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Material Safety Data Sheet

Activated charcoal MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Activated charcoal

Catalog Codes: 10040,10044,10041,20042

CAS#: 7440-44-0

RTECS: FL7243500

TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Charcoal, Activated

CI#: Not available.

Synonym: Charcoal, activated, Norit, Aquarium, 4-8 mesh

Chemical Name: Charcoal, Activated

Chemical Formula: C

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

Composition:

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Activated Charcoal	7440-44-0	100

Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Charcoal, Activated LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to mucous membranes. The substance may be toxic to lungs. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact:

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

Skin Contact: Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

Serious Skin Contact: Not available.

Inhalation:

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

Serious Inhalation:

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Seek medical attention.

Ingestion:

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product: Flammable.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: 452°C (845.6°F)

Flash Points: Not available.

Flammable Limits: Not available.

Products of Combustion: Not available.

Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:

Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:

Flammable solid. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, autoignition or explosion.

Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:

Flammable/combustible material. May be ignited by friction, heat, sparks, or flames. May reignite after fire is extinguished. Freshly prepared material may heat spontaneously in air, and presence of water accelerates this.

Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:

Material in powder form, capable of creating a dust explosion (forming explosive mixtures in air) when exposed to heat, flame, or ammonium nitrate + heat. ammonium tetrachloride at 240 C, bromates, Ca(OCl)₂, chlorates, Cl₂, (Cl₂ + Cr(OCl)₂), ClO, F₂, iodates, IO₅, (Pb(NO₃)₂, HgNO₃, HNO₃, (oils + air), (potassium + air), Na₂S, Zn(NO₃)₂.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Small Spill: Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container.

Large Spill:

Spontaneously combustible solid. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal. Obtain advice on use of water as spilled material may react with it. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Cover with wet earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Precautions:

Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not breathe dust. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, metals, acids.

Storage:

Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep in a cool and ventilated area away from combustible materials. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls:

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection: Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits:

TWA: 3.5 (mg/m³) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] TWA: 4 (mg/m³) [United Kingdom (UK)] Inhalation Respirable. TWA: 10 (mg/m³) [United Kingdom (UK)] Inhalation Total. TWA: 2 (mg/m³) [Canada] Inhalation Respirable. Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Solid. (Granular solid.)

Odor: Odorless.

Taste: Not available.

Molecular Weight: 12.01 g/mole

Color: Black

pH (1% soln/water): Not applicable.

Boiling Point: Not available.

Melting Point: 3500°C (6332°F)

Critical Temperature: 6810°C (12290°F)

Specific Gravity: 3.51 (Water = 1)

Vapor Pressure: Not applicable.

Vapor Density: Not available.

Volatility: Not available.

Odor Threshold: Not available.

Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.

Ionicity (in Water): Not available.

Dispersion Properties: Not available.

Solubility: Insoluble in cold water, hot water.

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.

Instability Temperature: Not available.

Conditions of Instability: Heat, ignition sources (flames, sparks), air, incompatible materials

Incompatibility with various substances: Reactive with oxidizing agents, metals, acids.

Corrosivity: Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

Special Remarks on Reactivity:

Incompatible with air, unsaturated oils, 2-Nitrobenzaldehyde, strong oxidizers such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, and potassium peroxide.

Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.

Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Inhalation. Ingestion.

Toxicity to Animals:

LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

Chronic Effects on Humans:

Causes damage to the following organs: mucous membranes. May cause damage to the following organs: lungs.

Other Toxic Effects on Humans: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.

Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: May cause adverse reproductive effects.

Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:

Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: May cause skin irritation. Eyes: May cause eye irritation. Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation. Ingestion: May cause aspiration pneumonitis, vomiting, decreased gastrointestinal transit time, gastrointestinal obstruction, constipation, a charcoal-containing empyema, intestinal perforation, charcoal deposits in the esophageal and gastric mucosa, rectal ulcer. Chronic Potential Health Effects: Skin: Chronic skin exposure can result in clogging of hair follicles, rendering them black. Inhalation: Chronic inhalation can cause carbon particles to accumulate in the lungs. It may cause a pneumoconiosis called "Black Lung Disease" or "Coal Workers Pneumoconiosis". This is seen in coal workers, but no evidence has been found for the equivalent with occupational exposure to activated carbon (charcoal).

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.

BOD5 and COD: Not available.

Products of Biodegradation:

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal:

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

Section 14: Transport Information

DOT Classification: Not Regulated.

Identification: : Activated carbon (Not DOT Regulated).

Special Provisions for Transport: Not available.

Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

Federal and State Regulations:

Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Charcoal, Activated TSCA 8(b) inventory: Charcoal, Activated

Other Regulations:

OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

Other Classifications:

WHMIS (Canada): Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

DSCL (EEC):

This product is not classified according to the EU regulations. Not applicable.

HMIS (U.S.A.):

Health Hazard: 1

Fire Hazard: 3

Reactivity: 0

Personal Protection: E

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

Health: 1

Flammability: 3

Reactivity: 0

Specific hazard:

Protective Equipment:

Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Safety glasses.

Section 16: Other Information

References: Not available.

Other Special Considerations: Not available.

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