SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: (2N) 99% Hafnium Carbide

Product Code: HF-C-02

CAS Number: 12069-85-1

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

GHS02
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:
12069-85-1 Hafnium carbide

Identification number(s):
EC number: 235-114-1

Additional information:
Hafnium is routinely found with a low level of zirconium since separation of the two elements is difficult

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
Special powder for metal fires. Do not use water.
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
Metal oxide fume
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 material to be released to the environment without official permits.
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:
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

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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:
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

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:
Hafnium, metal and compounds as Hf
mg/m3
ACGIH TLV 0.5
Austria MAK 0.5
Belgium TWA 0.5
Denmark TWA 0.5
Finland TWA 0.5
France VME 0.5
Germany MAK 0.5
Korea TLV 0.5
Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.5
Norway TWA 0.5
Poland TWA 0.5
Switzerland MAK-W 0.5
United Kingdom TWA 0.5; 1.5-STEL
USA PEL 0.5
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.
SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
Appearance:
Form: Solid in various forms
Color: Grey
Odor: Odorless
Odor threshold: No data available.
pH: N/A
Melting point/Melting range: 3890 °C (7034 °F)
Boiling point/Boiling 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
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): 12.2 g/cm³ (101.809 lbs/gal)
Relative density: No data available.
Vapor density: N/A
Evaporation rate: N/A
Solubility in Water (H₂O): Insoluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.
Viscosity:
Dynamic: N/A
Kinematic: N/A
Other information
No data 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 data available
Incompatible materials:
No data available
Hazardous decomposition products:
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide
Metal oxide fume
SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity: No effects known.
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:
Hafnium and hafnium compounds may be irritating to the skin and eyes. There are reports of liver damage from hafnium exposure.
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.

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

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation
Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation:
SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number
DOT, IMDG, IATA
UN3178

UN proper shipping name
DOT
Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Hafnium carbide)
IMDG, IATA
FLAMMABLE SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Hafnium 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

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. (Hafnium carbide), 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 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.