



# ETHAFOAM M5

## Brand Polyethylene Foam Plank

ETHAFOAM\* M5 polyethylene foam is a strong resilient, high-density 160 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (10 pcf), closed-cell foam. It has the highest strength of all current ETHAFOAM brand polyethylene foam products, and is ideally suited as a component material in products requiring a shock absorbing, vibration dampening, insulating, barrier or buoyancy component, and as a material for cushioning

components in packaging applications for impacts or loadings up to 20.0 psi.

ETHAFOAM M5 polyethylene foam extruded plank is a part of an exclusive family of the ETHAFOAM brand polyethylene foam packaging products that also includes ETHAFOAM M1, M1 A/S, M3, and M4 polyethylene foams. Each of these products has been designed

and formulated to consistently meet the stringent shipping, storage and handling requirements for all military applications. ETHAFOAM M5 polyethylene foam is a PPP-C-1752D, Type V, Grade A material.

**Size available (Planks):**  
2" x 24" x 108"

**Color available:** Black

Physical Properties <sup>†</sup>	Test Method	Direction	Value
Density	ASTM D3575, Suffix W, Method B; ISO 845		<b>kg/m<sup>3</sup> (pcf)</b> 160 (10)
Blowing Agent Content	Dow Method		< 10% LEL
Compression Set	ASTM D3575, Suffix B (50% compr.)	Vertical	< 15%
Compressive Creep (1000 hrs @ 23 <sup>o</sup> C)	ASTM D3575, Suffix BB	Vertical	< 10% @ 138 kPa (20 psi)
Compressive Deflection @ 10% @ 25% @ 50%	ASTM D3575, Suffix D	Average	<b>KPa (psi)</b> 579 (84) 607 (88) 910 (132)
Thermal Stability	ASTM D3575, Suffix S		< 1 %
Thermal Conductivity @ 24°C (75°F) @ -5°C (23°F)	ASTM D3575, Suffix V; EN 28301; ISO 2581	Vertical	<b>W/m<sup>o</sup>K (BTU-in/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-°F)</b> 0.06 (0.42) 0.05 (0.37)
Water Absorption	ASTM D3575, Suffix L ISO 2896; ASTM C0272		<b>kg/m<sup>2</sup> (lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)</b> < 1.0 (0.2) < 1%
Buoyancy	ASTM D3575, Suffix AA		<b>kg/m<sup>3</sup> (pcf)</b> 833 (52)
Tensile Strength @ peak	ASTM D3575, Suffix T; ISO 1798	Average	<b>kPa (psi)</b> 1100 (160)
Tensile Elongation	ASTM D3575, Suffix T; ISO 1798	Average	30 %
Tear Strength	ASTM D3575, Suffix G	Average	<b>N/mm (lb/in)</b> 9.5 (54)

<sup>†</sup> The data presented for this product are for unfabricated ETHAFOAM brand polyethylene foam products. While values shown are typical of the product, they should not be construed as specification limits.

- See reverse side for additional properties and product information

## Product Features

ETHAFOAM "M" series polyethylene foam products provide the perfect performance solution for projects requiring polyethylene foam where compliance to U.S. Federal Standard PPP-C-1752D is preferred. These products satisfy exacting military packaging demands for long-term product protection, and also eliminate the concern of creating a flammable atmosphere in military closed case applications. ETHAFOAM M1, M1 A/S, M3, M4 and M5 polyethylene foams are intended for applications calling for Types I, III, IV and V material under PPP-C-1752D.

ETHAFOAM "M" series polyethylene foam products are produced with Dow's patented *RapidRelease* manufacturing process. This new process technology incorporates a patented CFC and HCFC-free blowing agent

system and an accelerated curing system that reduces residual blowing agents in all ETHAFOAM "M" series polyethylene foam products to less than 10 percent of the lower flammability limit (LFL). Certification of physical properties and blowing agent content is available upon request.

The ETHAFOAM "M" series polyethylene foam products offer the same cushioning properties that have earned other ETHAFOAM brand polyethylene foam products the best reputation throughout the protective packaging industry. These products are resilient, durable, lightweight, flexible and resist compressive creep. They're reusable, recyclable and meet the requirements of the U.S Clean Air Act Amendments. In addition, they're easily fabricated, impervious to most chemicals, low-abrasive

and may be used over a wide range of temperatures.

## Flammability

ETHAFOAM M5 polyethylene foam has successfully passed MVSS 302 flammability testing, conducted according to the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, CFR 49.

## CAUTION:

**ETHAFOAM M5 polyethylene foam plank is combustible and should not be exposed to flame or other ignition sources.**

## For Additional Information or Technical Support

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