

Safety Data Sheet

according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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1 Identification of substance

Product details

Trade name

Bismuth(III) telluride

Stock number:

44077

Manufacturer/Supplier:

Alfa Aesar GmbH & Co.KG
Benzstrasse 3
D-76185 Karlsruhe / GermanyE-mail: gcat@matthey.com
www.alfa-chemcat.com

Informing department:

Product safety department.

Emergency information:

Giftnotruf Universität Mainz / Poison Information Center Mainz
www.giftinfo.uni-mainz.de Telefon: +49(0)6131/19240

2 Hazards identification

Hazard designation:



Xn Harmful

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

GHS label elements

**Warning**H302 - Harmful if swallowed.
H312 - Harmful in contact with skin.
H332 - Harmful if inhaled.
H315 - Causes skin irritation.
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation.

Prevention:

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Response:

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

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

P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

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

3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization:

Bismuth(III) telluride (CAS# 1304-82-1)

Designation: (CAS#)

Identification number(s):

215-135-2

EINECS Number:

4 First aid measures

After inhalation

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

After skin contact

Seek immediate medical advice.
Instantly wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

After eye contact

Seek immediate medical advice.
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult doctor.

After swallowing

Seek immediate medical advice.

5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing agents

CO2, sand, extinguishing powder. Do not use water.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents

Water.

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
Wear full protective suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Person-related safety precautions:

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Measures for environmental protection:

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

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Additional information:

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:

Keep containers tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

No special measures required.

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and containers:

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from oxidizing agents.
Do not store together with acids.
Store away from water.

Further information about storage conditions:

Protect from humidity and keep away from water.
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

8 Exposure controls and personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:

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

Components with critical values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Bismuth telluride (undoped)
mg/m3
ACGIH TLV 10; A4
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Denmark TWA 10
 France TWA 10
 Ireland TWA 10; 20-STEL
 Netherlands TWA 5
 Switzerland TWA 0.1; 0.5-STEL
 United Kingdom TWA 10; 20-STEL
 USA PEL 5 (respirable fraction); 15 (total dust)

Components with critical values that require monitoring at the workplace:**Additional information:**

No data

Personal protective equipment**General protective and hygienic measures**

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.
 Use breathing protection with high concentrations.
 Safety glasses
 Face protection
 Protective work clothing.

Breathing equipment:**Eye protection:****Body protection:****9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

Form: Powder
Colour: Grey
 Black
Smell: Odourless

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range: 573°C
Boiling point/Boiling range: Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined

Flash point: Not applicable**Ignition temperature:** Not determined**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined**Danger of explosion:** Product is not explosive.**Critical values for explosion:**

Lower: Not determined
Upper: Not determined

Steam pressure: Not determined**Density at 20°C** 7.642 g/cm³**Solubility in / Miscibility with****Water:** Insoluble**10 Stability and reactivity****Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:****Materials to be avoided:**

No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.

Oxidizing agents

Acids

Water/moisture

Reacts with oxidizing agents

Dangerous reactions:**Dangerous products of decomposition:**

Metal oxide

11 Toxicological information**Acute toxicity:****Primary irritant effect:****on the skin:****on the eye:****Sensitization:****Additional toxicological information:**

Irritant for skin and mucous membranes.

Irritant effect.

No sensitizing effect known.

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.

12 Ecological information:**Additional ecological information:****General notes:**

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**Product:****Recommendation**

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.

Uncleaned packagings:**Recommendation:**

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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

6.1 (T5) Toxic substances.

Kemler Number:

60

UN-Number:

3284

Packaging group:

III

Label

6.1

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Designation of goods: 3284 TELLURIUM COMPOUND, N.O.S. (Bismuth(III) telluride)
 Limited quantities (LQ) LQ9
 Transport category 2
 Tunnel restriction code E

Maritime transport IMDG/GGVSea:



IMDG/GGVSea Class: 6.1
 UN Number: 3284
 Label: 6.1
 Packaging group: III
 EMS Number: F-A,S-A
 Marine pollutant: No
 Correct technical name: TELLURIUM COMPOUND, N.O.S. (Bismuth(III) telluride)

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:



ICAO/IATA Class: 6.1
 UN/ID Number: 3284
 Label: 6.1
 Packaging group: III
 Correct technical name: TELLURIUM COMPOUND, N.O.S. (Bismuth(III) telluride)

UN "Model Regulation":
 UN3284, TELLURIUM COMPOUND, N.O.S., 6.1, III

15 Regulatory information

Designation according to EC guidelines:

Code letter and hazard designation of product:



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Risk phrases:

20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Safety phrases:

26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
 36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

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.

Contact: Zachariah Holt

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)