

Material Safety Data Sheet



Diatomaceous Earth

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Section 1 - Product Description

Product Name: Diatomaceous Earth

Product Code(s): 85-7570, 67-1892A, 11-4101, 11-4110, 97-2331, C45124

Size: Various

Chemical Name: N/A

CAS Number: 68855-54-9

Formula: N/A

Synonyms: Diatomite, Kieselguhr

Distributor: Carolina Biological Supply Company, 2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215

Chemical Information: 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F) **Chemtrec** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

Section 2 - Hazard Identification

Emergency Overview: Harmful if inhaled or swallowed.

Potential Health Effects:

Eyes: May cause irritation.

Skin: May cause irritation to skin.

Ingestion: May cause gastrointestinal discomfort.

Inhalation: May cause irritation to respiratory tract.

Section 3 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

Principal Hazardous Components: Diatomaceous Earth, Flux-calcined (CAS# 68855-54-9) 100%

This product is primarily crystalline silica in the form of:

Cristobalite (CAS# 1464-46-1) up to 70%

Quartz (CAS# 14808-60-7) up to 5%

TLV units: 0.05 mg/m³ TWA (respirable fraction)

PEL units: Crystalline silica as cristobalite:

Expressed as mppcf: $1/2((250)/(\%SiO_2 + 5))$ mppcf TWA (respirable)

Expressed as mg/m³: $1/2((10 \text{ mg/m}^3)/(\%SiO_2 + 2))$ TWA (respirable)

Crystalline silica as quartz:

Expressed as mppcf: $(250)/(\%SiO_2 + 5)$ mppcf TWA (respirable)

Expressed as mg/m³: $(10 \text{ mg/m}^3)/(\%SiO_2 + 2)$ TWA (respirable)

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

Eyes - In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Skin - After contact with skin, take off immediately all contaminated clothing, and wash immediately with plenty of water.

Ingestion - If swallowed, do not induce vomiting; seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

Inhalation - In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.

Section 5 - Firefighting Procedures

Flash Point (Method Used): N/A

NFPA Rating:

Health: 1

Fire: 0

Reactivity: 0

Extinguisher Media: Use media suitable to extinguish surrounding fire.

Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume: N/A N/A

Autoignition Temperature: N/A

Special Firefighting Procedures: Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: N/A

Section 6 - Spill or Leak Procedures

Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled: Ventilate area of spill. Clean-up personnel should wear proper protective equipment. Avoid creating dust. Sweep or scoop up and containerize for disposal.

Section 7 - Special Precautions

Precautions to Take in Handling or Storing: Do not breathe dust/vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Retained residue may make empty containers hazardous; use caution. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.

Section 8 - Protection Information

Respiratory Protection (Specify Type): None needed under normal conditions of use with adequate ventilation. A NIOSH/MSHA chemical cartridge respirator should be worn if PEL or TLV is exceeded.

Ventilation:

Local Exhaust: Recommended

Mechanical(General): Recommended

Special: No

Other: No

Protective Gloves: Natural rubber, Neoprene, PVC or equivalent.

Eye Protection: Splash proof chemical safety goggles should be worn.

Other Protective Clothing or Equipment: Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

Section 9 - Physical Data

Molecular Weight: N/A

Boiling Point: N/A

Vapor Density(Air=1): N/A

Percent Volatile by Volume: N/A

Solubility in Water: Practically Insoluble

Melting Point: N/A

Vapor Pressure: N/A

Specific Gravity (H₂O=1): 2.33

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): N/A

Appearance and Odor: White powder

Section 10 - Reactivity Data

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid dusting.

Moisture; Product is hygroscopic.

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Acids, Oxidizers, Halogens, Bases, Ammonia, Acetylene,

Hazardous Decomposition Products: SiF₄,

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Section 11 - Toxicity Data

Toxicity Data: N/A

Effects of Overexposure:

Acute: See Section 2

Chronic: Listed by NTP, IARC as causing cancer.

Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure: Respiratory disorders,

Target Organs: N/A

Primary Route(s) of Entry: Inhalation, contact with Eyes.

Section 12 - Ecological Data

EPA Waste Numbers: N/A

Section 13 - Disposal Information

Waste Disposal Methods: Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.

Section 14 - Transport Information

DOT Proper Shipping Name: N/A

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

EPA TSCA Status: On TSCA Inventory

Hazard Category for SARA Section 311/312 Reporting: Acute

Name List:

Diatomaceous Earth - No

Quartz - No

Cristobalite - No

Chemical Category:

CERCLA Section 103 RQ(lb.): Diatomaceous Earth - No

Quartz - No

Cristobalite - No

RCRA Section 261.33: Diatomaceous Earth - No

Quartz - No

Cristobalite - No

Section 16 - Additional Information

The information provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet represents a compilation of data drawn directly from various sources available to us. Carolina Biological Supply makes no representation or guarantee as to the suitability of this information to a particular application of the substance covered in the Material Safety Data Sheet. Any employer must carefully assess the applicability of any information contained herein in regards to the particular use to which the employer puts the material.

Glossary

ACGIH American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

CAS Number Chemical Services Abstract Number

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

DOT U.S. Department of Transportation

IARC International Agency of Research on Cancer

N/A	Not Available
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
ppm	Parts per million
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act