

Material Safety Data Sheet

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According to 91/155/EEC

Classified as Hazardous according to the criteria of EU Annex 1 and NOHSC.

1 - Product and Company Information

Product Name	BISMUTH(III) CHLORIDE, ANHYDROUS, POWDER , 99.999%
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2 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Product Name	CAS #	EC no	Annex I Index Number
BISMUTH CHLORIDE, 98%	7787-60-2	232-123-2	None
Formula	BiCl ₃		
Molecular Weight	315.34 AMU		
Synonyms	Bismuthine, trichloro- * Bismuth trichloride * Trichlorobismuth * Trichlorobismuthine		

3 - Hazards Identification

SPECIAL INDICATION OF HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Irritating to eyes and skin.

4 - First Aid Measures

AFTER INHALATION

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

AFTER EYE CONTACT

Assure adequate flushing of the eyes by separating the eyelids with fingers.

AFTER INGESTION

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician.

5 - Fire Fighting Measures

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions.

SPECIAL RISKS

Specific Hazard(s): Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

6 - Accidental Release Measures

PERSONAL PRECAUTION PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE OF LEAK OR SPILL

Evacuate area.

PROCEDURE(S) OF PERSONAL PRECAUTION(S)

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Avoid raising dust. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

7 - Handling and Storage

HANDLING

Directions for Safe Handling: Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

STORAGE

Conditions of Storage: Keep tightly closed. Store in a cool dry place.

8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Safety shower and eye bath. Use only in a chemical fume hood.

GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES

Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Discard contaminated shoes.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Special Protective Measures: Wear appropriate government approved respirator, chemical-resistant gloves, safety goggles, other protective clothing. Faceshield (8-inch minimum).

9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	N/A	
Property	Value	At Temperature or Pressure
pH	N/A	
BP/BP Range	447 °C	
MP/MP Range	230.0 - 232.0 °C	
Flash Point	N/A	
Flammability	N/A	
Autoignition Temp	N/A	
Oxidizing Properties	N/A	
Explosive Properties	N/A	
Explosion Limits	N/A	
Vapor Pressure	N/A	

SG/Density	4.75 g/cm3
Partition Coefficient	N/A
Viscosity	N/A
Vapor Density	N/A
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A
Evaporation Rate	N/A
Bulk Density	N/A
Decomposition Temp.	N/A
Solvent Content	N/A
Water Content	N/A
Surface Tension	N/A
Conductivity	N/A
Miscellaneous Data	N/A
Solubility	N/A

10 - Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY

Conditions of Instability: May decompose on exposure to moist air or water.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen chloride gas.

11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS NUMBER: EB2690000

ACUTE TOXICITY

LD50
Oral
Rat
3334 mg/kg

LD50
Oral
Mouse
2250 mg/kg

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

Symptoms of chronic bismuth toxicity in humans consists of decreased appetite, weakness, rheumatic pain, diarrhea, fever, metal line on the gums, foul breathe, gingivitis, and dermatitis. Jaundice and conjunctival hemorrhage are rare, but have been reported. Bismuth nephropathy with proteinuria may occur. The kidney is the site of highest concentration with the liver being considerably lower. Bismuth does pass into the amniotic fluid and into the fetus. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated. Inhalation may result in spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis, and pulmonary edema. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Multiple Routes: Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through skin.

12 - Ecological Information

No data available.

13 - Disposal Considerations

SUBSTANCE DISPOSAL

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

14 - Transport Information

RID/ADR

UN#: 3260

Class: 8

PG: II

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.

IMDG

UN#: 3260

Class: 8

PG: II

Proper Shipping Name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S.

Marine Pollutant: No

Severe Marine Pollutant: No

Technical Name: Required

IATA

UN#: 3260

Class: 8

PG: II

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.

Inhalation Packing Group I: No

Technical Name: Required

15 - Regulatory Information

CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING ACCORDING TO EU DIRECTIVES

INDICATION OF DANGER: Xi

Irritant.

R-PHRASES: 36/38

Irritating to eyes and skin.

S-PHRASES: 26-36

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing.

16 - Other Information

WARRANTY

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