

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Tungsten(IV) Carbide (WC)

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. W4-C-02 , W4-C-03 , W4-C-04 , W4-C-05

**CAS #:** 12070-12-1

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

GHS02 Flame

Flam. Sol. 2 H228 Flammable solid.

Hazards not otherwise classified No data available

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

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  
D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects  
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

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### **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substances  
CAS No. / Substance Name:  
12070-12-1 Tungsten carbide  
Identification number(s):  
EC number: 235-123-0

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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 In case of fire, use sand, carbon dioxide or powdered extinguishing agent. Never 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:

Metal oxide fume

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

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.

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

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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:

12070-12-1 Tungsten carbide (100.0%)

REL (USA) Short-term value: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as W

TLV (USA) Short-term value: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as W

EL (Canada) Short-term value: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as W

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.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to 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 or solid in various forms

Color: Grey

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 2867 °C (5193 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 6000 °C (10832 °F)

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): 15.63 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (130.432 lbs/gal)

Relative density No data available.

Vapor density N/A

Evaporation rate N/A

Solubility in / Miscibility with

Water: Insoluble

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:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Metal oxide fume

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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: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains mutation data for this substance.

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.

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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, IMDG, IATA UN3178

UN proper shipping name

DOT Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tungsten carbide)

IMDG, IATA FLAMMABLE SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tungsten 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. (Tungsten carbide), 4.1, III

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture  
GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictograms

GHS02

Signal word Warning

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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) 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.

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.