

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (5N) 99.999% Germanium(IV) Selenide

**Product Code:** GE4-SE-05

**CAS Number:** 12065-11-1

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

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion

Target Organs

Eyes, Nerves., Liver

GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2)

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 + H331

Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled

H373

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ Vapors/ spray.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P301 + P310

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P311

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P501

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

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula: GeSe2

Molecular Weight: 230.56 g/mol

Component

Germanium(IV) selenide

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EC-No. 235-063-5

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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## SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.

Selenium/selenium oxides, Germanium oxides

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

### Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Keep in a dry place.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

#### Components

Germanium(IV) selenide

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Value - TWA

Control parameters - 0.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Basis - USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N99 (US) or type P2 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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

Appearance

Form - Solid in various forms

Colour - orange

Safety data

pH - no data available

Melting point/freezing point

Melting point/range: 707 °C (1,305 °F)- lit.

Boiling point - no data available

Flash point - not applicable

Ignition temperature - no data available

Auto-ignition temperature - no data available

Lower explosion limit - no data available

Upper explosion limit - no data available

Vapor pressure - no data available

Density - no data available

Water solubility - no data available

Partition coefficient

n-octanol/water: no data available

Relative vapor density - no data available

Odor - no data available

Odor Threshold - no data available

Evaporation rate - no data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

Conditions to avoid

no data available

Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. Selenium/selenium oxides, Germanium oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute toxicity

Oral

LD50

no data available

Inhalation

LC50

Dermal

LD50

no data available

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Germanium(IV)selenide)

ACGIH:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

Inhalation

Toxic if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.

Ingestion

Toxic if swallowed.

Skin

May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.

Eyes

May cause eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Acute selenium poisoning produces central nervous system effects, which include nervousness, convulsions, and drowsiness.

Other signs of intoxication can include skin eruptions, lassitude, gastrointestinal distress, teeth that are discolored or decayed, odorous ("garlic") breath, and partial loss of hair and nails. Chronic exposure by inhalation can produce symptoms that include pallor, coating of the tongue, anemia, irritation of the mucosa, lumbar pain, liver and spleen damage, as well as any of the other previously mentioned symptoms. Chronic contact with selenium compounds may cause garlic odor of breath and sweat, dermatitis, and moderate emotional instability. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical,

and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

no data available

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Germanium(IV)selenide)

IMDG

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-F

Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.

(Germanium(IV)selenide)

Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant

IATA

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Germanium(IV)selenide)

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### OSHA Hazards

Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by ingestion

### SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: 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:

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### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

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### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 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.