SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: (2N) 99% Zirconium Diboride

Product Code: ZR-B-02

CAS Number: 12045-64-6

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.

GHS02 Flame
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
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.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances
CAS No. / Substance Name:
12045-64-6 Zirconium boride

Identification number(s):
EC number: 234-963-5

Additional information:
Zirconium is routinely found with a low level of hafnium since separation of the two elements is difficult.

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures
If inhaled:
Supply 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 information available.
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No information available.

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing media
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:
Metal oxide fume
Boron oxide
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment:
Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

SECTION 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 material to be released to the environment without official permits.
Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.
Do not allow to penetrate the ground/soil.
Methods and material for containment and cleanup:
Keep away from ignition sources.
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.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Precautions for safe handling
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
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 information available.

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:
Zirconium and compounds, as Zr
mg/m³
ACGIH TLV 10; 10-STEL, Not classifiable as human carcinogen
Australia TWA 5; 10-STEL
Austria MAK 5
Denmark TWA 5
Finland TWA 5
Korea TLV 5
Hungary 5-STEL
Poland TWA 5; 10-STEL
Russia 6-STEL
OSHA PEL 5
Additional information: No data
Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
Follow typical general protective and industrial hygiene measures 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.
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

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES
Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:
Form: Powder
Odor: No data available.
Odor threshold: No data available.
pH: N/A.
Melting point/range: No data available.
Boiling point/range: No data available.
Sublimation temperature / start: No data available.
Flash point: N/A
Flammability (solid, gas): Highly flammable.
Ignition temperature: No data available.
Decomposition temperature: No data available.
Auto igniting: No data available.
Danger of explosion: No data available.
Explosion limits:
Lower: No data available.
Upper: No data available.
Vapor pressure: N/A.
Density: No data available.
Relative density: No data available.
Vapor density: N/A.
Evaporation rate: N/A.
Solubility in Water (H₂O): No data available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.
Viscosity:
Dynamic: N/A.
Kinematic: N/A.
Other information
No further relevant information available

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 information available.
Incompatible materials:
Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products:
Metal oxide fume
Boron oxide
SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity: N/A
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: N/A
Carcinogenicity:
EPA-I: Data are inadequate for an assessment of human carcinogenic potential.
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: N/A
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: N/A
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: N/A
Aspiration hazard: N/A
Subacute to chronic toxicity:
Inhalation of zirconium and zirconium compounds may cause pulmonary granulomas.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: N/A
Subacute to chronic toxicity:
Boron affects the central nervous system. Boron poisoning causes depression of the circulation, persistent vomiting and diarrhea, followed by profound shock and coma. The temperature may become subnormal and a scarletina form rash may cover the entire body.
Additional toxicological information:
To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity:
No information available.
Persistence and degradability:
No information available.
Bioaccumulative potential:
No information available.
Mobility in soil:
No information available.
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.
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: N/A.
vPvB: N/A.
Other adverse effects
No information available.
SECTION 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.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number
DOT, IMDG, IATA
UN3178
UN proper shipping name
DOT
Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Zirconium boride)
IMDG, IATA
FLAMMABLE SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Zirconium boride)
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
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. (Zirconium boride), 4.1, III

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 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. 
REACH - Pre-registered substances 
Substance is listed. 
Chemical safety assessment: 
A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is 
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