

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Iron Carbide

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. FE-C-02 , FE-C-03 , FE-C-04 , FE-C-05

**CAS #:** 12011-67-5

**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

GHS02 Flame

Flam. Sol. 2 H228 Flammable solid.

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

F; Highly flammable

R11: Highly flammable.

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



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, sand, extinguishing powder.

WHMIS classification

B4 - Flammable solid

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

1

2

1

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 2

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

PRODUCT NAME: IRON CARBIDE

SYNONYMS: TRIIRONCARBIDE, TRIIRON MONOCARBIDE

FORMULA: Fe<sub>3</sub>C

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 179.55

CAS #: 12011-67-5

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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

In case of fire, use sand, carbon dioxide or powdered extinguishing agent. Never use water.

Use carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or foam. Water may be ineffective but may be used for cooling exposed containers.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents

Water

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

Tantalum oxide

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

Keep away from ignition sources

Environmental precautions:

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:

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents

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.

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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:

Protect against electrostatic charges.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:

Store in a cool location.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Do not store together with acids.

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 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:

None.

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.

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

Inspect gloves prior to use.

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

Material of gloves

Nitrile rubber, NBR

Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)

480

Glove thickness

0.11 mm

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: Granular or solid in various forms

Color: Dark grey

Odor: No data available

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: ca 3140 °C (ca 5684 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 4820 °C (8708 °F)

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas)

Highly flammable.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion: No data available.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 4.93 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (41.141 lbs/gal)

Relative density

No data available.

Vapor density

N/A

Evaporation rate

N/A

Solubility in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): No data available

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.

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

Reacts with strong oxidizing agents

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Acids

Oxidizing agents  
Hazardous decomposition products:  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Tantalum oxide

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for this substance.

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.

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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

Additional ecological information:

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems.

Avoid transfer into the environment.  
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  
UN3178  
UN proper shipping name  
DOT  
Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Iron carbide)  
IMDG, IATA  
FLAMMABLE SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Iron carbide)  
Transport hazard class(es)  
DOT  
Class  
4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.  
Label  
4.1  
Class  
4.1 (F3) Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives  
Label  
4.1  
IMDG, IATA  
Class  
4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.  
Label  
4.1  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
III  
Environmental hazards:  
N/A  
Special precautions for user  
Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised

explosives

EMS Number:

F-A,S-G

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":

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

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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).

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.

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



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