

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>Zirconium carbide</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	12070-14-3
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	ZrC
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	103.23
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>55214</b>
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<b>Emergency Tel.</b>	<b>CHEMTREC®</b> <b>09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780</b>
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Flammable solids

Category 2

#### Health hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

### Label Elements

**Signal Word****Warning****Hazard Statements**

H228 - Flammable solid

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

**Storage**

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Zirconium carbide (ZrC)	12070-14-3	<=100

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

**Ingestion**

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider**

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

**First Aid Facilities**

Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

**Most important symptoms and effects** None reasonably foreseeable.

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Powder. Water spray. In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

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

No information available.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Zirconium oxide.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

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

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

#### Emergency procedures

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

#### 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.

#### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

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

#### Precautions to prevent secondary hazards

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

#### Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

### Precautions for Safe Handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on 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.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

#### Storage Conditions

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

**Incompatible Materials**

Oxidizing agent.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Control parameters****Exposure limits**

**AUS** - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)]

Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia

**ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace.

**UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
Zirconium carbide (ZrC)		STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr

**Biological limit values**

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

**Appropriate engineering 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

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

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 compatibility, 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.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection**

Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection**

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

**Recommended Filter type:**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

**Recommended half mask:-**

Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
Environmental exposure controls	No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid	
Appearance	Grey	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Melting Point/Range	3540 °C / 6404 °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	
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	6.73 g/cm3	@ 20 °C
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

### Other information

Molecular Formula	ZrC
Molecular Weight	103.23
Flammable solids	Burning rate or burning time = > 2.2 mm/s or < 45 secs Wetted zone passed - No
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to Avoid	Heat, flames and sparks.
Incompatible Materials	Oxidizing agent.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Zirconium oxide.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	No data available
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.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity**

<b>Aquatic ecotoxicity</b>	May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.
<b>Terrestrial ecotoxicity</b>	There is no data for this product
<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Product contains heavy metals. Discharge into the environment must be avoided. Special pre-treatment is necessary
<b>Persistence</b>	Insoluble in water, May persist.
<b>Degradability</b>	Not relevant for inorganic substances.
<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>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	May have some potential to bioaccumulate Product has a high potential to bioconcentrate
<b>Mobility</b>	Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil. Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

**Other adverse effects**

<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Waste treatment methods**

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.
<b>Other Information</b>	Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations . Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

**NZS 5433:2020**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3178
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s.
<b>Technical Shipping Name</b>	(Zirconium carbide)
<b>Hazard Class</b>	4.1

Packing Group III

#### IATA

UN-No UN3178  
Proper Shipping Name Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s.  
Technical Shipping Name (Zirconium carbide)  
Hazard Class 4.1  
Packing Group III

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN3178  
Proper Shipping Name Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s.  
Technical Shipping Name (Zirconium carbide)  
Hazard Class 4.1  
Packing Group III

Environmental hazards No hazards identified

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable, packaged goods

Special Precautions No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

Additional information None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

#### **National Regulations**

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

#### **Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements**

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

#### **Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

#### International Regulations

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Rotterdam Convention (PIC) Not applicable

#### **Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV -	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII -	REACH Regulation (EC
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	Substances Subject to Authorization	Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Zirconium carbide (ZrC)	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

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

### International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Zirconium carbide (ZrC)	12070-14-3	-	-	235-125-1	-	-	KE-35639	-	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Zirconium carbide (ZrC)	12070-14-3	X	ACTIVE	-	X	-	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

## Section 16 - Other Information

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

### Legend

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

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

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

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

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

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

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

**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

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

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

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

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

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

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

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

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

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

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

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

**ADG** - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

### Key literature references and sources for data

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

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

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

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

### Training Advice

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

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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