Cobalt (II, III) Oxide

Section 1: Product and Company Identification

Synonyms/General Names: Cobalt Oxide
Product Use: For educational use only
Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc., Columbus, WI 53925.

24 Hour Emergency Information Telephone Numbers
CHEMTREC (USA): 800-424-9300  CANUTEC (Canada): 613-424-6666
ScholAR Chemistry; 5100 W. Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14586; (866) 260-0501; www.Scholarchemistry.com

Section 2: Hazards Identification

Black-gray crystalline powder; no odor.

CAUTION! Possible carcinogen and slightly toxic by ingestion.
Target organs: None known

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

Cobalt Oxide, (1308-06-1), 100%

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Always seek professional medical attention after first aid measures are provided.

Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with excess water for 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally.
Skin: Immediately flush skin with excess water for 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing.
Ingestion: Call Poison Control immediately. Rinse mouth with cold water. Give victim 1-2 cups of water or milk to drink. Induce vomiting immediately.
Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Nonflammable solid. When heated to decomposition, emits acrid fumes.

Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters: Use foam or dry chemical to extinguish fire.
Firefighters should wear full fire fighting turn-out gear and respiratory protection (SCBA). Cool container with water spray. Material is not sensitive to mechanical impact or static discharge.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Isolate the hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Sweep up spill and place in sealed bag or container for disposal. Wash spill area after pickup is complete. See Section 13 for disposal information.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Handling: Use with adequate ventilation and do not breathe dust or vapor. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
Storage: Store in General Storage Area [Green Storage] with other items with no specific storage hazards. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated, locked store room away from incompatible materials.

Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Have approved eyewash facility, safety shower, and fire extinguishers readily available. Wear chemical splash goggles and chemical resistant clothing such as gloves and aprons. Wash hands thoroughly after handling material and before eating or drinking. Use NIOSH-approved respirator with a dust cartridge.
Exposure guidelines: Cobalt Oxide: OSHA PEL: N/A, ACGIH: TLV: N/A, STEL: N/A.
### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

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<td>Molecular weight</td>
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**Appearance**: Black-gray crystalline powder.

**Odor**: None.

**Solubility**: Insoluble.

**Evaporation rate**: N/A (Butyl acetate = 1).

**Partition Coefficient**: N/A (log POW).

**Vapor Pressure (20°C)**: N/A.

**pH**: N/A.

**Flash Point**: N/A.

**ELD**: N/A.

**UEL**: N/A.

N/A = Not available or applicable

### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Avoid heat and moisture.

**Stability**: Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

**Incompatibility**: No specific information is available.

**Shelf life**: Indefinite if stored properly.

### Section 11: Toxicology Information

**Acute Symptoms/Signs of exposure**: Eyes: Redness, tearing, itching, burning, conjunctivitis. Skin: Redness, itching.

**Ingestion**: Irritation and burning sensations of mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Inhalation: Irritation of mucous membranes, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath.

**Chronic Effects**: No information found.

**Sensitization**: none expected

Cobalt Oxide: LD50 [oral, rat]: >5 g/kg; LC50 [rat]: N/A; LD50 Dermal [rabbit]: N/A

Material has been found to be a Class 2B – a possible carcinogen by IARC.

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity (aquatic and terrestrial)**: Contains a heavy metal – Toxic to terrestrial and aquatic plants and animals. Do not release to the environment.

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Check with all applicable local, regional, and national laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national regulations. Small amounts of this material may be suitable for sanitary sewer or trash disposal.

### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Shipping Name**: Not regulated by DOT.

**DOT Hazard Class**: Not regulated by TDG.

**UN Number**: UN Number:

### Section 15: Regulatory Information

**EINECS**: Listed (215-157-2).

**WHMIS Canada**: Not WHMIS Controlled.

**TSCA**: All components are listed or are exempt.

**California Proposition 65**: Material causing Cancer.

*The product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.*

### Section 16: Other Information

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