

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Cadmium Selenide Quantum Dots

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. CD-SE-01-QD.490 , CD-SE-01-QD.520 , CD-SE-01-QD.560 , CD-SE-01-QD.590 , CD-SE-01-QD.610

**CAS #:** 1306-24-7

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302

Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341

Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350

Reproductive toxicity (Category 2), H361

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure (Category 1), H372

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure (Category 3), Central nervous system, H336

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure (Category 2), H373

Aspiration hazard (Category 1), H304

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401



Signal Word: Danger  
Hazardous Statements

H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H304

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

H315

Causes skin irritation. H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

H341

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

H350

May cause cancer.

H361

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

H372

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H373

May cause damage to organs (Gastro-intestinal system, Liver, Immune) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H373

May cause damage to organs (Kidney, Bone) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary Statements

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

P242

Use only non-sparking tools. P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge

P260

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P312 + P330

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

Rinse mouth.

P303 + P361 + P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304 + P340 + P312

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a

POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

P308 + P313

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

P331

Do NOT induce vomiting.

P332 + P313

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P362

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P370 + P378

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

P403 + P233

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P403 + P235

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P391

Collect spillage.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS -- none

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### **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

CAS No.: 1306-24-7

Chemical Name: Cadmium Selenide Nanocrystals

Chemical Formula: CdSe

Substance Name

CdSe

Toluene

Octadecylamine

CAS #

1306-24-7

108-88-3

124-30-1

Percentage of Whole (by weight)

3.0%

97%

< 0.01%

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### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Eye:

1. Flush immediately with warm water for at least 20 minutes
2. Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids
3. If pain persists or recurs seek medical attention
4. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel

Skin:

1. Removing contaminated clothing, shoes and leathery wearings

2. Washing affected area thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 minutes
3. Call a physician if irritation develops or persists

Ingestion:

1. If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomits
2. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk/water to dilute the substance in the stomach
3. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person
4. Don't induce vomiting unless directed to by a medical person
5. If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures
6. Seek medical attention

Inhalation

1. Remove from further exposure and flush thoroughly with air
  2. Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested
  3. Prosthesis such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures
  4. If respiratory irritation seek immediate medical assistance and call a physician
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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable extinguishing media: Foam, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical

Special Hazards:

1. Liquid and vapor are highly flammable
2. Severe fire hazard when exposed to heat, flame and/or oxidizers
3. Vapor may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition
4. Heating may cause expansion and or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator if necessary. Wear protective gloves.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Person-related safety precautions:

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away. Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

1. Remove all ignition sources
  2. Clean up all spills immediately
  3. Avoid breathing vapors and contact with skin and eyes
  4. Control personal contact by using protective equipment
  5. Contain and absorb small quantities with vermiculite or other absorbent material
  6. Wipe up
  7. Collect residues in a flammable waste container
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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling:

1. Keep container tightly sealed. Store at room temperature or in refrigerator (10-20 °C) under dark conditions.
2. Wash thoroughly after handling

3. Use only in well ventilated area
4. Ground and bond containers when transferring
5. Use spark free tools and explosion proof equipment

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

1. Keep container tightly sealed. Store at room temperature or in refrigerator (10-20 °C) under dark conditions.
  2. Do not store with acids or oxidizers
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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Exposure Limits Cadmium Sulfide:

TWA:

0.01 (ppm) Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Exposure for Toluene solvent

OSHA – Final PELs: 200ppm TWA

OSHA Ceiling: 300ppm

ACGIH: 50ppm, skin - potential for cutaneous absorption

NIOSH: 100ppm TWA; 375 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA; 550ppm IDLH

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.

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.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Breathing equipment:

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves - check gloves using UV light after use to determine level of contamination.

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

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

Form: Liquid form – Crystalline powder, dissolved in a solvent

Color: Clear/Yellow – Red/Brown

Odor: Odor dependent upon solvent used. Crystalline powder is odorless

Melting point/range: ~400°C to bulk melting point of CdSe crystals. The solvent is liquid and melting point depends on the chemical composition of the solvent.

