# SAFETY DATA SHEET

### CADMIUM TELLURIDE OPTICAL CRYSTAL





### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE AND THE COMPANY

CHEMICAL NAME: Cadmium Telluride

SYNONYMS, TRADE NAMES: CdTe

**DESCRIPTION:** Solid Inorganic Polycrystalline pieces

**USAGE:** Optical Material for manufacture of Optical Components.

APPEARANCE: White or clear solid. No odour

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#### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION





Xn Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

N Very Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Class 9 Environmentally Hazardous Substance

Signal: Warning

H302 Harmful if swallowed H312 Harmful in contact with skin H332 Harmful if inhaled

Signal: Warning

**H410** Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Prevention:** 

**P261** Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

**P264** Wash thoroughly after handling.

**P270** Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling this product

**P273** Avoid release to the environment.

Response:

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a poison centre or doctor. Rinse mouth. P304+P312 IF INHALED: Call a poison centre or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

 COMPONENT NAME
 CAS number
 %
 EC number (EINECS)
 EU index
 UN number

 Cadmium Telluride
 1306-25-8
 100%
 215-149-9
 048-001-00-5
 3077

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**GENERAL:** Consult a doctor for specific advice.

**EYES:** Irrigate thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.

**SKIN:** Wash thoroughly with soap and water. Dry area with clean towel. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before re-use. **INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. Perform artificial respiration if breathing has stopped. When breathing is difficult, properly trained personnel

may administer oxygen. Keep affected person warm and at rest. Obtain medical attention.

**INGESTION:** Do not induce vomiting. Wash out mouth thoroughly with water and give 2 cups of water to drink. Do not give carbonated drinks.

NEVER MAKE UNCONSCIOUS PERSONS VOMIT OR DRINK FLUIDS. Obtain medical attention immediately!

## **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

FLASH POINT: Not Ignitable. Not Applicable

**AUTO IGNITION TEMP:** Not Applicable

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** This product does not burn. **UNUSUAL FIRE HAZARDS:** May evolve toxic fumes in a fire.

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

CONTAMINATION CLEANUP: Wear suitable protective clothing & equipment as listed under Exposure / Personal protection. Take up and containerize for proper disposal. Avoid making dust. Containerize any cleaning materials used for proper disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

USAGE PRECAUTIONS: Keep away from heat. Avoid skin contact. Handle Carefully. Protect against physical damage. Avoid generating dust.

**STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:** Keep away from foodstuffs. Keep away from acids and strong bases.

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According to Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006 (REACH)



#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROL AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Protective gloves made of polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) are required. Use of a laboratory coat is suggested. Safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields are required if there is any possibility of chipping or dust creation. Respirators must be worn when the threshold limit is exceeded. Provide adequate general mechanical ventilation, and local exhaust ventilation. When handling quantities of this material, be sure to wear appropriate protective equipment as described. Eye wash should be readily available. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not take internally. Avoid breathing dust when generated. For persons with sensitive existing medical conditions, medical advice should be sought before employing on tasks involving exposure to this material.

EXPOSURE LIMITS MEL, 0.025 mg/m³ Cd Long-term. - EXPOSURE LIMITS OES, 0.1 mg/m³ Te Long-term.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**APPEARANCE:** Clear glassy geometric shapes, no odour.

pH IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION: Not determined **BOILING POINT (760mm Hg)** Not known MELTING POINT: 1041°C FLASH POINT: Not Applicable Not Applicable FLAMMABILITY: **EXPLOSIVE PROPERTIES:** Not Applicable SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 6.2

**VAPOUR PRESSURE:** Not Applicable SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Practically Insoluble

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: Reaction with oxidisers possible.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: Acids

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

TOXIC DOSE - LD50 > 15 g/kg (mouse)

CARCINOGENICITY: Should be treated as a suspected carcinogen. MUTAGENICITY/TERATOGENICITY: May cause adverse mutagenic or teratogenic effects.

TOXICOLOGICAL FINDINGS: If swallowed causes nausea, vomiting, stomach pains and diarrhoea. Also harmful in contact with skin. Particular

care must be exercised when machining and creating dust or particles.

The following applies to cadmium compounds in general: mucosal irritations, coughing, and dyspnoea after inhalation. Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract. Toxic effect on gastrointestinal tract. Long-term exposure to the chemical results in toxic effect on kidneys, lungs, bones.

The following applies to tellurium compounds in general: after oral uptake, the compound is mostly reduced to metallic tellurium and subsequently eliminated with the faeces (blue-grey). After inhalation or ingestion: metallic taste, dryness in mouth. Possible in extreme cases: gastrointestinal complaints, cyanosis, unconsciousness, collapse, in some cases risk of liver and kidney damage.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The following applies to cadmium compounds in general: degradability: biodegradability 0; biological effects: fish: L.macrochirus 96 h. LDLo: 1.94 mg/l; C. auratus 8.5 h. toxic from 0.0165 mg/l up; bacteria: E. coli toxic from 0.15 mg/l up; arthropods: Daphnia toxic 0.1 mg/l; Daphnia magna toxic from 0.0026 mg/l up; protozoa: toxic from 0.2 mg/l up; algae: Sc.quadricauda toxic from 0.1 mg/l up; hazard for drinking water.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL METHODS:** Chemical residues are generally classified as special waste, and are covered by regulations which vary according

to location. Contact your local waste disposal authority for advice, or pass to a chemical disposal company.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION** Class UN Packing Group Proper Shipping Name 3077 Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Solid, N.O.S. (Cadmium Telluride) Ш

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Hazard Symbols:** T - Toxic N - Dangerous for the environment

Risk Phrases: R20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

> 50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms. May cause long-term adverse effects in aquatic environment

Safety Phrases S60-61 This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Avoid release to the environment.

Note that the Risk and Safety Phrases included here for completeness are being replaced with the GHS Hazard and Precautionary statements given in section 2.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**REVISION DATE:** May 2012 Supercedes issue of October 2009 (Changes in Section: 1, 2, 3, (2 & 3 reversed), 8, 11, 14, 15

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and must be used only as a guide.

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