# SAFETY DATA SHEET

**SECTION 1 - IDENTIFICATION** 

Product name: Drillco "Magnum" Carbide Burs
Chemical name (Generic): Cemented Carbide with Cobalt binder

Synonyms: Solid Carbide
Product Use: Metalworking Tools
Supplier Address: Drillco Cutting Tools

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Emergency phone number: CHEM-TEL INC 1-800-255-3924

General Information: 800-851-3821

SECTION 2 - COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS				
INGREDIENT	%	CAS NUMBER	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Tungsten Carbide (limits for	80-	12070-12-	5 mg/m3	-
tungsten dust)	97	1		
Cobalt	3-20	7440-48-4	0.02 mg/m3	0.02 mg/m3
Tantalum Carbide (limits for	0-15	12070-06-	5 mg/m3	5 mg/m3
Tantalum dust)		3		
Vanadium Carbide (limits for	0.1-2	11130-21-	0.5 mg/m3	0.5 mg/m3
Vanadium dust)		5		

#### **SECTION 3- HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Threshold limit value: TLV for this product not established. Refer to the hazardous materials

list for TLV of individual ingredients.

Primary route(s) of entry: Grinding cemented carbide will produce a dust of potentially

hazardous ingredients that can be inhaled, swallowed or come in

contact with skin or eyes.

Carcinogen listed in:

NTP (National Toxicology Program): NO

IARC Monographs: Cobalt listed as Group 2B

Hazard ratings:

Health:

Flammability:

Reactivity:

OSHA:

NFPA

3

0

0

NFPA

NO

Signs and symptoms of exposure:

Inhalation: Dust from grinding may cause irritation of the nose and throat. It also

has the potential for causing transient or permanent respiratory disease including occupational asthma and interstitial fibrosis in a small percentage of exposed individuals. It is reported that cobalt dust is the most probable cause of such respiratory diseases. Symptoms include productive cough, wheezing, and shortness of breath, chest tightness and weight loss. Interstitial fibrosis (lung scaring) can lead to permanent disability or death. Certain pulmonary

conditions may be aggravated by exposure.

Skin contact: Can cause irritation or an allergic skin rash due to cobalt

sensitization. Certain skin conditions, such as dry skin, may be

aggravated by exposure.

Eye contact: May cause eye irritation

Ingestion: None expected during normal use conditions. Swallowing large

pieces may cause obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract.

**SECTION 4- FIRST-AID MEASURES** 

Inhalation: If symptoms of pulmonary involvement develop (coughing, wheezing,

shortness of breath, etc.) remove from exposure and seek medical

attention.

Skin contact: If irritation or rash occurs, thoroughly wash affected areas with soap

and water and isolate from further exposure. If irritation or rash

persists, seek medical attention.

Eye contact: If irritation occurs, flush with copious amounts of water. If irritation

persists, seek medical attention.

Ingestion: If swallowed, dilute with a large amount of water, induce vomiting,

and seek medical attention.

Medical conditions generally aggravated

by exposure:

Persons with pre-existing respiratory disease may be at risk from

exposure.

Notes to physician: N/A

**SECTION 5- FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES** 

Combustible/Not combustible:

Flammable/Not flammable:

Pyrophoric/Not pyrophoric:

Explosive/Not explosive:

Not combustible

Not flammable

Not pyrophoric

Not pyrophoric

Not explosive

Flash point: N/A

Flammable limits (in Air % by volume):

N/A

LEL: N/A

UEL: N/A

Extinguishing media:

For powder fires, smother with dry sand, dry dolomite,

ABC type fire extinguisher, or flood with water

Special fire-fighting procedures or equipment: For a powder fire confined to a small area, use a

respirator approved for toxic dusts and fumes. For a large fire, fire fighters should use self-contained

breathing apparatus.

Unusual fire and explosion hazards:

Dusts may present a fire or explosion hazard under

rare favoring conditions of particle size, dispersion, and strong ignition source. However this is not expected to be a problem under normal handling conditions.

SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Clean up using methods to avoid dust generation such as vacuum (with appropriate filters), wet dust mop, or wet clean up. If airborne dust is generated, use an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator.

**SECTION 7 – HANDLING AND STORAGE** 

Precautions for Safe Handling: Operations such as welding, dust generation, or fume generation can

result in hazardous exposure to the elements present in the alloy if necessary precautions are not taken. Protect against dust and fume inhalation and skin or eye contact. Use only with local exhaust

ventilation.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a dry place. Store in a manner that prevents accidental

environmental contamination from traces of industrial lubricants or

wetting oils.

