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1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

<u>Trade Names/Synonyms:</u>	AMI-FAB™ Q Series sewing thread/PTFE coated quartz sewing thread.
<u>Product Identification:</u>	AMI-FAB™Q Series sewing thread.
<u>Chemical Name/Synonyms:</u>	Quartz coated with polytetrafluoroethylene polymer/amorphous fused silica fibers coated with perfluorocarbon polymer.
<u>Manufacturer's Name:</u>	Auburn Manufacturing, Inc P. O. Box 220 Mechanic Falls, ME 04256 800-264-6689

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

OSHA HCS Status: Product is not a hazardous chemical as defined by OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200



Precautionary Statements:

- P281: Wear personal protective equipment as required
- P302: If on skin, wash with mild soap and running water
- P304: If inhaled, move individual to fresh air. Seek medical attention if irritation persists
- P305: If in eyes, flush eyes at least 15 minutes; seek medical attention if irritation persists

Hazard Statements: N/A

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3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Abstracts Service Number: N/A

<u>Hazardous Ingredients</u>	<u>Weight %</u>	<u>OSHA-PEL</u>	<u>ACGIH-TLV</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Fused silica, quartz fibers respirable	proprietary	80 mg/ m3.	0.1 mg/ m3	

Nonhazardous Ingredients

Polytetrafluoroethylene	proprietary	-----not known-----		
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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: Move individual to fresh air. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Skin Contact: Wash with mild soap and running water. Use a washcloth to help remove fibers. To avoid further irritation do not rub or scratch irritated areas. Rubbing or scratching may force fibers into the skin. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Eye Contact: Flush eyes with flowing water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Ingestion: N.A (Not Applicable)

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Equipment: Water, foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical

Special Fire-Fighting Instructions: In a sustained fire, self contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece and protective clothing should be worn. Combustion is not self-sustaining, however, decomposition products burn above 690° C (1274° F). In the absence of external fuel employ protection for HF and other combustion fumes.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: None known.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

ACTION TO TAKE FOR SPILLS (Use Appropriate Safety Equipment/PPE):

For solid product, not applicable.

For dusts and fibers generated during fabrication, vacuum and containerize.

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7. HANDLING, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Handling: See Section 8.

The toxicologic data indicate that these materials should be handled with caution. The handling practices described in Section 8 of this MSDS must be strictly followed.

Product which has been in service at elevated temperature (> 1800o F) may undergo partial conversion to cristobalite, a form of crystalline silica. This reaction occurs at the lining hot face. As a consequence, this material becomes more friable (brittle); special caution must be taken to minimize generation of airborne dust. The amount of cristobalite present will depend on the temperature and length in service.

IARC has recently reviewed the animal, human and other relevant experimental data on silica in order to critically evaluate and classify the cancer causing potential. Based on its review, IARC classified crystalline silica as a Group 2A carcinogen. By definition a group 2A carcinogen is probably carcinogenic to humans. For crystalline silica, IARC's 2A classification was based on limited evidence of carcinogenicity in humans and sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals.

Special care should be taken when working with "used" material to minimize the generation of dust. The OSHA permissible exposure limit (PEL) for cristobalite is 0.05 mg/m³ (resp.). The ACGIH threshold limit value (TLV) for cristobalite is 0.05 mg/m³ (resp.). (ACGIH 1989 - 90). If exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation is experienced, NIOSH approved respiratory protection should be worn. NIOSH approved respirator for particulates with a TLV of less than 0.05 mg/m³ is generally acceptable, except that supplied air respirators are required for high airborne dust concentrations.

Storage: No special precautions necessary.

Disposal: Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations as a solid nonhazardous waste.

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ventilation: General dilution ventilation and/or local exhaust ventilation should be provided, as necessary, to maintain exposures below PEL's or TLV's. **Adequate ventilation must be provided at elevated temperatures.**

Respiratory Protection A properly fitted NIOSH/MHSA approved disposable dust respirator such as the 3M model 8210 or model 9900 (in high humidity environments) or equivalent should be used when: high dust levels are encountered; the level of quartz fibers in the air exceeds the OSHA permissible exposure limits; or if irritation occurs. Use respiratory protection in accordance with your company's respiratory protection program and OSHA regulations under 29 CFR 1910.134.

