

SWX-207HD5 & 207HD Neutron Shielding

Self-Extinguishing Borated Polyethylene



Self-extinguishing polyethylene shielding

SWX-207HD contains ~1% boron and 6% hydrogen

SWX-207HD5 contains ~5% boron and 6.6% hydrogen

SWX-207HD Self-Extinguishing Borated Polyethylene is used for neutron shielding applications where flame resistance is necessary or desired for the installation. Its hydrogen content is slightly lower than that of SWX-201 Borated Polyethylene.

Self-extinguishing materials are desirable for use in any location requiring neutron shielding where there is an issue with fire loading and a need to reduce the amount of material contributing to the overall amount of combustible materials. ASTM test D-635 (Flammability of Self-Supporting Plastics) shows SWX-207HD to be self-extinguishing. ASTM Test D-2863 gives a Limiting Oxygen Index of 30.2. In addition to the fire resistance, SWX-207HD produces negligible smoke when exposed to flame.

SWX-207HD contains high hydrogen content to provide good characteristics for the attenuation of fast neutrons and contains 0.9% by weight boron (4.7% for SWX-207HD5). It has relative high density of 1.7 g/cc (106 lbs/cu ft), which improves its gamma shielding characteristics compared to other polyethylene based shields. SWX-207HD has numerous applications in nuclear facilities including shielding hatches, ducts, sumps, stairwells, etc.

SWX-207HD is available in slabs, 1-inch thick, in sizes up to 96" x 48". It is easily shaped and cut using ordinary woodworking and metalworking tools. Shieldwerx can custom machine SWX-207HD to your specifications.

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Specifications

Composition Data Hydrogen atom density / cm ³ : Hydrogen weight percent: Hydrogen natural isotope distribution: Boron atom density / cm ³ : Boron natural isotope distribution: Boron weight percent: Total Density:	$\frac{207HD}{6.10 \times 10^{22}}$ 6.01 % 99.98 % ¹ H 8.14 x 10 ²⁰ 19.6 % ¹⁰ B & 80.4 % ¹¹ B 0.86 % 1.70 g / cm ³ (106 lbs / ft ³)	$\frac{207HD5}{6.35 \times 10^{22}}$ 6.65 % 99.98 % ¹ H 4.19 × 10 ²¹ 19.6 % ¹⁰ B & 80.4 % ¹¹ B 4.71 % 1.60 g / cm ³ (99.8lbs / ft ³)
Radiation Properties Macroscopic thermal neutron cross section: Gamma resistance: Neutron resistance:	0.64 (cm ⁻¹) 5 x 10 ⁸ rad 2.5 x 10 ¹⁷ n/cm ²	3.19 (cm ⁻¹) 5 x 10 ⁸ rad 2.5 x 10 n/cm ²
Physical Properties State: Color: Odor: Machinability:	Sheets, bricks Grey/Tan No odor Excellent	Sheets, bricks Grey/Black No odor Excellent
Thermal Properties Recommended Temperature Limit:	200 °F (93.3 °C)	200 °F (93.3 °C)
Chemical Properties Chemical Name & Synonyms: Trade Name & Synonyms: Chemical Family: Formula:	Borated Polyethylene SWX-207HD Polyolefins Mixture (CH ²)n, B	Borated Polyethylene SWX-207HD5 Polyolefins Mixture (CH ²)n, B

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