

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Cadmium Telluride

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. CD-TE-02 , CD-TE-03 , CD-TE-04 , CD-TE-05 , CD-TE-06

**CAS #:** 1306-25-8

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

**Supplier details:**

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 4 H312 Harmful in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 4 H332 Harmful if inhaled.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC

Xn; Harmful

R20/21/22: Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

N; Dangerous for the environment

R50/53: Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:

N/A

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.

Hazard pictograms



GHS07

Signal word

Warning

Hazard statements

H302+H312+H332 Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

Precautionary statements

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P301+P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/.../if you feel unwell.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/.../if you feel unwell.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

WHMIS classification

D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

2

0

1

Health (acute effects) = 2

Flammability = 0

Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT:

N/A

vPvB:

N/A

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### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

CAS No. / Substance Name:

1306-25-8 Cadmium telluride

Identification number(s):

EC number:

215-149-9

Index number:

048-001-00-5

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### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

If inhaled:

Supply patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of skin contact:

Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of eye contact:

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.

If swallowed:

Seek medical treatment.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No data available

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents

Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

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

Toxic metal oxide fume

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Environmental precautions:

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

Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.

Do not allow material to penetrate the ground or soil.

Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards:

No special measures required.

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.

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## SECTION 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:

The product is not flammable

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

No data available

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.

Specific end use(s)

No data available

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## SECTION 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:

Tellurium and tellurium compounds (as Te)

mg(Te)/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV 0.1

Austria MAK 0.1

Belgium TWA 0.1

Denmark TWA 0.1

Finland TWA 0.1; 0.3-STEL

France VME 0.1

Germany MAK 0.1

Korea TLV 0.1

Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.1

Norway TWA 0.1

Poland TWA 0.01; 0.03-STEL

Sweden NGV 0.1

Switzerland MAK-W 0.1; 0.5-KZG-W

United Kingdom TWA 0.1

USA PEL 0.1

Cadmium and compounds, as Cd

mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV 0.01; Suspected human carcinogen

Austria Carcinogen

Belgium TWA 0.05

Denmark TWA 0.01

Finland TWA 0.02; Carcinogen

France VME 0.05

Germany Carcinogen

Ireland TWA 0.025; Carcinogen  
Japan OEL 0.05; Group 1 carcinogen  
Korea TLV 0.01; Suspected human carcinogen  
Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.02; 0.1-MAC-K  
Norway TWA 0.05  
Poland TWA 0.02; 0.05-STEL (fume)  
Poland TWA 0.04; 0.2-STEL (dust)  
Russia 0.01; 0.05-STEL  
Sweden NGV 0.05 (total dust)  
Sweden TWA 0.01 (resp. dust)  
Switzerland MAK-W 0.05; Carcinogen  
United Kingdom TWA 0.025  
USA PEL 0.005

Cadmium and compounds, as Cd  
mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV 0.002(Cd); Suspected human carcinogen

Austria Carcinogen

Belgium TWA 0.05

Denmark TWA 0.01

Finland TWA 0.02; Carcinogen

France VME 0.05

Germany Carcinogen

Ireland TWA 0.025; carcinogen

Japan OEL 0.05; Group 1 Carcinogen

Korea TLV 0.01; Suspected human carcinogen

Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.02; 0.1-MAC-K

Norway TWA 0.05

Poland TWA 0.02; 0.05-STEL (fume)

0.04; 0.2-STEL (dust)

Russia 0.01; 0.05-STEL

Sweden NGV 0.05 (total dust)

TWA 0.01 (resp. dust)

Switzerland MAK-W 0.05; Carcinogen

United Kingdom TWA 0.025(Cd)

USA PEL (respirable) 0.2(Cd)

1306-25-8 Cadmium telluride (100.0%)

PEL (USA) Long-term value: 0.005 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Cd; see 29 CFR 1910.1027

REL (USA) See Pocket Guide App. A

TLV (USA) Long-term value: 0.01 0.002\* mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Cd; \*respirable fraction; BEI

EL (Canada) Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Te

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.

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.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment:

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Refer to 29CFR1910.1027 for regulations on respiratory protection required during exposure to cadmium and cadmium compounds.

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Protection of hands: Impervious gloves

Inspect gloves prior to use.

Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing

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

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:

Form: Powder or solid

Color: Gray to Black

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: Not determined.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 1041 °C (1906 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: Not determined

Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined

Flash point: N/A

Flammability (solid, gas)

Not determined.

Ignition temperature: Not determined

Decomposition temperature: Not determined

Autoignition: Not determined

Danger of explosion: Product does not present an explosion hazard.

Explosion limits:

Lower: Not determined

Upper: Not determined

Vapor pressure: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 6.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (51.739 lbs/gal)

Relative density

Not determined.

Vapor density

N/A

Evaporation rate

N/A

Solubility in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): Insoluble

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.

Viscosity:

Dynamic: N/A

Kinematic: N/A

Other information

No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

No data available

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

No dangerous reactions known

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Oxidizing agents

No data available

Hazardous decomposition products:

Toxic metal oxide fume

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Harmful if inhaled.

Harmful in contact with skin.

Harmful if swallowed.

Danger through skin absorption.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

No data

Skin irritation or corrosion:

Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

Eye irritation or corrosion:

Irritating effect.

Sensitization:

No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

No effects known.

Carcinogenicity:

IARC-1: Carcinogenic to humans: sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity.

EPA-B1: Probable human carcinogen, limited evidence of carcinogenicity from epidemiologic studies.

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.

NTP-K: Known to be carcinogenic: sufficient evidence from human studies.

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:

Cadmium and cadmium compounds are highly toxic and experimental carcinogens. Exposure affects the respiratory tract, kidneys, and liver. Ingestion may cause nausea, salivation, vomiting and diarrhea. Ingestion or inhalation of cadmium/cadmium compounds may be fatal.

Tellurium is converted in the body to dimethyl telluride which imparts a garlic-like odor to the breath and sweat. Heavy exposure may result in headache,

drowsiness, metallic taste, loss of appetite, nausea, tremors, convulsions, and respiratory arrest.

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Subacute to chronic toxicity:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) reports the following effects in laboratory animals:

Behavioral - tremor.

Behavioral - changes in motor activity (specific assay).

Nutritional and Gross Metabolic - weight loss or decreased weight gain.

Additional toxicological information:

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

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity:

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Ecotoxicological effects:

Remark:

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

Additional ecological information:

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

Do not allow product to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.

May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT:

N/A

vPvB:

N/A

Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation

Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation:

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA

UN3077

UN proper shipping name

DOT

Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Cadmium telluride)

IMDG, IATA

ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Cadmium telluride)

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT, IMDG

Class

9 Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles.

Label

9

Class

9 (M7) Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles

Label

9

IATA

Class

9 Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles.

Label

9

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA

III

Environmental hazards: Special marking (ADR):

Symbol (fish and tree)

Special marking (IATA):

Symbol (fish and tree)

Special precautions for user

Warning: Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

N/A

Transport/Additional information: DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT): No

UN "Model Regulation":

UN3077, Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Cadmium telluride),

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture  
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 Domestic Substances List (DSL).

This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity.

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

1306-25-8 Cadmium telluride

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer

1306-25-8 Cadmium telluride

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.

This product contains cadmium and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

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Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Refer to 29CFR1910.1027 for regulations concerning cadmium and cadmium compounds.

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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.

REACH - Pre-registered substances

Substance is listed.

Chemical safety assessment:

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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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.