

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Mercury(II) Sulfide Black

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. HG2-S-02-P.BLCK , HG2-S-03-P.BLCK , HG2-S-04-P.BLCK , HG2-S-05-P.BLCK

**CAS #:** 1344-48-5

**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 in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

The substance is not classified according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

GHS label elements

N/A

Hazard pictograms

N/A

Signal word

N/A

Hazard statements

N/A

WHMIS classification

Not controlled

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 1

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: 1344-48-5 Mercury(II) sulfide  
Identification number(s):  
EC number: 215-696-3

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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:  
Mercury oxide  
Sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)  
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.  
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:  
Pick up mechanically.  
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.  
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:  
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: 1344-48-5 Mercury(II) sulfide (100.0%)  
PEL (USA)  
Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
as Hg; see OSHA standard interpretation memo  
REL (USA)  
Long-term value: 0.05\* mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Ceiling limit value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
as Hg; \*Vapor; Skin  
TLV (USA)  
Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
as Hg; Skin; BEI

EL (Canada) Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
as Hg; Skin, R

EV (Canada) Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
as Hg, Skin

Ingredients with biological limit values: 1344-48-5 Mercury(II) sulfide (100.0%)

BEI (USA) 35 µg/L

Medium: urine

Time: prior to shift

Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

15 µg/L

Medium: blood

Time: end of shift at end of workweek

Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

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.

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.

Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)

No data available

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

Color: Black

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 583.5 °C (1082 °F) (subl)

Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.

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): 7.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (64.257 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A

Solubility in / Miscibility with Water at 18 °C (64 °F): 0.00001 g/l

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:

Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products:

Mercury oxide

Sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)

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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 components in this product.

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:

EPA-D: Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity: inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data are available.

IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.

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:

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

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 material to be released to the environment without official permits.

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, ADN, IMDG, IATA

N/A

UN proper shipping name

DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA  
N/A  
Transport hazard class(es)  
DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA  
Class  
N/A  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
N/A  
Environmental hazards:  
N/A  
Special precautions for user  
N/A  
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": -

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

GHS label elements

N/A

Hazard pictograms

N/A

Signal word

N/A

Hazard statements

N/A

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)

1344-48-5 Mercury(II) sulfide

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

1344-48-5 Mercury(II) sulfide

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.

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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.