

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to HCS 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)



Tungsten Carbide Burs

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Trade name: Tungsten Carbide Burs

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

General use: Tungsten Carbide Burrs for metal machining
For industrial purposes only

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company name:

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2. Hazard identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

Respiratory Sensitizer - Category 1 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

Sensitization - skin - Category 1 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity - Category 2 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity - Category 1B May cause cancer.

Reproductive toxicity - Category 1B May damage fertility.

Aquatic toxicity - chronic - Category 4 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Additional information The hazard identification is based on a formalistic procedure as the hazard statements of the ingredients are summarized under section 3. This does not correspond to the hazardousness of the product itself.

Label elements

Symbols:



Signal word:

Danger

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Hazard statements: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
Suspected of causing genetic defects.
May cause cancer.
May damage fertility.
May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Precautionary statements: Obtain special instructions before use.
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
Avoid release to the environment.
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/soap.
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Specific treatment (see ' First aid ' on this label).
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Store locked up.

Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

Other hazards

Mechanical processing can produce particles and dust. Comply with occupational limit values for dust.
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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical characterization:
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Relevant ingredients:

CAS No.	Designation	Concentration	Classification
CAS 12070-12-1	Tungsten carbide	>= 40 %	not classified
CAS 7440-48-4	Cobalt	5 - 30 %	Respiratory Sensitizer - Category 1. Sensitization - skin - Category 1. Germ cell mutagenicity - Category 2. Carcinogenicity - Category 1B. Reproductive toxicity - Category 1B. Aquatic toxicity - chronic - Category 4.
CAS 12070-08-5	Titanium carbide	< 5 %	not classified
CAS 12070-06-3	tantalum carbide	< 5 %	not classified
CAS 12069-94-2	niobium carbide	< 5 %	not classified
CAS 12070-10-9	vanadium carbide	< 1 %	not classified
CAS 12012-35-0	trichromium dicarbide	< 1 %	not classified

The actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret.

Additional information: The product can be coated.
The specific identity and/or exact percentage has been withheld as a trade secret..

4. First aid measures

General information: If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

In case of inhalation: Provide fresh air. Immediately get medical attention.

Following skin contact: Remove residues with soap and water. In case of skin reactions, consult a physician. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

After eye contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. In case of troubles or persistent symptoms, consult an ophthalmologist.

After swallowing: Rinse mouth with water. Immediately get medical attention.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Handling and/or processing of this material may generate a dust which can cause mechanical irritation of the eyes, skin, nose and throat.
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Information to physician

Treat symptomatically.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:
Product is non-combustible. Extinguishing materials should therefore be selected according to surroundings.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

In case of fire may be liberated: Metallic oxides, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

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Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing.

Additional information: Do not allow fire water to penetrate into surface or ground water.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Provide adequate ventilation.
Do not inhale vapours or dust particles. Avoid exposure.
Keep unprotected people away. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Environmental precautions:

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
In case of release, notify competent authorities.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for clean-up: Take up mechanically, placing in appropriate containers for disposal.
Avoid generation of dust.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advices on safe handling: Provide adequate ventilation, and local exhaust as needed. Use local exhaust in the field of the processing equipment.
Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
Obtain special instructions before use. The product is to be handled with extreme caution. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Have eye wash bottle or eye rinse ready at work place. Avoid generation of dust. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements for storerooms and containers:

Store container tightly closed in a dry area.
Protect from moisture contamination.

Hints on joint storage: Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs. Keep away from acids and alkalis.

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8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limit values:

CAS No.	Designation	Type	Limit value
12070-12-1	Tungsten carbide	Canada: BC, OEL TWA	0.005 mg/m ³
7440-48-4	Cobalt	Canada: Alberta, OEL 8 hour	0.02 mg/m ³
		Canada: BC, OEL TWA	0.02 mg/m ³ (Cobalt and compounds, inorganic; inhalable fraction)
		Canada: Québec, VEMP	0.02 mg/m ³ (Aerosol, inhalable fraction)
		USA: ACGIH: TWA	0.02 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction)
		USA: IDLH: TWA	20 Co/m ³ (metal; Dusts and Smoke)
		USA: NIOSH: TWA	0.05 mg/m ³
		USA: OSHA: TWA	0.1 mg/m ³ (metal; Dusts; Smoke)

Biological limit values:

CAS No.	Designation	Type	Limit value	Parameter	Sampling
7440-48-4	Cobalt	USA: ACGIH-BEI, urine	15 µg/L	Cobalt; not combined with Tungsten Carbide	end of shift at end of work week

Appropriate engineering controls

Provide good ventilation and/or an exhaust system in the work area.
Mechanical effects, e.g. high pressure, can produce splinters and dust.

