# 1. PRODUCT

## **1.1 Product identifiers**

Name: Calcium carbide

CAS-No.: 75-20-7

## 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram	
Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement(s)	H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously. H315 Causes skin irritation. H318 Causes serious eye damage. H335 May cause respiratory irritation. H401 Toxic to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	<ul> <li>P223 Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire.</li> <li>P231 + P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.</li> <li>P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.</li> <li>P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.</li> <li>P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>P273 Avoid release to the environment.</li> <li>P300 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.</li> <li>P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.</li> <li>P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.</li> <li>P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.</li> <li>P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.</li> <li>P335 + P334 Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.</li> <li>P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.</li> <li>P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.</li> <li>P402 + P404 Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.</li> <li>P402 + P404 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.</li> <li>P405 Store locked up.</li> <li>P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.</li> </ul>

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

## 3.1 Substances

Formula:	C₂Ca
Molecular weight:	64.10 g/mol
CAS-No.:	75-20-7
EC-No.:	200-848-3

## Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
Calcium carbide		
	Water-react. 1; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 2; H260, H315, H318, H335, H401	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

## 4.1 Description of 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. Consult a physician.	
In case of eye contact	
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.	
If swallowed	
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.	

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

## 4.2 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

## **5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

## 5.1 Extinguishing media

### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

No data available

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate

ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

#### 6.2 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.

## 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wetbrushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.Further processing of solid materials may result

in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration

before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Store under inert gas. Moisture sensitive. Reacts violently with water. Handle and store under inert gas.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1 Control parameters

### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of

workday.

### Personal protective equipment

Eye/face 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 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. Full contact Material: Nitrile rubber Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm Break through time: 480 min Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M) Splash contact Material: Nitrile rubber Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm Break through time: 480 min Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M) data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374 If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.
Body Protection	Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Respiratory protection	Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (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).
Control of environmen tal exposure	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

## 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Form: crystalline
Odour	No data available
Odour Threshold	No data available
рН	12.48 at 20 g/l
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 2,300 °C (4,172 °F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
Flash point	No data available
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable Flammability (solids)
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Vapour pressure	No data available
Vapour density	No data available
Relative density	2.22 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	390 °C (734 °F)
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	No data available
Explosive properties	Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	No data available

# 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

# **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

# 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

# 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with water.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Reacts violently with water.

## **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Calcium oxide

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

# **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

## 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
No data available Inhalation: No data available Dermal: No data available No data available
Skin corrosion/irritation
No data available
Serious eye damage/eye irritation
No data available
Respiratory or skin sensitisation
Maximisation Test - Guinea pig Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation. (OECD Test Guideline 406)
Germ cell mutagenicity
No data available
Carcinogenicity
IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC. No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC. 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. 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 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. 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
No data available
Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure
No data available
Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure
No data available
Aspiration hazard
No data available
Additional Information
RTECS: Not available Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting

# **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

## 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 50 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 4.62 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (Scenedesmus subspicatus) - 46 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	No data available

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

## 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

#### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

#### 12.6 Other adverse effects

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

Toxic to aquatic life.

No data available

## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. 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.

### **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

## DOT (US)

UN number: 1402 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Calcium carbide

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1402 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-G, S-N

Proper shipping name: CALCIUM CARBIDE

UN number: 1402 Class: 4.3 Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Calcium carbide

IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

## **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De

Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

## SARA 311/312 Hazards

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	1993-04-24

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	1993-04-24

## New Jersey Right To Know Components

Component	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	1993-04-24

### 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.

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

reproductive harm.

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

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Aquatic Acute Acute aquatic toxicity

Eye Dam. Serious eye damage

H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

Skin Irrit. Skin irritation

STOT SE Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Water-react. Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases

#### **HMIS Rating**

Health hazard: 3

Chronic Health Hazard:

Flammability: 4

Physical Hazard 2

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 3

Fire Hazard: 4

Reactivity Hazard: 2

Special hazard.I: W

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