

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description: **Silicon(IV) nitride, alpha phase**  
Cat No. : **S42949**  
CAS No 12033-89-5  
Molecular Formula Si<sub>3</sub> N<sub>4</sub> 90% min (alpha form)

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

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.  
Uses advised against No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd.  
(Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific)  
Shore Road, Heysham  
Lancashire, LA3 2XY,  
United Kingdom  
Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506  
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E-mail address begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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## 2.2. Label elements

None required

## 2.3. Other hazards

In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substances

| Component   | CAS No     | EC No             | Weight % | CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567 |
|---|------------|-------------------|----------|---|
| Silicon nitride (Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) | 12033-89-5 | EEC No. 234-796-8 | <=100    | -   |

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Eye Contact</b>                        | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.         |
| <b>Skin Contact</b>                       | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. |
| <b>Ingestion</b>                          | Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.                   |
| <b>Inhalation</b>                         | Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.   |
| <b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b> | No special precautions required.  |

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

None reasonably foreseeable.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

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## Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Not combustible.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Silicon dioxide.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

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

Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510  
Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)

Class 13

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s):

#### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

No information available

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

##### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

| Glove material           | Breakthrough time | Glove thickness        | EU standard | Glove comments        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Nitrile rubber           | 480 minutes       | 0.11mm                 | EN 374      | (minimum requirement) |
| Skin and body protection |                   | Long sleeved clothing. |             |                       |

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.  
(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger

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of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

## Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

## Large scale/emergency use

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter

## Small scale/Laboratory use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

## Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

|   |                          |                                   |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Physical State                          | Solid                    |                                   |
| Appearance                              | Light grey               |                                   |
| Odor                                    | Odorless                 |                                   |
| Odor Threshold                          | No data available        |                                   |
| Melting Point/Range                     | 1900 °C / 3452 °F        |                                   |
| Softening Point                         | No data available        |                                   |
| Boiling Point/Range                     | No information available |                                   |
| Flammability (liquid)                   | Not applicable           | Solid                             |
| Flammability (solid,gas)                | No information available |                                   |
| Explosion Limits                        | No data available        |                                   |
| Flash Point                             | No information available | Method - No information available |
| Autoignition Temperature                | No data available        |                                   |
| Decomposition Temperature               | No data available        |                                   |
| pH                                      | No information available |                                   |
| Viscosity                               | Not applicable           | Solid                             |
| Water Solubility                        | Insoluble in water       |                                   |
| Solubility in other solvents            | No information available |                                   |
| Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) |                          |                                   |
| Vapor Pressure                          | No data available        |                                   |
| Density / Specific Gravity              | 3.2 g/cm3                | @ 20 °C                           |
| Bulk Density                            | No data available        |                                   |
| Vapor Density                           | Not applicable           | Solid                             |
| Particle characteristics                | No data available        |                                   |

### 9.2. Other information

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Molecular Formula | Si3 N4 90% min (alpha form) |
| Molecular Weight  | 140.28                      |
| Evaporation Rate  | Not applicable - Solid      |

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

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## 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

## 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization

No information available.

Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat.

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agent.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Silicon dioxide.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral

No data available

Dermal

No data available

Inhalation

No data available

| Component               | LD50 Oral | LD50 Dermal | LC50 Inhalation              |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Silicon nitride (Si3N4) | -         | -           | LC50 > 5.07 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h |

#### (b) skin corrosion/irritation;

No data available

#### (c) serious eye damage/irritation;

No data available

#### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory

No data available

Skin

No data available

#### (e) germ cell mutagenicity;

No data available

#### (f) carcinogenicity;

No data available

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

#### (g) reproductive toxicity;

No data available

#### (h) STOT-single exposure;

No data available

#### (i) STOT-repeated exposure;

No data available

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**Target Organs** No information available.

**(j) aspiration hazard;** Not applicable  
Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity Ecotoxicity effects

| Component   | Freshwater Fish                            | Water Flea | Freshwater Algae |
|---|--|------------|------------------|
| Silicon nitride (Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) | LC50: > 100 mg/L, 96h static (Danio rerio) |            |                  |

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence** Insoluble in water.

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** May have some potential to bioaccumulate

**12.4. Mobility in soil** Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment.

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

### 12.7. Other adverse effects Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

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|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Contaminated Packaging</b>         | Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers. |
| <b>European Waste Catalogue (EWC)</b> | According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.   |
| <b>Other Information</b>              | Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.        |

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

**ADR** Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

**IATA** Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

14.5. Environmental hazards No hazards identified

14.6. Special precautions for user No special precautions required.

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### **International Inventories**

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

| Component               | CAS No     | EINECS    | ELINCS | NLP | IECSC | TCSI | KECL     | ENCS | ISHL |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----------|------|------|
| Silicon nitride (Si3N4) | 12033-89-5 | 234-796-8 | -      | -   | X     | X    | KE-34822 | X    | X    |

| Component               | CAS No     | TSCA | TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive | DSL | NDSL | AICS | NZIoC | PICCS |
|-------------------------|------------|------|---|-----|------|------|-------|-------|
| Silicon nitride (Si3N4) | 12033-89-5 | X    | ACTIVE  | X   | -    | X    | X     | -     |



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Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

| Component   | CAS No     | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances | REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) |
|---|------------|---|---|---|
| Silicon nitride (Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) | 12033-89-5 | -   | -   | -   |

Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

| Component   | CAS No     | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements |
|---|------------|---|--|
| Silicon nitride (Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) | 12033-89-5 | Not applicable  | Not applicable   |

Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

## National Regulations

UK - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

WGK Classification

See table for values

| Component   | Germany - Water Classification (AwSV) | Germany - TA-Luft Class |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Silicon nitride (Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) | nwg                                   |                         |

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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

Legend

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**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**Key literature references and sources for data**

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

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**Revision Summary**

New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

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