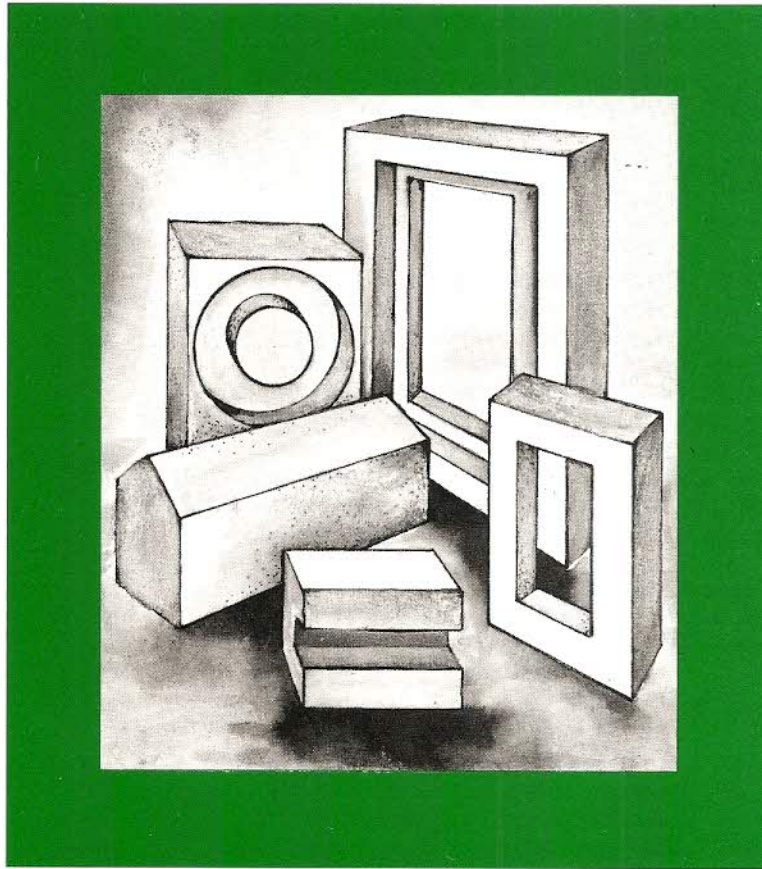


# Let Opco EPS be your cushion



For a highly versatile, cost-effective packaging material that provides ample cushioning for your product, use Opco Expanded PolyStyrene (EPS).

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# Proven Performance and Use OPCO EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS)

## THE COMPANY

As a fabricating specialist, Opco, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of Expanded PolyStyrene (EPS), is able to provide a cost-effective protective packaging to the product manufacturer. Opco's knowledge and ability to fabricate EPS into customized shapes and sizes to perform as a cushioning material can greatly reduce the hazards of the shipping environment. Opco's fabricated EPS offers effective cushion packaging that eliminates the cost of damaged goods, return freight, and loss of valuable time.

## EPS PERFORMANCE

In today's world of distribution, EPS means dependability by offering the type and degree of protective cushioning needed for a product. Whether protecting a product against shock, vibration and surface abrasion, or filling voids, EPS is able to effectively address the many problems that occur during shipment. Its performance as a protective cushioning enables a product to withstand transmitted shock and vibration from normal bumps or jolts, as well as absorb the mechanical shock caused from the impact of mishandling.

As a packaging material for virtually all products, EPS provides a clean, custom designed appearance at a low material cost. Along with being versatile, EPS serves as an ideal insulator for the packaging of perishables as well as nonperishables.

The performance of EPS, coupled with the ability and experience of Opco as a fabricating specialist, provides the industry with an ideal packaging material that offers optimum protection while remaining cost-effective.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANTAGES

**Natural Resources:** Through the use of EPS, the packaging industry uses fewer natural resources. Trees and forests are preserved because of the elimination of paper products and only one percent of all petroleum and natural gas by-products are used in the manufacturing of polystyrene. Most importantly, **EPS contains no chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's)** which are suspected of damaging the earth's ozone layer.

**Solid Waste Disposal:** Contrary to popular belief, nonbiodegradable EPS is far more desirable as a solid waste material because it removes the dangers of leachate and methane gas caused by a biodegradable substance. Also, when properly incinerated, EPS helps to eliminate toxic emissions while decreasing ash residue. Furthermore, much of the discarded plastic material never needs to enter the waste stream due to the current technology that exists in the recycling process of polystyrene—a process that greatly reduces the resulting debris problem of other heavier materials used by the packaging industry.



## BENEFITS

- \* Lightweight, versatile, durable packaging material
- \* Excellent protective cushioning for virtually all products
- \* Cost-effective in fabrication, shipping and storage
- \* Clean appearance for custom designed shapes
- \* Contains no chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's)
- \* Recyclable

## OTHER SPECIALTY MARKETS

- \* Roofing insulation
- \* Below grade perimeter insulation
- \* Exterior aged board
- \* Flotation material for docks and marinas
- \* Display booths and stage props
- \* Materials for arts and crafts
- \* Archery target blocks
- \* Filler for bean bag chairs

## LIMITATIONS

- \* Even though EPS is fire retardant and will not support combustion, it should not be exposed to open flames and other direct or indirect ignited sources.

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