SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: (2N) 99% Calcium Carbide

Product Code: CA-C-02

CAS Number: 75-20-7

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)

GHS02 Flame
Water-react. 2 H261 In contact with water releases flammable gas.
GHS05 Corrosion
Eye Dam. 1
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
GHS07
Skin Irrit. 2
H315 Causes skin irritation.
STOT SE 3
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
Hazards not otherwise classified
No data available
GHS label elements
GHS label elements, including precautionary statements
Hazard pictograms

GHS02 GHS05 GHS07
Signal word
Danger

Hazard-determining components of labeling:
Calcium oxide

Hazard statements
H261 In contact with water releases flammable gas.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements
P231+P232
Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P261
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P280
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P304+P340
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P310
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P362
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
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Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P501
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

WHMIS classification
B6 - Reactive flammable material
D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects
E - Corrosive material

Classification system
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)
Health (acute effects) = 3
Flammability = 2
Physical Hazard = 2

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT:
N/A
vPvB:
N/A

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical characterization: Mixtures
Dangerous components:
75-20-7 Calcium carbide Water-react. 1, H260 80.0%
1305-78-8 Calcium oxide Eye Dam. 1, H318; Skin Irrit. 2, H315; STOT SE 3, H335 20.0%
SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures
General information
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
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
Causes skin irritation.
Causes serious eye damage.
May cause respiratory irritation.
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing agents
In case of fire, use sand, carbon dioxide or powdered extinguishing agent. Never use water.
Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
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
Calcium 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
Use personal 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.
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:
Keep away from ignition sources.
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
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.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Precautions for safe handling
Handle under dry protective gas.
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:
No data available
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 water/moisture.
Do not store together with acids.
Store away from oxidizing agents.
Further information about storage conditions:
Store under dry inert gas.
This product is moisture sensitive.
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.
Protect from humidity and water.
Specific end use(s)
No data 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:
1305-78-8 Calcium oxide (20.0%)
PEL (USA)
Long-term value: 5 mg/m³
REL (USA)  
Long-term value: 2 mg/m³  

TLV (USA)  
Long-term value: 2 mg/m³  

EL (Canada) Long-term value: 2 mg/m³  
EV (Canada) Long-term value: 2 mg/m³  

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.  

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:  
Tightly sealed goggles  
Full face protection  

Body protection:  
Protective work clothing.  

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES  

Information on basic physical and chemical properties  

Appearance:  
Form: Lump/Pieces  
Odor: No data available  
Odor threshold: No data available.  

pH: N/A  
Melting point/Melting range: 2300 °C (4172 °F)  
Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available  
Sublimation temperature / start: No data available  
Flammability (solid, gas)  
Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.  
Ignition temperature: No data available  
Decomposition temperature: No data available  
Autoignition: Product is not selfigniting.  
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): 2.22 g/cm³ (18.526 lbs/gal)
Relative density
No data available.
Vapor density
N/A
Evaporation rate
N/A
Solubility in Water (H₂O): Contact with water releases flammable gases
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.
Viscosity:
Dynamic: N/A
Kinematic: N/A
Solvent content:
Organic solvents: 0.0 %
Solids content: 100.0 %
Other information
No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity
In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
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
Contact with water releases flammable gases
Conditions to avoid
No data available
Incompatible materials:
Acids
Oxidizing agents
Water/moisture
Hazardous decomposition products:
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide
Calcium oxide
Acetylene

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
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:
Causes severe skin burns.
Eye irritation or corrosion:
Causes serious eye damage.
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.
The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:
Corrosive
Carcinogenic categories
OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)
None of the ingredients is listed.

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.
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
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.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number
DOT, IMDG, IATA
UN1402
UN proper shipping name
DOT
Calcium carbide
IMDG, IATA
CALCIUM CARBIDE
Transport hazard class(es)
DOT
Class
4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.
Label
4.3
Class
4.3 (W2) Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases
Label
4.3
IMDG, IATA
Class
4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.
Label
4.3
Packing group
DOT, IMDG, IATA
II
Environmental hazards:
Marine pollutant (IMDG):
No
Special precautions for user
Warning: Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases
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":
UN1402, Calcium carbide, 4.3, II
SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
GHS GHS label elements, including precautionary statements
Hazard pictograms
GHS02
GHS05
GHS07
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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)
None of the ingredients are listed.
California Proposition 65
Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer
None of the ingredients are listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity
None of the ingredients are listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female
None of the ingredients are listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male
None of the ingredients are 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.
None of the ingredients are 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.
None of the ingredients is listed.
Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)
None of the ingredients 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 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.