

Claim Scenarios



Title: Financial Loss Unexpected Exposure/Products
Industry: Adhesives/Coating/Paint
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2004

The insured supplied a polyurethane foam injection glue product to door manufacturers. The product was used to insulate doors for external use. The door manufacturer alleges that the foam failed and damaged their product.

Title: Products
Industry: Agricultural Foods
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Poland
Potential Exposure: \$1,800,000
Date of Loss: 2007

The insured's quality control procedures failed to reveal the contamination of the glucose fructose syrup with excess amounts of SO₂. The contaminated substance was used in the production of juices, cakes and sweets.

Title: Operations
Industry: Animal Feed/Fertilizer
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: South Africa
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2007

The insured is being held liable by several farmers for phototoxic burn damages sustained by their crops following application of the insured's product.

Title: Automobile Accident
Industry: Automotive/Parts
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Ireland
Potential Exposure: \$1,555,000
Date of Loss: 2006

The insured's son took a vehicle without permission. The son and passenger were involved in an accident in which the passenger suffered severe brain and orthopedic injuries.

Title: Premises Loss/Products
Industry: Construction
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$8,000,000
Date of Loss: 2007

A crane owned and operated by the insured collapsed and fell onto a hotel roof while working on an adjacent residential development. The hotel was closed due to significant structural damage as well as substantial internal damage.

Title: Products
Industry: Construction
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Ireland
Potential Exposure: \$7,880,000
Date of Loss: 2007

The insured supplied numerous tons of aggregate stone which was contaminated with 3.8% pyrite content. The homes which were built using the supplied aggregate stone began to show evidence of floor heaving and structural cracks on the walls.

Title: Products
Industry: Consumer Products Manufacturing
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United States
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2006

The claimant alleges he was injured when the insured's chair broke causing him to fall backwards and hit his neck and lower back. The claimant was diagnosed with 4 ruptured cervical vertebrae and 3 ruptured lumbar vertebrae.

Title: Operations
Industry: Consumer Products Manufacturing
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2003

The claimant made a delivery to the insured's premises. He was standing by his trailer as pallets were unloaded and was struck by a reversing forklift driven by the insured's employee.

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Title: Products
Industry: Consumer Products Manufacturing/
 Bottles & Cans
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Austria
Potential Exposure: \$1,800,000
Date of Loss: 2005

The insured manufactures magnets which were sold and installed into the claimant's escalators. The claimant alleges that due to the insured's magnets, the escalators failed.

Title: Premises Loss
Industry: Entertainment
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$1,645,000
Date of Loss: 2003

The insured's security employee struck the claimant when he tried to enter the insured's night club whilst intoxicated. The employee claims he struck the claimant in self defense after the claimant attempted to punch him. The claimant sustained a skull fracture which caused a brain injury.

Title: Premises
Industry: Facilities Services
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$2,400,000
Date of Loss: 2005

The claimant sustained catastrophic injuries to his spine leaving him paralyzed from the waist down when he fell through the insured's roof: approximately 2.5m high. The roof was in a general state of disrepair which was not obvious to the claimant.

Title: Operations
Industry: Food Products
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Australia
Potential Exposure: \$2,655,000
Date of Loss: 2007

An unknown party attempted to extort money from the insured by threatening to contaminate products supplied to major customers. As a result, two major customers pulled the insured's products off shelves and refused to accept any product from them.

Title: Products
Industry: Habitational/Retail Premises
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Russia
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2007

A fire started outside the building, supposedly as a result of a spark in the wires of outer illumination.

Title: Operations
Industry: Health & Fitness
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$1,770,000
Date of Loss: 2002

The claimant suffered a spinal cord injury after misuse of weights at the insured's facility. The claimant alleges he did not get the proper training in the use of the equipment.

Title: Financial Loss due to Unexpected Exposure
Industry: Heavy Manufacturing
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United Kingdom
Potential Exposure: \$1,250,000
Date of Loss: 2005

Two engineers on site were engulfed in steam which escaped from a boiler. One employee sustained burns to 46% of his body. The other employee lost the use of his left arm and right hand. Both have internal injuries.

Title: Financial Loss due to Unexpected Exposure
Industry: Hotel/Resort/Entertainment
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Namibia
Potential Exposure: \$1,710,000
Date of Loss: 2003

One out of three guests taking part in an excursion was trapped in the vehicle and rendered tetra-pelagic due to an accident caused by the insured's employee.

Title: Operations
Industry: Hotel/Resort/Entertainment
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United States
Potential Exposure: \$13,000,000
Date of Loss: 2003

The claimant alleges that a nuisance was created when his phone number was used in a box office movie.

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Title: Products
Industry: Oil/Gas/Chemical
Liability Type: Excess Casualty
Location of Loss: United States
Potential Exposure: \$2,000,000
Date of Loss: 2003

The claimant suffered carbon monoxide poisoning resulting in brain damage while undergoing surgery due to a faulty anesthetic machine being used. The machine was manufactured by the insured.

Title: Operations
Industry: Oil/Gas/Chemical
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Italy
Potential Exposure: \$15,580,000
Date of Loss: 2005

Contamination of the soil and water table was caused when the insured's fuel escaped from a ruptured pipeline.

Title: Products
Industry: Pest Management
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: South Africa
Potential Exposure: \$2,500,000
Date of Loss: 2006

The insured supplied a blue fungicide which did not wash off the claimant's citrus fruit as had the previous yellow fungicide which the insured had been providing. As a result the fruit could not be sold.

Title: Products/Medical Malpractice
Industry: Pharmaceutical
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Italy
Potential Exposure: \$1,955,000
Date of Loss: 1996

The claimant has developed a skin ailment and kidney failure due to an adverse reaction caused by a skin cream produced by the insured.

Title: Products
Industry: Pipes/Valves/Plumbing
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Scotland
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2007

The insured supplied hoses to the claimant for use in the installation of a water distribution system. Allegedly the hoses were not to the appropriate specifications resulting in the bacterial contamination of the water system.

Title: Operations
Industry: Public Entity/Government Contract
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Argentina
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2006

Four young boys came into contact with an electrified cable that was lying on the ground after it had been cut off due to a storm. A neighbor had contacted the insured earlier to get rid of the fallen cable.

Title: Automobile Accident
Industry: Rental Car
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: Italy
Potential Exposure: \$1,660,000
Date of Loss: 2000

The insured's car struck an oncoming vehicle causing the death of one person and serious injuries to four others.

Title: Products
Industry: Toys/Games
Liability Type: Casualty
Location of Loss: United States
Potential Exposure: \$1,000,000
Date of Loss: 2004

The plaintiff alleges that an infant suffered from a grand mal seizure while playing the insured's video game.

Title: Automobile Accident
Industry: Waste Management
Liability Type: Excess Casualty
Location of Loss: Puerto Rico
Potential Exposure: \$3,550,000
Date of Loss: 2004

A collision between the insured and the claimant occurred. Both the driver and passenger in the claimant's vehicle suffered injuries and died. The collision was due to the insured driver's improper actions.

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