Material Safety Data Sheet
acc. to OSHA and ANSI

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1 Identification of substance:

- Product details:
  - Product name: Silicic acid
  - Stock number: 33270

- Manufacturer/Supplier:
  - Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company
    Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.
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    Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300
    CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300
    Web Site: www.alfa.com

- Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department

- Emergency information:
  During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call CHEMTREC at (800) 424-9300.

2 Composition/Data on components:

- Chemical characterization:
  - Description: (CAS#)
    Silicon (IV) oxide, hydrate (CAS# 7699-41-4), 100%
  - Identification number(s):
  - EINECS Number: 231-545-4

3 Hazards identification

- Hazard description: Xn Harmful

- Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment
  - R 20 Harmful by inhalation.
  - R 37 Irritating to respiratory system.

- Classification system

- HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)
  - (Hazardous Materials Identification System)
    Health (acute effects) = 0
    Flammability = 0
    Reactivity = 0

4 First aid measures

- After inhalation
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Seek immediate medical advice.

- **After skin contact**
  Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. Seek immediate medical advice.

- **After eye contact**
  Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

- **After swallowing**
  Seek immediate medical advice.

- **Information for doctor**

- **The following symptoms may occur:**
  Coughing
  Breathing difficulty

### 5 Fire fighting measures

- **Suitable extinguishing agents**
  Product is not flammable. Use fire fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

- **Protective equipment:**
  Wear self-contained respirator.
  Wear fully protective impervious suit.

### 6 Accidental release measures

- **Person-related safety precautions:**
  Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
  Ensure adequate ventilation

- **Measures for environmental protection:**
  Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

- **Measures for cleaning/collecting:**
  Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
  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 disposal information.

### 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling**

- **Information for safe handling:**
  Keep container tightly sealed.
  Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
  Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**
  The product is not flammable

- **Storage**

- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**
  No special requirements.

- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:**
  Do not store together with acids.
  Store away from halogens.
  Store away from oxidizing agents.
Further information about storage conditions:

- Protect from humidity and 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 limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

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Germany TWA 0.3 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)
Ireland TWA 0.1 (respirable)
United Kingdom TWA 0.3 (respirable dust)

Silica, amorphous-fume
mg/m³
ACGIH TLV 2 (respirable particulate)
Germany TWA 0.3 (respirable fraction of the aerosol)

Silica, amorphous-precipitated and gel
mg/m³
ACGIH TLV 10 (inhalable particulate)
Germany TWA 4 (inhalable fraction of the aerosol)
USA PEL 20 mppcf

**Additional information:** No data

**Personal protective equipment**

**General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

**Breathing equipment:**

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

**Protection of hands:** Impervious gloves

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses

**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

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9 **Physical and chemical properties:**

**General Information**

**Form:** Powder

**Color:** White

**Odor:** Odorless

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**Change in condition**

**Melting point/Melting range:** Not determined

**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 does not present an explosion hazard.

**Explosion limits:**

**Lower:** Not determined


- Upper: Not determined
- Vapor pressure: Not determined
- Density: Not determined
- Solubility in / Miscibility with Water: Insoluble

10 Stability and reactivity

- Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:
  Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
- Materials to be avoided:
  - Hydrogen fluoride (HF)
  - Interhalogens
  - Halogens
  - Oxidizing agents
- Dangerous reactions Reacts violently with interhalogens.
- Dangerous products of decomposition:
  No dangerous decomposition products known

11 Toxicological information

- Acute toxicity:
- Primary irritant effect:
  - on the skin: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
  - on the eye: Irritating effect.
- Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
- Other information (about experimental toxicology):
  Tumorigenic effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.
  Reproductive effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.
  Carcinogenic effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.
- Subacute to chronic toxicity:
  Prolonged inhalation of silica may cause silicosis, the formation of adhesions in the lungs progressing to the formation of a continuous mass of fibrous tissue. If the disease continues, death may occur. Tuberculosis is often found in people with silicosis. Some forms of silica are more fibrogenic than others. Some forms of crystalline silica have shown carcinogenic, tumorigenic and neoplastic effects in laboratory animals. Amorphous silica is less harmful by inhalation than crystalline forms. Amorphous silica may, however, contain small amounts of crystalline silica.
- Additional toxicological information:
  To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.
  The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains tumorigenic and/or carcinogenic and/or neoplastic data for components in this product.
  IARC-1: Carcinogenic to humans: sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity.
  NTP-2: Reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen: limited evidence from studies in humans or sufficient evidence from studies in experimental animals.

12 Ecological information:

- General notes:
  Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper
13 Disposal considerations

- Product:
- Recommendation
  Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
- Uncleaned packagings:
- Recommendation:
  Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

- DOT regulations:
  - Hazard class: None

  - Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)
    - ADR/RID class: None

  - Maritime transport IMDG:
    - IMDG Class: None

  - Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:
    - ICAO/IATA Class: None

  - Transport/Additional information:
    Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

15 Regulations

- Product related hazard informations:
  - Hazard symbols: Xn Harmful

- Risk phrases:
  20 Harmful by inhalation.
  37 Irritating to respiratory system.

- Safety phrases:
  9 Keep container in a well-ventilated place.
  36 Wear suitable protective clothing.

- National regulations
  All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.
  This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

- Information about limitation of use:
For use only by technically qualified individuals.

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 MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.
- Contact: Darrell R. Sanders

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