Eye Protection: Wear safety glasses or chemical goggles to prevent eye contact. Contact lenses should not be worn unless chemical goggles are also used and care is taken not to touch the eyes with contaminated body parts or materials. Have eye washing facilities readily available where eye contact can occur.

Protective Clothing: Wear loose fitting, long sleeved shirt that covers to the base of the neck, and long pants. Skin irritation from exposure to quartz fibers is known to occur chiefly at pressure points such as around the neck, wrist and waist. Wear gloves when handling product.

Work/Hygienic Practices: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practices:

- = **Avoid contaminating tobacco and smoking utensils.**
- = Avoid unnecessary exposure to dusts and fibers
- = Remove fibers from skin after exposure
- = Be careful not to rub or scratch irritated areas. Rubbing or scratching may force the fibers into the skin. The fibers should be washed off. Use of barrier creams can, in some instances, be helpful.
- = Use vacuum equipment to remove fibers and dusts from clothing. **COMPRESSED AIR SHOULD NEVER BE USED.** Always wash work clothes separately and wipe out the washer/sink in order to prevent loose glass fibers from getting on other clothes.
- = Keep the work area clean of any dusts and fibers generated during fabrication. Use vacuum equipment to clean up dusts and fibers. Avoid sweeping or using compressed air as these techniques resuspend dusts and fibers into the air.
- = Have access to safety showers and eye wash fountains.
- = For professional use only. **Keep out of children's reach.**

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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Melting Point (Softening): 900°C Boiling Point(°C): N/A (Not Applicable)

Specific Gravity (Bare Glass): NM Percent Volatile: N/A

Vapor Pressure: (mm Hg): N/A Vapor Density (Air = 1): N/A

Evaporative Rate (Ethyl Ether = 1): N/A Solubility in Water: Not soluble

Appearance and Odor: White/off-white/tan colored solid with no odor.

pH: N/A Relative Density: N/A

Upper/Lower Flammability or Exposure Limits: N/A

Freezing Point: N/A Flash Point: N/A

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): N/A Auto Ignition Temperature: N/A

Decomposition Temperature: N/A Viscosity: N/A

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability (Conditions to Avoid): Product is stable.

Stabilizers: N/A

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Molten alkali metals. Reacts with xenon hexafluoride to produce xenon trioxide. May react with hydrofluoric acid to produce silicon tetrafluoride gas. Avoid oxygen difluoride, chlorine trifluoride and hot phosphoric acid

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Sizings or binders may decompose in a fire. Primary decomposition products include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, other hydrocarbons and water. Hydrogen fluoride and perfluorocarbon olefins may be evolved at temperatures above 300° C.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Flash Point (°F): N/A (Not Applicable)

Auto Ignition Temperature (°F): N/A

Flammability Limits (%): LEL: N/A UEL: N/A

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11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Primary Routes of Exposure: Inhalation and skin contact.

Health Hazards (Including acute and chronic effects and symptoms of overexposure):

ACUTE: Inhalation: Inhalation of dusts and fibers may result in irritation of the upper respiratory tract (mouth, nose and throat) **Thermal Decomposition fumes at temperatures above 300°C may cause flu-like symptoms if inhaled.**

Skin Contact: Skin contact with dusts and fibers may produce itching and temporary mechanical irritation.

Eye Contact: Eye contact with fibers and dusts may produce temporary mechanical irritation.

Ingestion: Temporary mechanical irritation of the digestive tract. Observe individual. If symptoms develop, consult a physician.

CHRONIC: See carcinogenicity section below. There are no known health effects associated with chronic exposure to this product.

CARCINOGENICITY:

Hazardous Ingredients: Listed as carcinogen by: ACGIH IARC NTP OSHA
amorphous fused silica fibers -----not known-----

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Persons with a history of chronic respiratory or skin conditions that are aggravated by mechanical irritants may be at increased risk for worsening their condition from exposure during use of the product.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

N/A

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

See Section 8 (if applicable).

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

N/A

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

N/A

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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