# **SAFETY DATA SHEETS**

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# "CLEANING THE WORLD WITH ACTIVATED CARBON"



#### SAFETY DATA SHEET

## **Section 1 - Identity**

Identity (As Used on Label and List): GC Activated Carbon (Including, but not limited to GC C-40, GC 4 x 8B, GC 4 x 8S, GC 6 x 12, GC 6 x 12S, GC 8 x 30, GC 8 x 30AW, GC 8 x 30SAW, GC 12 x 40, GC 12 x 40AW, GC 12x40SAW, GC 20 x 50, GC 20 x 50S, GC Powdered, GC WDC activated carbons)

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#### Section 2 - Hazardous Identification

2.1 GHS-US Classification

Eye Irritation 2B H320 STOT SE 3 H335

**Hazards not otherwise classified:** Combustible dust. May form combustible dust concentrations in air. All powdered activated carbons are classified as weakly explosive (Dust explosion class St1): Given the necessary conditions of a strong ignition source, right concentrations of airborne carbon dust, adequate oxygen levels, and confinement, the potential for a deflagration event exists. A combustible dust hazard assessment and employee training should be carried out. See sections 7 and 9 for further information on combustible dust precautions.

# 2.2 Label Elements



**Hazard Pictograms** 

Signal word (GHS-US) : Warning

Hazard Statements : H320- Causes eye irritation

: H335- May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : P261- Avoid breathing dust

: P264- Wash thoroughly after handling : P271- Use in well-ventilated area

: P280- Wear protective gloves/clothing/eye & face protect

: P304&340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air

: P305&351&P338: If in eyes, Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and

easy to do so. Continue rinsing.

: P312- Call Poison Control Center/Doctor if you feel sick

: P403& P233- Store in well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

: P405- Store locked up

: P501- Dispose of container to appropriate receptacle

#### 2.3 Other Hazards

No additional information available 2.4 Unknown acute toxicity (GHS-US)

No data available

#### **Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

3.1 Substances Not applicable 3.2 Mixture

CAS# GHS\_US classification Name 7440-44-0 100 Not classified Carbon

#### Section 4 – First Aid Measures

## 4.1 Description of first aid measures

First aid after inhalation Remove person to fresh air. If not breathing, administer CPR or artificial

respiration. Get immediate medical attention.

First aid after skin contact If skin reddening or irritation develops, seek medical attention First aid after eye contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.

If irritation persists, get medical attention.

First aid after ingestion If the material is swallowed, get immediate medical attention or advice.

DO NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/injuries after inhalation May cause respiratory irritation Symptoms/injuries after skin contact May cause skin irritation Symptoms/injuries after eye contact Causes serious eye damage Symptoms/injuries after ingestion May be harmful is swallowed

#### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No additional information available.

## **Section 5: Firefighting measures**

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media If involved with fire, flood with plenty of water

Unsuitable extinguishing media None

#### 5.2 Special hazards arising from substance or mixture

Fire hazard None known Explosion hazard None known

Reactivity Contact with strong oxidizers such as ozone, liquid oxygen, chlorine, etc.

may result in fire.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Protection during firefighting Firefighters should wear full protective gear

#### Section 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures

Avoid contact with the skin and eyes

### 6.1.1 For non-emergency personnel

No additional information available

#### 6.1.2 For emergency responders

No additional information available

## **6.2 Environmental precautions**

None

## 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment If possible, stop flow of product

Methods for cleaning up

Shovel or sweep up and put in closed container for disposal

## 6.4 Reference to other sections

No additional information available

## **Section 7: Handling and storage**

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with eyes. Wet activated carbon removes oxygen from air causing severe hazard to workers inside carbon vessels or confined spaces

#### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Protect containers from physical damage. Store in dry, cool, well-ventilated area. Store away from strong oxidizers, strong acids, ignition sources, combustible materials, and heat. An adequate air gap between packages is recommended to reduce propagation in the case of fire.

**Handling:** A hazard assessment should be carried out. As with all finely divided materials, ground all transfer, blending, and dust collecting equipment to prevent static discharge. Remove all strong ignition sources from material handling, transfer, and processing areas where dust may be present or accumulate. Practice good housekeeping. Excessive accumulations of dust or dusty conditions can create the potential of secondary explosions. Inspection of hidden surfaces for dust accumulation should be made routinely. If possible, eliminate the pathways for dust to accumulate in hidden areas. Fine carbon dust may penetrate electrical equipment and cause electrical shorts. Where dusting is unavoidable, dust-proof boxes and regular electrical line maintenance are recommended. Refer to NFPA standards 654 for guidance.

