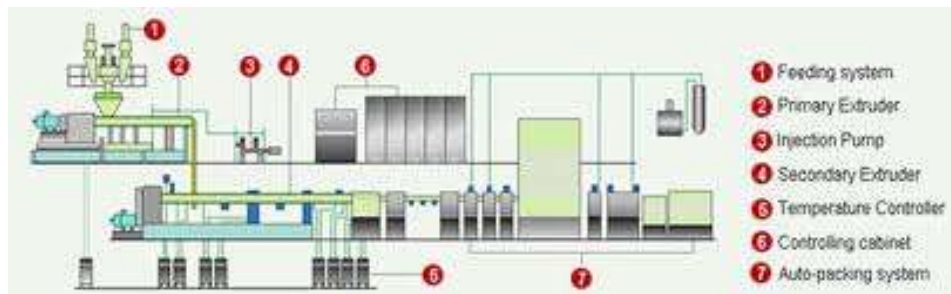


XPS and EPS



EPS



STYRENE,
FR, OTHER ADDITIVES IN POWDER,
PENTANE,
MIXED IN WATER BEFORE POLYMERIZATION
MAX TEMPERATURE REACHED 150° C



XPS

POLYSTYRENE
FR OTHER ADDITIVES IN MASTERBATCHES
BLOWING AGENTS
T REACHED > 220° C



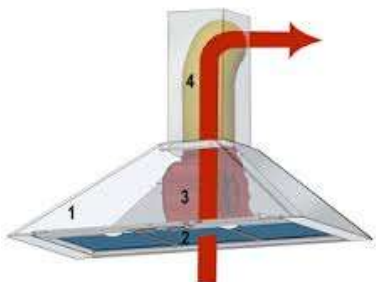
POSITIVE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS	NEGATIVE	HBCD + DICUMENE	BDDP + DICUMENE
FIRE PERFORMANCE			0,8 – 1,5 %	2 – 3 %
REGULATORY Reg. 1272/2008 (CLP) Classifying & Labelling Reg. 1907/2006 (Reach) Reg. RoHS			<i>Repr.2/Lact./Aq.Acute1/Aq.Chronic1;</i> <i>H362;H400;H410</i> Registered in 2010 SVHC Substance	<u>Not Classified.</u> <i>Registered in 2013.</i> <i>No SVHC substaces.</i> Reach Compliant.
AVAILABILITY			PROPOSED TO BE BANNED	AVAILABLE: Raw materials are commodities. Existing plants.
 COST			Fluctuating: 3Q 2013: 5 USD/Kg 2Q 2012: 12 USD/Kg	Stable: 5,50 – 6,50 USD/Kg
 THERMAL STABILITY			5% @ 228° C	5% @ 305° C
RECYCLING PROP			Unstable, no possible to recycle.	Thermal stable. Possible to reprocess!
MELTING POINT			180 – 190 ° C	105 – 115 ° C
PROCESSABILITY			Good	Very Good
COMPATIBILITY WITH PS			Good	Very Good



END PRODUCT SECOND LIFE

	HBCD	BDDP
THERMAL STABILITY	5% @ 228° C	5% @ 305° C
RECYCLING PROP	Unstable, no possible to recycle.	Thermal stable. Possible to reprocess!

PP + BDDP + Dicumene + Sb_2O_3 → Re-processable, renewable



PS + BDDP + Dicumene → Re-processable, Ok for rubber!



GREENCHEMICALS STARTED A PROJECT TO STUDY THE REGENERATION CYCLE OF ARTICLES CONTAINING GC SAM



HBCD

BDDP

AVAILABILITY

PROPOSED TO BE BANNED

AVAILABLE: Raw materials are commodities. Existing plants.

