

# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

# Magnetite

SUPPLIER DETAILS			
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1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION			
Chemical Names and Sy		EINECS Number: 215-277-5 / 215-169-8	
Black Iron Oxide; Magnetic Iron Oxide; Ferrous Ferric Oxide			
		NIOSH Number: NA	
2. COMPOSITION			
Iron Oxide (Fe3O4) : 60 - 100%			
3. HAZARDOUS IDENTIFICATION			
Inhalation: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing and shortness of breath.			
Ingestion: Extremely large oral dosages may produce gastrointestinal disturbances.			
Skin Contact: No adverse effects expected.			
Eye Contact: May cause mechanical irritation.			
Chronic Exposure: Long-term inhalation exposure to iron has resulted in mottling of the lungs, a condition referred to as			
siderosis. This is considered a benign pneumoconiosis and does not ordinarily cause significant physiological impairment.			
Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.			
4. FIRST AID MEASURES			
Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.			
Ingestion: If large amounts were swallowed, give water to drink and get medical advice.			
Skin Contact: Wash exposed area with soap and water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.			
Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally.			
Get medical attention if irritation persists.			
5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES			
Fire: Not expected to be a fire hazard.			
Explosion: No information found.			
Fire Extinguishing Media: Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.			
Special Information: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and approved self-contained breathing apparatus with			
full face piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.			
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES			
Pick up and place in a suitable container for reclamation or disposal, using a method that does not generate dust.			
7. HANDLING AND STORAGE			
Keep in a closed container or use alternative method to prevent material from becoming airborne. Stored in a cool, dry,			
ventilated area.			
8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION			
Airborne Exposure Limits: - ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV) - 5 mg/m3 (TWA).			
Ventilation System:			
A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits.			
Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source,			
preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a half-face dust/mist respirator may			
be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit, for emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a			
full-face piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.			



Eye Protection:

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Black powder. Odor: odorless.

Solubility: Negligible (< 0.1%)

Specific Gravity: 5.18

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

Stability: Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: No information found.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibilities: Carbon monoxide, hydrazine, calcium hypochloride, performic acid, bromine pentafluoride.

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatibles.

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Additional toxicology:

Solmonella typhirmurium mutagenicity: Not mutagenic at extract concentrations < 4 000g/l From (Xenopus laevis) embryo teratogenicity: 48 h ECo: 250 g/l, 48 h EC50L: > 2 000 g/l

### **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### **Ecotoxicity:**

Daphnia pulex lethality: 48 h ECo: > 50 g/l, 48 h EC50: > 50 g/l

Algal (Selenastrum capricornutum) growth inhibition: 72 h ECo: > 50 g/l, 72 h EC50: > 50 g/l

Bacterial (Pseudomonas putida) growth inhibition: 6 h ECo: > 50 g/l, 6 h EC50: > 50 g/l

Frog (Xenopus laevis) embryo lethality: 48 h ECo: > 50 g/l, 48 h EC50: > 50 g/l

#### **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated.

#### **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Risk Phrases R36/R37/R38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

Safety Phrases S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water

#### **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

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