Boiling point/range: Determined by solvent used

Sublimation temperature / start: approx. 1150 °C

Flash point: Dependent upon solvent used

Ignition temperature: Dependent upon solvent used

Decomposition temperature: No data available.

Danger of explosion: Dependent upon solvent used. Crystalline powder does not present an explosion hazard.

Explosion limits: Currently unknown for nanocrystals

Vapor pressure: Dependent upon solvent used

Density: 5.81 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (crystal at 20 °C) for the nanocrystal powder if isolated

Solubility in / Miscibility with Polar Solvents: Soluble when hydrophilic ligands are present

Solubility in / Miscibility with Non-Polar Solvents: Soluble when hydrophobic ligands are present

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity:

Vapor is explosive when exposed to heat or flame

Stability:

Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions

Incompatible materials:

Heat, flame, strong oxidizers, nitric and sulfuric acids, chlorine, nitrogen tetroxide; will attack some forms of plastics, rubber, and coatings

Hazardous decomposition products:

Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrocarbons

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:

No data available., but temperature increases will affect the solvent used.

Be aware of the necessary warnings for the specific solvent used.

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Skin: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

Eye: Irritating effect.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Additional toxicological information:

Danger through skin absorption.

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

Target Organs: Lungs, Liver, Kidneys

EPA-B1:

Probable human carcinogen, limited evidence of carcinogenicity from epidemiologic studies.

IARC-1:

Carcinogenic to humans: sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity.

NTP-2:

Reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen: limited evidence from studies in humans or sufficient evidence from studies in experimental animals. Carcinogen as defined by OSHA.

ACGIH A2:

Suspected human carcinogen: Agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at dose levels, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) considered relevant to worker exposure.

Available epidemiologic studies are conflicting or insufficient to confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans.

Reproductive toxicity:

Damage to fetus possible Suspected human reproductive toxicant.

Reproductive toxicity - Rat - Inhalation Paternal Effects: Spermatogenesis (including genetic material, sperm morphology, motility, and count). Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects in male and female laboratory animals.

Developmental Toxicity:

Rat - Oral Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus)

WARNING: Many of the toxic effects of CdSe nanocrystals are still being researched and are currently unknown at this point. Use at own risk.

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Consult local or national regulations for proper disposal.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101

ID Number: UN1294

Hazard class: 3

Packing Group: II

Labeling Requirements:

Flammable Liquid

Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods:

UN1294, Class 3

Land Transport ADR/RID:

UN1294, Class 3, Class Code F1, Pack group II

Air Transport IATA/ICAO:

UN1294, Class or Division 3, Pack group II

Exceptions:

49 CFR 173.4

ID Number: UN2570

Hazard class: 6

Packing Group: III

Labeling Requirements: Poison

Exceptions: 49 CFR 173.4

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## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA\Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

Cadmium Selenide

CAS-No.1306-24-7

Revision Date 2007-01-07

Toluene

CAS-No. 108-88-3

Revision Date 2007-07-01

Massachusetts Right to Know Components

Toluene

CAS-No. 108-88-3

Revision Date 2007-07-01

Pennsylvania Right to Know Components

Cadmium Selenide

CAS-No.1306-24-7

Revision Date 2007-01-07

Toluene  
CAS-No. 108-88-3  
Revision Date 2007-07-01  
New Jersey Right to Know Components  
Cadmium Selenide  
CAS-No.1306-24-7  
Revision Date 2007-01-07

Toluene  
CAS-No. 108-88-3  
Revision Date 2007-07-01  
California Prop. 65 Components

**WARNING:**

This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Toluene  
CAS-No. 108-88-3  
Revision Date 2007-07-01

**WARNING:**

This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm:

Toluene  
CAS-No. 108-88-3  
Revision Date 2007-07-01

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.