# Bismuth(III) zirconate

sc-234098





Hazard Alert Code Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## **PRODUCT NAME**

Bismuth(III) zirconate

## STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### **NFPA**



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# **EMERGENCY**

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## **SYNONYMS**

Bi4-O12-Zr3, 2Bi2O3.3ZrO2

# **Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

## **CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS**

		Min	Max
Flammability:	0		
Toxicity:	2		
Body Contact:	2		Min/Nil=0 Low=1
Reactivity:	0		Moderate=2
Chronic:	2		High=3 Extreme=4

#### **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS**



# **EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

#### RISK

Toxic to aquatic organisms.

May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### **ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS**

#### **SWALLOWED**

- Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- Because inorganic zirconium is poorly absorbed from the digestive tract, acute oral toxicity is low.

Injection is much more dangerous, causing progressive depression until death.

■ Owing to limited gastro-intestinal absorption, administration of insoluble bismuth compounds by mouth does not usually give rise to acute toxic effects.

They are excreted in the faeces.

■ Absorbed bismuth salts permeate the body fluids and tissues and are excreted mainly in the urine but some bismuth is retained in tissues

It is deposited in the metaphyses of young bones and can pass the placenta into the fetus.

#### **EYE**

■ Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn).

Slight abrasive damage may also result.

#### SKIN

- Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects, however the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.
- There is some evidence to suggest that this material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.
- The external application of zirconium can cause nodules in the skinof the armpits.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

## **INHALED**

■ The material is not thought to produce either adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract following inhalation (as classified using animal models).

Nevertheless, adverse effects have been produced following exposure of animals by at least one other route and good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.
- Zirconium workers exposed to fume for 1-5 years showed no abnormalities due to zirconium.

Animal studies also reveal a low order of hazard from inhaled zirconium.

## **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

■ Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.

Zirconium can accumulate in the spleen. Oral administration has not beenshown to cause any ill effects.

Chronic bismuth poisoning causes decreased appetite, weakness, rheumatic pain, diarrhea, fever, foul breath, gum and skin inflammation. Even after exposure ceases there may be a blue line ("bismuth line") of the gums years later.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
bismuth zirconate	37306-42-6	>98

# **Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

## **SWALLOWED**

· If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. · If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to

maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

#### EYE

■ If this product comes in contact with the eyes: · Wash out immediately with fresh running water. · Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.

#### SKIN

■ If skin contact occurs: · Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear · Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

#### **INHALED**

 $\cdot$  If dust is inhaled, remove from contaminated area.  $\cdot$  Encourage patient to blow nose to ensure clear passage of breathing.  $\cdot$  If irritation or discomfort persists seek medical attention.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN**

■ Severe bismuth intoxication may be treated with dimercaptol (BAL in oil). Induction of acidosis by administration of ammonium chloride has been claimed to promote mobilization of bismuth from tissue depots and increase the rate of urinary excretion.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES			
Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Not applicable.		
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not applicable		
Specific Gravity (water=1):	Not available		
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not applicable		

#### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

· There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.

Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

#### **FIRE FIGHTING**

- · Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- · Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves for fire only.

#### GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- · Non combustible.
- · Not considered to be a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.

Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: metal oxides.

May emit poisonous fumes.

May emit corrosive fumes.

#### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ None known

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:

Chemical goggles.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Particulate

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## MINOR SPILLS

- Environmental hazard contain spillage.
- · Remove all ignition sources.
- · Clean up all spills immediately.
- · Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- · Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- · Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- · Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

MAJOR SPILLS

■ Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

Moderate hazard.

- · CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- · Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

## **Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE**

## PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

 $\cdot$  Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.

 $\cdot$  Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

## **RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS**

- Glass container.
- · Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- · Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

# STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- · Store in original containers.
- · Keep containers securely sealed.

# Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

# **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium and compounds, as Zr)		5		10				
Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits	(Zirconium and		5		10				
Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium and compounds (as Zr))		5		10				
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))		5		10				[*Note: The REL applies to all zirconium compounds (as Zr) except Zirconiumtetrachloride.]
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))		5		10				
US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))		5		10				
US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))		5						
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium and compounds, (as Zr))		5		10				

US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium - compounds (as Zr))	5 -	10	
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium - Compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium - Compounds (as Zr))	5	10	
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	zirconate	5	10	
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium compounds (as Zr))	5		
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium - compounds (as Zr))	5		
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	bismuth zirconate (Zirconium - Compounds (as Zr))	5	10	

#### **ENDOELTABLE**

## PERSONAL PROTECTION



#### RESPIRATOR

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

#### **FYF**

- · Safety glasses with side shields.
- · Chemical goggles.

#### HANDS/FEET

- Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:
- · frequency and duration of contact,
- · chemical resistance of glove material,
- · glove thickness and
- · dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- · When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- · Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene
- · nitrile rubber
- · butyl rubber
- · fluorocaoutchouc
- · polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

#### **OTHER**

- · Overalls.
- · P.V.C. apron.
- · Barrier cream.
- $\cdot \text{ Skin cleansing cream.} \\$
- · Eye wash unit.

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

- · Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

# **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Solid.

Does not mix with water.

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State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	1301.57
Melting Range (°F)	Not available	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Immiscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not applicable	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Not applicable.
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not applicable	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not applicable	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not applicable

Volatile Component (%vol) Not applicable Evaporation Rate Not applicable

#### **APPEARANCE**

Powder: does not mix with water.

## **Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY**

## **CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY**

- · Presence of incompatible materials.
- · Product is considered stable.

#### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- · WARNING: Avoid or control reaction with peroxides. All transition metal peroxides should be considered as potentially explosive. For example transition metal complexes of alkyl hydroperoxides may decompose explosively.
- · The pi-complexes formed between chromium(0), vanadium(0) and other transition metals (haloarene-metal complexes) and mono-or poly-fluorobenzene show extreme sensitivity to heat and are explosive.
- · Avoid reaction with borohydrides or cyanoborohydrides.
- Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.
- · These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignites on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.
- · The state of subdivision may affect the results.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

bismuth zirconate

# TOXICITY AND IRRITATION BISMUTH ZIRCONATE:

■ No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

#### **CARCINOGEN**

Zirconium - Compounds (as Zr)	US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens	Carcinogen Category	A4
bismuth zirconate	US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List	IARC	
TWAPPM~	US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern List	Carcinogen	A4

## **Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxic to aquatic organisms.

May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

## **Ecotoxicity**

Ingredient Persistence: Water/Soil Persistence: Air Bioaccumulation Mobility

bismuth zirconate No Data Available No Data Available

## **Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal Instructions**

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- · Reuse
- · Recycling
- · Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and

recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- · Consult Waste Management Authority for disposal.

#### Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

## **Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**

bismuth zirconate (CAS: 37306-42-6) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory"

## **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **LIMITED EVIDENCE**

- Ingestion may produce health damage\*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.
- May produce skin discomfort\*.
- \* (limited evidence).

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