

**Safety Data Sheet**  
according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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**1 Identification of substance****Product details****Trade name****Lithium oxide****Stock number:**

41832

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Product safety department.

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www.giftinfo.uni-mainz.de Telefon:+49(0)6131/19240**2 Hazards identification****Hazard designation:**

C Corrosive

**Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment  
GHS label elements**

R 34 Causes burns.

**Danger****Prevention:****Response:**

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

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

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**Storage:****Disposal:**

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**3 Composition/information on ingredients****Chemical characterization:****Designation: (CAS#)**Lithium oxide (CAS# 12057-24-8), 95-99%  
Lithium hydroxide (CAS# 1310-65-2), 1-5%**Identification number(s):****EINECS Number:**

235-019-5

**4 First aid measures****General information****After inhalation****After skin contact****After eye contact****After swallowing**

Instantly remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist.

Seek immediate medical advice.

Instantly wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult doctor.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**5 Fire fighting measures****Suitable extinguishing agents  
Special hazards caused by the material, its  
products of combustion or flue gases:****Protective equipment:**

Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.

Can be released in case of fire:

Corrosive gases/vapours.

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Wear full protective suit.

**6 Accidental release measures****Person-related safety precautions:****Measures for environmental protection:****Measures for cleaning/collecting:****Additional information:**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Use neutralizing agent.

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for information on disposal.

**7 Handling and storage****Handling****Information for safe handling:****Information about protection against  
explosions and fires:****Storage****Requirements to be met by storerooms and  
containers:****Information about storage in one common  
storage facility:****Further information about storage  
conditions:**

Handle under dry protective gas.

Keep containers tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

The product is not flammable

No special requirements.

Do not store together with acids.

Store away from water.

Store under dry inert gas.

This product is hygroscopic.

Protect from humidity and keep away from water.

Protect from carbon dioxide.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Store in a locked cabinet or with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants.

**8 Exposure controls and personal protection****Additional information about design of  
technical systems:****Components with critical values that require  
monitoring at the workplace:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Not required.

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<b>Additional information:</b>	No data
<b>Personal protective equipment General protective and hygienic measures</b>	The usual precautionary measures should be adhered to in handling the chemicals. Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and food. Instantly remove any soiled and impregnated garments. Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work. Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
<b>Breathing equipment: Eye protection:</b>	Use breathing protection with high concentrations. Safety glasses Tightly sealed safety glasses. Full face protection Face protection
<b>Body protection:</b>	Protective work clothing.

**9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

<b>Form:</b>	Powder
<b>Colour:</b>	White
<b>Smell:</b>	Odourless
<b>Change in condition</b>	
<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	1427°C
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Not determined
<b>Sublimation temperature / start:</b>	Not determined
<b>Flash point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Ignition temperature:</b>	Not determined
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not determined
<b>Danger of explosion:</b>	Product is not explosive.
<b>Critical values for explosion:</b>	
<b>Lower:</b>	Not determined
<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined
<b>Steam pressure:</b>	Not determined
<b>Density at 20°C</b>	2.013 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:</b>	Decomposes

**10 Stability and reactivity**

<b>Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:</b>	No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.
<b>Materials to be avoided:</b>	Acids Water/moisture Carbon dioxide
<b>Dangerous reactions:</b>	No dangerous reactions known
<b>Dangerous products of decomposition:</b>	Corrosive gases/vapours

**11 Toxicological information**

<b>Acute toxicity:</b>	
<b>Primary irritant effect: on the skin:</b>	Corrosive effect on skin and mucous membranes. Irritant for skin and mucous membranes.
<b>on the eye:</b>	Strong corrosive effect. Irritant effect.
<b>Sensitization:</b>	No sensitizing effect known.
<b>Additional toxicological information:</b>	Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach. To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known. No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

**12 Ecological information:**

<b>Additional ecological information:</b>	
<b>General notes:</b>	Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water. Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water bodies or sewage system. Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

**13 Disposal considerations**

<b>Product: Recommendation</b>	Consult state, local or national regulations for proper disposal. Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste. Must be specially treated under adherence to official regulations.
<b>Uncleaned packagings: Recommendation:</b>	Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**14 Transport information****Land transport ADR/RID and GGVS/GGVE (cross-border/domestic)**

<b>ADR/RID-GGVS/E Class:</b>	8 (C6) Corrosive substances.
<b>Kemler Number:</b>	80
<b>UN-Number:</b>	3262
<b>Packaging group:</b>	II
<b>Label</b>	8
<b>Designation of goods: Limited quantities (LQ)</b>	3262 CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (lithium oxide) LQ23
<b>Transport category</b>	2

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Tunnel restriction code E

**Maritime transport IMDG/GGVSea:**

IMDG/GGVSea Class: 8  
 UN Number: 3262  
 Label: 8  
 Packaging group: II  
 Marine pollutant: No  
 Segregation groups: Alkalis  
 Correct technical name: CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (lithium oxide)

**Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:**

ICAO/IATA Class: 8  
 UN/ID Number: 3262  
 Label: 8  
 Packaging group: II  
 Correct technical name: CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (lithium oxide)

UN "Model Regulation": UN3262, CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S., 8, II

**15 Regulatory information****Designation according to EC guidelines:****Code letter and hazard designation of product:**

C Corrosive

Risk phrases: 34 Causes burns.

Safety phrases: 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
 36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

**National regulations**

Information about limitation of use: Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed.  
 For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Water hazard class: Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.

**16 Other information:**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing data specification sheet: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

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Abbreviations and acronyms: ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
 RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

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