

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<u>Germanium(II) telluride</u>
Cat No. :	<b>B21128</b>
CAS No	12025-39-7
Molecular Formula	GeTe

### 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

Thermo Fisher (Kandel) GmbH  
Erlenbachweg 2, 76870 Kandel, Germany  
Tel: +49 (0) 721 84007 280  
Fax: +49 (0) 721 84007 300

**Swiss distributor** - Fisher Scientific AG  
Neuhofstrasse 11, CH 4153 Reinach  
Tel: +41 (0) 56 618 41 11  
<https://www.fishersci.ch/ch/en/customer-help-support/forms/email-us.html>

#### 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

customers in Switzerland:  
Tox Info Suisse Emergency Number: **145 (24hr)**  
Tox Info Suisse: +41-44 251 51 51 (Emergency number from abroad)  
Chemtrec (24h) Toll-Free: 0800 564 402  
Chemtrec Local: +41-43 508 20 11 (Zurich)

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

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## Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Health hazards

Acute oral toxicity

Category 4 (H302)

## Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## 2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Warning

## Hazard Statements

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

## Precautionary Statements

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

## 2.3. Other hazards

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 - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Germanium telluride (GeTe)	12025-39-7	EEC No. 234-706-7	<=100	Acute Tox. 4 (H302)

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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<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. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<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. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention 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**

**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**

Tellurium oxide, Germanium oxide.

### **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. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

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

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### **6.4. Reference to other sections**

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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 ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

### 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

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

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

Storage Class/LGK 13

**Switzerland - Storage of hazardous substances**

Storage class - SC 11/13  
<https://www.kvu.ch/de/themen/stoffe-und-produkte>  
<https://www.kvu.ch/fr/themes/substances-et-produits>  
<https://www.kvu.ch/it/temi/sostanze-e-prodotti>

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Forth edition. Published 2020. **CH** - The Government of Switzerland has set a directive on limit values for working materials (Grenzwerte am Arbeitsplatz) which is based on the Swiss Federal Regulation "Verordnung über die Verhütung von Unfällen und Berufskrankheiten". This directive is administered, periodically revised and enforced by SUVA (Swiss National Accident Insurance Fund).

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	France	Belgium	Spain
Germanium telluride (GeTe)		STEL: 0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	TWA / VME: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 heures), except Tellurium hexafluoride		TWA / VLA-ED: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 horas)

Component	Italy	Germany	Portugal	The Netherlands	Finland
Germanium telluride (GeTe)			TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 horas		

Component	Austria	Denmark	Switzerland	Poland	Norway
Germanium telluride (GeTe)	MAK-KZGW: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 Minuten MAK-TMW: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 Stunden		STEL: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 Minuten TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 Stunden		

#### Biological limit values

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

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## Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

MDHS 91 Metals and metalloids in workplace air by X-ray fluorescence spectrometry

MDHS 99 Metals in air by ICP-AES

## 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

None under normal use conditions.

### 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
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

#### Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing.

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) 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 of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

#### Large scale/emergency use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter

#### Small scale/Laboratory use

Maintain adequate ventilation

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

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Physical State	Solid	
Appearance	Black	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	725 °C / 1337 °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	6.14 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	GeTe
Molecular Weight	200.19
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.
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### 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.
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10.5. Incompatible materials	Acids. Oxidizing agent.
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10.6. Hazardous decomposition products	Tellurium oxide. Germanium oxide.
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## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

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## Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;	
Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	No data available
(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
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.
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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects	May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.
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12.2. Persistence and degradability	Product contains heavy metals. Discharge into the environment must be avoided. Special pre-treatment is necessary
Persistence	Insoluble in water, May persist.
Degradability	Not relevant for inorganic substances.

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<b>Degradation in sewage treatment plant</b>	Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.
<b>12.3. Bioaccumulative potential</b>	May have some potential to bioaccumulate; Product has a high potential to bioconcentrate
<b>12.4. Mobility in soil</b>	Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.
<b>12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>	No data available for assessment.
<b>12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties</b> <b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
<b>12.7. Other adverse effects</b> <b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b> <b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
<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. Do not empty into drains.
<b>Switzerland - Waste Ordinance</b>	Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Ordinance on the Avoidance and the Disposal of Waste (Waste Ordinance, ADWO) SR 814.600 <a href="https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2015/891/en">https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2015/891/en</a>

## 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



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## 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
Germanium telluride (GeTe)	12025-39-7	234-706-7	-	-	-	X	KE-17616	-	-

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Germanium telluride (GeTe)	12025-39-7	X	INACTIVE	-	X	-	-	-

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

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)
Germanium telluride (GeTe)	12025-39-7	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

#### 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
Germanium telluride (GeTe)	12025-39-7	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

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## National Regulations

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

**WGK Classification** Water endangering class = 3 (self classification)

## Swiss Regulations

Article 4 para. 4 of the Ordinance on the protection of young people in the workplace (SR 822.115) and Article 1 lit. f of the EAER regulation on hazardous work and young people (SR 822.115.2).

Take note on Article 13 Maternity Ordinance (SR 822.111.52) with regards expectant and nursing mothers.

## 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

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

### Legend

**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/NDSL** - 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

**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)

### Key literature references and sources for data

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

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

### Training Advice

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

**Prepared By**

Health, Safety and Environmental Department

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**Revision Summary**

New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.**

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## **COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/878 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006**

**For Switzerland - Compiled in accordance with the technical provisions referred to in Annex 2, Number 3, Chemo (SR 813.11 - Ordinance on Protection against Dangerous Substances and Preparations).**

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