

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Calcium carbide

Cat No. : 14308

CAS-No 75-20-7
Synonyms No information available

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Emergency Telephone Number

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2. Hazard(s) identification**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements**Signal Word**

Danger

Hazard Statements

In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously
Causes skin irritation
Causes serious eye damage

May cause respiratory irritation



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire
Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse
Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/wrap with wet bandages

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Fire

In case of fire: Dry chemical, Dry sand

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store locked up
Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	72-82
Calcium oxide	1305-78-8	12-18

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

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

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

Most important symptoms and effects	Causes eye burns.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Dry chemical. Dry sand.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media Water, Foam

Flash Point No information available
Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature

Explosion Limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Contact with water liberates toxic gas. Water reactive. Produce flammable gases on contact with water.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Acetylene.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

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

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Health
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Flammability
3

Instability
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Physical hazards
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove all sources of ignition. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Do not let this chemical enter the environment. Do not expose spill to water. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep under nitrogen. Remove all sources of ignition. Do not allow contact with water. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Storage Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Refer product specification and/or product label for specific storage temperature requirement. Keep container tightly closed. Keep from any possible contact with water. Keep under nitrogen.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Calcium oxide	TWA: 2 mg/m ³	(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³ TWA: 5 mg/m ³	IDLH: 25 mg/m ³ TWA: 2 mg/m ³	TWA: 2 mg/m ³

Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment**Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Dark grey
Odor	Garlic-like
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	2160 °C / 3920 °F
Boiling Point/Range	2300 °C / 4172 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	No information available
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C ₂ Ca
Molecular Weight	64.1

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Reacts violently with water, liberating extremely flammable gases.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible Materials	Acids, Bases, Strong oxidizing agents, copper
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Acetylene

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information No acute toxicity information is available for this product
Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Calcium oxide	>2000 mg/kg (female Rat)	Not listed	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation Irritating to respiratory system and skin. Risk of serious damage to eyes

Sensitization No information available

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Calcium oxide	1305-78-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system

STOT - repeated exposure None known

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Calcium carbide	Not listed	LC50: > 50 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	Not listed	Not listed
Calcium oxide	Not listed	LC50: = 1070 mg/L, 96h static (Cyprinus carpio)	Not listed	Not listed

Persistence and Degradability No information available

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility No information available.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1402
 Proper Shipping Name CALCIUM CARBIDE
 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

TDG

UN-No UN1402
 Proper Shipping Name CALCIUM CARBIDE
 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

IATA

UN-No UN1402
 Proper Shipping Name CALCIUM CARBIDE
 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

IMDG/IMO

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 Hazard Class 4.3
 Packing Group I

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	X	ACTIVE	-
Calcium oxide	1305-78-8	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Calcium carbide	75-20-7	X	-	200-848-3	X	X	X	X	X
Calcium oxide	1305-78-8	X	-	215-138-9	X	X	X	X	KE-04588

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous	CWA - Reportable	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
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	Substances	Quantities		
Calcium carbide	X	10 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Calcium carbide	10 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Calcium carbide	X	X	X	-	X
Calcium oxide	X	X	X	-	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

16. Other information

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