Personal protection equipment (PPE)

Respiratory protection: Respiratory protection must be worn whenever the TLV (WEL) levels have been exceeded. The filter class must be suitable for the maximum contaminant concentration (gas/vapour/aerosol/particulates) that may arise when handling the product. If the concentration is exceeded, self-contained breathing apparatus must be used.

Hand protection: Protective gloves according to OSHA Standard - 29 CFR: 1910.138.
If necessary:
Protective gloves against thermic risks.
Observe glove manufacturer's instructions concerning penetrability and breakthrough time.

Eye protection: Tightly sealed goggles according to OSHA Standard - 29 CFR: 1910.133 or ANSI Z87.1-2010.

Body protection: Wear suitable protective clothing and shoes.

General hygiene considerations:
Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
Do not breathe dust. When using do not eat, drink or smoke.
Wash hands before breaks and after work. Obtain special instructions before use. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Have eye wash bottle or eye rinse ready at work place.

Environmental exposure controls

Refer to 6.: Section "Environmental precautions".

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9. Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state at 68 °F (20 °C) and 101.3 kPa:	solid
Color:	gray
Odor:	No data available
Odor threshold:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point:	2723 - 5028.8 °F (1495 - 2776 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	No data available
Flammability:	No data available
Explosion limits:	No data available
Flash point/flash point range:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available
Decomposition temperature:	No data available
pH:	Not applicable
Viscosity:	No data available
Water solubility:	Insoluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	No data available
Vapor pressure:	No data available
Density:	No data available
Vapor density:	No data available
Particle characteristics:	No data available

Additional information

Explosive properties: The product in the delivered form is not dust explosion capable; the enrichment of fine dust however leads to the danger of dust explosion.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity:	Mechanical processing can produce particles and dust. The product in the delivered form is not dust explosion capable; the enrichment of fine dust however leads to the danger of dust explosion.
Chemical stability:	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	No hazardous reaction when handled and stored according to provisions.
Conditions to avoid:	Keep away from heat. Protect from moisture contamination.
Incompatible materials:	acids and alkalis
Hazardous decomposition products:	Dust, fine dust

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11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Toxicological effects: The statements are derived from the properties of the single components. No toxicological data is available for the product as such.

Acute toxicity (oral): Lack of data.

Acute toxicity (dermal): Lack of data.

Acute toxicity (inhalative): Lack of data.

Skin corrosion/irritation: Lack of data.

Serious eye damage/irritation: Lack of data.

Sensitisation to the respiratory tract: Respiratory Sensitizer -
Category 1 = May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

Skin sensitisation: Sensitization - skin - Category 1 = May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity/Genotoxicity: Germ cell mutagenicity -
Category 2 = Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity: Carcinogenicity - Category 1B = May cause cancer.

Reproductive toxicity: Reproductive toxicity - Category 1B = May damage fertility.

Effects on or via lactation: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure): Lack of data.

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure): Lack of data.

Aspiration hazard: Lack of data.

Other information: Cobalt-dust: Classified according to IARC: 2B (possible for humans).

Information about tungsten carbide:
LD50, Rat, oral: > 2000 mg/kg (OECD 401)
LC50, Rat, inhalative (dusts/mist): > 5,3 mg/L/4h (OECD 403)

Symptoms

In case of inhalation:
Dusts: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
shortage of breath, Cough, sore throat, headache

In case of ingestion: Dusts: gastrointestinal irritation, dizziness, nausea, vomiting.

After contact with skin: Dusts:
Prolonged/repetitive skin contact may cause skin defatting or dermatitis.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic toxicity: May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Information about tungsten carbide:

Algae toxicity:
EC50 Selenastrum capricornutum: 80 mg/L/72 h

Bacterial toxicity:
EC20 activated sludge: > 1000 mg/L/3 h

Daphnia toxicity:
EC50 Daphnia magna (Big water flea): >1000 mg/L/48 h

Fish toxicity:
LC50 Danio rerio (zebrafish): > 1000 mg/L/96h

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Persistence and degradability

Further details: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:
No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

General information: Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Product

Recommendation: Dispose of waste according to applicable legislation.
Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information on recovery/recycling.

