

1 Identification

Product identifier

Product name: Tungsten carbide

Stock number: 41665

CAS Number:
12070-13-2

EC number:
235-124-6

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

Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer/Supplier:

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Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099

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Fax: 800-322-4757

Email: tech@alfa.com

www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department

Emergency telephone number:

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660. After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2 Hazard(s) identification

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)



GHS02 Flame

Flam. Sol. 2 H228 Flammable solid.

Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.

Label elements

GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard pictograms



GHS02

Signal word Warning

Hazard statements

H228 Flammable solid.

Precautionary statements

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.
P370+P378 In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO2, powder or water spray.

WHMIS classification

B4 - Flammable solid



Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH	1	Health (acute effects) = 1
FIRE	2	Flammability = 2
REACTIVITY	1	Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization: Substances

CAS# Description:

12070-13-2 Tungsten carbide

Concentration: ≤100%

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4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek medical treatment.

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Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed No further relevant information available.
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Tungsten oxides

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Keep away from ignition sources

Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up: Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards: Keep away from ignition sources.

Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling

Precautions for safe handling

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: Protect against electrostatic charges.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: Store in a cool location.

Information about storage in one common storage facility: Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

12070-13-2 Tungsten carbide (100.0%)

REL (USA) Short-term value: 10 mg/m³

Long-term value: 5 mg/m³

as W

TLV (USA) Short-term value: 10 mg/m³

Long-term value: 5 mg/m³

as W

EL (Canada) Short-term value: 10 mg/m³

Long-term value: 5 mg/m³

as W

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Recommended filter device for short term use:

Use a respirator with type N95 (USA) or PE (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

General Information

Appearance:

Form: Powder

Odor: Not determined

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Odor threshold:	Not determined.
pH-value:	Not applicable.
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	ca 2800 °C (ca 5072 °F)
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Highly flammable.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Danger of explosion:	Not determined.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable.
Density at 20 °C (68 °F):	17.15 g/cm ³ (143.117 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with	
Water:	Not determined
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not applicable.
kinematic:	Not applicable.
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity No information known.
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions Reacts with strong oxidizing agents
Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials: Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products:
 Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide
 Tungsten oxides

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity: No effects known.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data
Skin irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation
Eye irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.
Carcinogenicity: No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.
Carcinogenic categories
OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration) Substance is not listed.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
 Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
 Avoid transfer into the environment.
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.
Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

UN-Number	
DOT, IMDG, IATA	UN3178
UN proper shipping name	
DOT	Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tungsten carbide)
ADR	3178 Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tungsten carbide)
IMDG, IATA	FLAMMABLE SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tungsten carbide)

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Transport hazard class(es)

DOT



Class
Label
ADR

4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.
4.1



Class

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Label
IMDG, IATA



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Packing group
DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA

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Environmental hazards:

Not applicable.

Special precautions for user

Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives
F-A,S-G

EMS Number:

F-A,S-G

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

Transport/Additional information:

DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT):

No

UN "Model Regulation":

UN3178, Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tungsten carbide), 4.1, III

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

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National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings) Substance is not listed.

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing SDS: Global Marketing Department

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
Flam. Sol. 2: Flammable solids, Hazard Category 2

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