**Caution employees**-no smoking in carbon storage and handling areas. Carbon is difficult to ignite, however, cutting and welding operations should be carried out using hot work permit systems where precautions are taken not to ignite carbon, which may smolder undetected.

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

#### Section 8: Exposure controls/ personal protection

#### 8.1 Control parameters

No additional information available

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Local exhaust and general ventilation must be adequate to meet exposure

standards

Hand Protection : None required under normal product handling conditions

Eye Protection : safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Wear suitable working clothes

Respiratory protection : If airborne concentrations are above the applicable exposure limits, use NIOSH

approved respiratory protection

## **Section 9: Physical and chemical properties**

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Solid
Appearance : Particulate
Color : Black

Odor : No data available Odor threshold : No data available : No data available Relative evaporation rate : No data available Melting point : No data available Freezing point : No data available **Boiling point** : No data available Flash point : No data available : No data available Self ignition temperature : No data available Decomposition temperature Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available Vapor Pressure : No data available Relative Vapor density @ 20 deg C : No data available **Relative Density** : 28-33 lb/ cubic foot Solubility : No data available Log Pow : No data available Log Kow : No data available Viscosity, kinematic : No data available Viscosity, dynamic : No data available **Explosive properties** : No data available : No data available Oxidizing properties

**Combustible dust**- These products may contain combustible dusts. May form combustible dust concentrations in air. All powdered activated carbons are weakly explosive. No specific information on these carbons are available.

: No data available

Typical combustible dust data for a variety of activated carbons:

Kst values reported between 43-113 (various sources).

**Explosive limits** 

**Dust explosion class St1** (Kst values < 200 are Class St1-weakly explosive).

MEC (minimum explosible concentration) in air 50 and 60 g/m<sub>3</sub> (two reports)

Volatile content (by weight): < 8% ASTM D3175-11 (Watercarb)

MIT (minimum ignition temperature) values reported between 400-680°C (752-1256°F) (four reports)

Maximum Absolute Explosion pressure values reported between 6.0-8.6 bar (four reports)

#### 9.2 Other information

No additional information available

#### Section 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1 Reactivity

Contact with strong oxidizers such as ozone, liquid oxygen, chlorine, etc. may result in fire

#### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions

#### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Will not occur

#### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

None

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing and reducing agents such as ozone, liquid oxygen or chlorine.

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide may be generated in the event of a fire.

## **Section 11: Toxicological information**

## 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Not classified

Carbon (7440-44-0)

LD50 oral rat :>10000 mg/kg Skin corrosion/irritation : Not classified

Serious eye damage/irritation : Causes eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization : Not classified Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified Carcinogenicity : Not classified Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity : May cause respiratory irritation (single exposure)

Specific target organ toxicity : Not classified (repeated exposure)

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

#### **Section 12: Ecological Information**

# 12.1 Toxicity

No additional information available

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

# 12.4 Mobility in soil

No additional information available

## 12.5 Other adverse effects

No additional information available

## **Section 13: Disposal concerns**

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Waste Disposal recommendations

: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/ regional/ international regulations

#### **Section 14: Transportation information**

In accordance with DOT/ADR/RID/ADNR/IMDG/ICAO/IATA

14.1 UN Number

Not applicable. See Note 1 below.

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Not applicable

Note 1: Under the UN classification for activated carbon, all activated carbons have been identified as a class 4.2 product. However, This product has been tested according to the United Nations Transport of Dangerous Goods test protocol for a "self-heating substance" (United Nations Transportation of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, Section 33.3.1.6 - Test N.4 - Test Method for Self Heating Substances) and it has been specifically determined that this product does not meet the definition of a self heating substance (class 4.2) or any other hazard class, and therefore should not be listed as a hazardous material. This information is applicable only for the Activated Carbon Product identified in this document.

#### **Section 15: Regulatory information**

15.1 US Federal regulations

<u>Carbon (7440-44-0)</u>
Listed on the United States TSCA inventory

15.3 US State regulations

No additional information available

#### **Section 16: Other information**

Full text of H-phrases:

Eye Irrit. 2B Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2B

STOT SE 3 Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3

H335 May cause respiratory irritation





NFPA health hazard NFPA fire hazard : 1-Exposure could cause irritation but only minor residual injury even if no treatment is given

: 1- Materials that require considerable preheating, under all ambient temperature

conditions, before ignition and combustion can occur (e.g. <u>mineral oil</u>). Includes some finely divided suspended solids that do not require heating before ignition can occur. Flash point at

or above 93.3 °C (200 °F)

NFPA reactivity

: 0- Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water

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