**SECTION 8 – EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION** 

Protective gloves: Cloth or leather gloves are recommended when contact with dust or

mist is likely.

Eye protection: Wear safety glasses or goggles with side shields. Contact lenses

should not be worn when handling these materials. Employer should provide an eye wash station within the immediate work area for

emergency use.

Other protective clothing or equipment: Hearing protection might be required. Always use machine guards

and wear safety glasses and protective clothing to prevent injury in the event of tool breakage. Soiled clothing should be laundered

separately

Respiratory protection (specify type): Use an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator if airborne dust

concentration exceeds the appropriate PEL or TLV. All appropriate

requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.134 should be met.

Ventilation: Use local exhaust ventilation that is adequate to limit personal

exposure to airborne dust to levels that do not exceed the PEL or TLV. If such equipment is not available, use respirators as specified

above.

Work/hygienic practices: Wash hands thoroughly after handling and before eating or smoking.

Wash exposed skin at the end of the work shift. Do not shake clothing, rags, or other items to remove dust. Dust should be removed by washing or vacuuming (with appropriate filters).

## **SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Boiling point @ 760 mm Hg: N/A
Vapor pressure at 20 °C: N/A
Vapor density (air = 1): N/A

Solubility in water: Not Soluble

Appearance and odor: Dark gray metal/no odor

Specific gravity ( $H_2O = 1.0$ ): 11.0 to 15.5

Melting point: N/A Evaporation rate (butyl acetate = 1): N/A

#### **SECTION 10- STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Material is stable/unstable: Stable

Conditions to avoid: Incompatible Materials

Incompatibility (materials to avoid):: Strong Acids, Strong Oxidizers

Hazardous decomposition or by-products None

Hazardous polymerization will/will not occur: Will not occur
Oxidizer/Not an oxidizer: Not an oxidizer

#### **SECTION 11- TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

The sintered, solid form of Tungsten Carbide with Cobalt Binder is not considered to be toxic, however the individual component Cobalt, which may be separated in dust form from the solid material by grinding, is listed as a Category 2B carcinogen (possibly carcinogenic to humans). The effects of dust containing Cobalt on human health are contained in section 3.

#### **SECTION 12- ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Although there is no specific eco-toxicity data available, it is not expected that this product, especially in its solid form, would be a hazard to the environment.

## **SECTION 13 – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste Disposal Method: This is a valuable material that should be sent to an appropriate

reclamation facility if available. If material cannot be sent to a reclamation facility, disposal should be made in compliance with federal, provincial/state, and local environmental regulations.

# **SECTION 14- TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

The solid form of Tungsten Carbide Product is safe and therefore its transport is not regulated in Canada or the United States. No Hazard Class signage or other special labelling is required.

SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION			
SARA hazard category (Section 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III)	N/A		
Toxic chemical(s) subject to the supplier notification requirements of section 313 Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) and the requirements of 40 CFR part 372	Cobalt- 7440-48-7 (20% max)		
Canada	The Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) classification for Cobalt is D2B. Cemented Tungsten Carbide Product itself is not a controlled product and meets the definition of a "manufactured article" under the WHMIS regulations		
California Proposition 65	WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer.		

#### **SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

User Responsibilities- The information presented in this SDS has been compiled from sources deemed reliable. The information contained herein is based upon data provided by manufacturers and suppliers of raw materials used in the manufacture of high speed steel products. The information is offered in good faith as accurate and correct, but no representations, guarantees, or warranties of any kind are made as to its accuracy or completeness, suitability for particular applications, hazards connected with the use of the product, or the results to be obtained from the use thereof. User assumes all risk and liability of any use or handling of any material beyond Drillco's control. Variations in methods, conditions, equipment used to store, handle, or process the material, and hazards connected with the use of the product are solely the responsibility of the user and remain at its sole discretion. It is the responsibility of the buyer/user to insure compliance with federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations.

The information cannot be transferred to another product. In the case of mixing the product with other products or in the case of processing, the information on this safety information sheet is not necessarily valid.

# **Abbreviations Used:**

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

CAS Chemical Abstract Service

ACGIH American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists

NOHSC Not regulated by this mode of transportation

NTP National Toxicology Program

IASC International Agency for Research on Cancer

NIOSH The Nation Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act

SARA Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act

PEL Permissible Exposure Limits
TLV Threshold Limit Values