- **RAW MATERIALS ARE WORLDWIDE COMMODITIES, MAIN PRODUCTION SITES IN CHINA**
- **ALL THE RAW MATERIALS OF GC SAM ARE FLAME RETARDANT ADDITIVES COMING FROM PP (V2).**
- **FORMULATION IS IMMEDIATELY AND FULLY AVAILABLE ON A COMMERCIAL SCALE**



LOW MELTING POINT SOLUTION

HBCD

BDDP

MELTING POINT

180 – 190 ° C

105 – 115 ° C

MASTERBATCH EXTRUSION DIFFICULTIES

SOLUTION

MASTERBATCH WITH PS-TALC OR POLIOLEFINS

2011 **MB PS SAM 54, MB PS SAM 55:**
BDDP/DICUMENE, PS AND TALC.
PROBLEMS: TALC MAY GIVE NUCLEATION EFFECTS.

2012 **MB PO SAM 54, MB PO SAM 55:**
BDDP/DICUMENE, LDPE AND/OR EVA



	HBCD	BDDP
FIRE PERFORMANCE	0,8 – 1,5 %	2 – 3 %

BDDP HALF REACTIVITY THAN HBCD
SOLUTION

HIGHLY CONCENTRATED PHYSICAL FORMS

2012

GC SAM 54 COMPACTED
GC SAM 55 COMPACTED:
100% BDDP/DICUMENE

2012

GC PO SAM 54 DROPS
GC PO SAM 55 DROPS:
80-85% ACTIVE BDDP/DICUMENE IN 15-20% PE WAX.
MELTED AND DROPPED.



THESE TWO SOLUTIONS CAN REPLACE 1:1 A 50% ACTIVE HBCD MASTERBATCH STABILIZED AND SYNERGIZED.





GREENCHEMICALS TECHNICAL COMMERCIAL DATA

WE HAVE GOT APPROVALS IN 13 DIFFERENT XPS PRODUCERS

CUSTOMER	TEST PERFORMED	2012 LONG PRODUCTION RUN	BEST PRODUCT SOLUTION	NOTES	LOADING LEVEL COMPARED TO 50% HBCD MB
1 2	Euroclass E DIN4102 B1-B2	<i>MB PS SAM 54</i>	<i>MB PS SAM 54</i>	XPS BOARD KEEPS SAME MECHANICAL PARAMETERS THAN WITH HBCD	FROM SAME TO 50% MORE
3-4 5- 6-7	Euroclass E	<i>MB PS SAM 54</i> ↓	<i>MB PO SAM 55</i> <i>GC PO SAM 55 DROPS</i>	PROCESSING AID EFFECT THAT ALLOWS LOWER P AND TP OF THE PROCESS	FROM SAME TO 50% MORE
8-9 10-11 12-13	DIN4102 B1- B2	PRODUCTION PROBLEM NUCLEATING EFFECTS DUE TO TALC IN MB	<i>MB PO SAM 55</i> <i>GCSAM 55 COMP.</i> <i>GC PO SAM 55 DROPS</i>	BEST PERMARMANCE HIGHER THICKNESS BOARDS	FROM SAME TO 50% MORE





GREENCHEMICALS

SAM COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE

REGULAR CUSTOMERS

WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MENTION:

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DGSA ITALIA SRL

SECTOR 2

GERMANY

STATE OF NY, US Y

ITALY

ITALY

**THE ALTERNATIVE GC SAM IS AVAILABLE, IT WORKS AND XPS FOAM
REMAINS A COST EFFECTIVE PRODUCT FOR B&C!**





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Amedeo Brasca S.r.l.



Guzzetti Master S.r.l.



SAP Europa S.r.l.



VIBA S.p.A.



- **A NEW FLAME RETARDANT FORMULATION IS DEVELOPED TO REPLACE HBCD IN XPS APPLICATION:**
- **BDDP + DICUMENE**

**FIRE PERFORMANCE
GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH PROFILE
IMPROVED PROPERTIES TO RE-USE THE END PRODUCT!
COMPATIBILITY WITH BASE POLYMER SYSTEMS
COMPETITIVE COST
AVAILABILITY
THERMAL STABILITY**

- **FORMULATION IS ALREADY AVAILABLE ON A COMMERCIAL SCALE LEVEL.**

.....to be continued



*Work in
progress*

**WE ARE WORKING FOR
CATCHING
HALOGEN FREE SOLUTION**





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