Package

Recommendation: Dispose of waste according to applicable legislation.

14. Transport information

UN number

DOT, IMDG, IATA-DGR: not applicable

UN proper shipping name

DOT, IMDG, IATA-DGR: Not restricted

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT, IMDG, IATA-DGR: not applicable

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA-DGR: not applicable

Environmental hazards

Marine pollutant: no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

No data available

Special precautions for user

USA: Department of Transportation (DOT)

Proper shipping name: Not restricted

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Canada: Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

Shipping name: Not restricted

Sea transport (IMDG)

Proper shipping name: Not restricted
Marine pollutant: no

Air transport (IATA)

Proper shipping name: Not restricted

Further information

No dangerous good in sense of these transport regulations.

15. Regulatory information

National regulations - U.S. Federal Regulations

Tungsten carbide: TSCA Inventory: listed
Cobalt: TSCA Inventory: listed
Carcinogen Status: IARC Rating: Group 2A
OSHA Carcinogen: not listed
NTP Rating: listed
Clean Air Act:
CAA Hazardous Air Pollutants: yes
Other Environmental Laws:
SARA Title III, Section 313, Toxic Release: NPFAS; De Minimis $\leq 0.1\%$;
Thresholds 25000/10000 lbs
NIOSH Recommendations:
Occupational Health Guideline: 0146
Titanium carbide: TSCA Inventory: listed
tantalum carbide: TSCA Inventory: listed
niobium carbide: TSCA Inventory: listed
vanadium carbide: TSCA Inventory: listed
trichromium dicarbide: TSCA Inventory: listed

National regulations - U.S. State Regulations

Cobalt: California Proposition 65:
cancer
New York Right-To-Know: listed

National regulations - Canada

Tungsten carbide: DSL: listed
Cobalt: DSL: listed
Titanium carbide: DSL: listed
tantalum carbide: DSL: listed
niobium carbide: DSL: listed
vanadium carbide: NDSL: listed
trichromium dicarbide: DSL: listed

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Further regulations, limitations and legal requirements

No data available

16. Other information

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Reason of change: General revision: Safety Data Sheet according to Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) 2022
General revision: Safety Data Sheet according to HCS 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazard rating systems:



NFPA Hazard Rating:

Health: 3 (Serious)
Fire: 0 (Minimal)
Reactivity: 0 (Minimal)

HMIS Version III Rating:

Health: 3 (Serious) - Chronic effects
Flammability: 0 (Minimal)
Physical Hazard: 0 (Minimal)
Personal Protection: X = Consult your supervisor

HEALTH	*	3
FLAMMABILITY		0
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0
		X

Abbreviations and acronyms:

Aquatic toxicity - chronic: Hazardous to the aquatic environment - chronic
AS/NZS: Australian Standards/New Zealand Standards
Carcinogenicity: Carcinogenicity
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations
CLP: Classification, Labelling and Packaging
DMEL: Derived minimal effect level
DNEL: Derived no-effect level
DOT: Department of Transportation's Safety Regulations (USA)
DSL: Domestic Substances List
EC: European Community
EC50: Effective Concentration 50%
EmS: Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods
EN: European Standard
EQ: Excepted quantities
Germ cell mutagenicity: Mutagenicity
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA: International Air Transport Association
IATA-DGR: International Air Transport Association – Dangerous Goods Regulations
IBC Code: International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
IMDG Code: International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
IMO: International Maritime Organization
LC50: Median lethal concentration
LD50: Lethal dose 50%
MARPOL: Maritime Pollution: The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List
OEL: Occupational Exposure Limit Value
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PBT: Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
PNEC: Predicted no-effect concentration
Reproductive toxicity: Reproductive toxicity
Respiratory Sensitizer: Sensitisation to the respiratory tract
Sensitization - skin: Skin sensitisation
TLV: Threshold Limit Value
TRGS: Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances
vPvB: Very persistent and very bioaccumulative
WEL: Workplace Exposure Limit
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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Department issuing data sheet

Contact person: see section 1: Department responsible for information

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