

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (3N) 99.9% Copper(I) Selenide

**Product Code:** CU1-SE-03

**CAS Number:** 20405-64-5

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Acute toxicity, Oral(Category 3), H301

Acute toxicity, Inhalation(Category 3), H331

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure(Category 2), H373

Acute aquatic toxicity(Category 1), H400

Chronic aquatic toxicity(Category 1), H410

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 + H331

Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled

H373

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ Vapors/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P301 + P310

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

P304 + P340

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P314

Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

P321

Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).

P330

Rinse mouth.

P391

Collect spillage.

P403 + P233

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS-none

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

Formula:  $\text{Cu}_2\text{Se}$

Molecular weight: 206.05 g/mol

CAS-No.: 20405-64-5

EC-No.: 243-796-7

Index-No.: 034-002-00-8

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2) and/or in section 11

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

Further information

No data available

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing Vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

For precautions see section 2.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Keep in a dry place.

Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices.

Wash and dry hands.

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N99 (US) or type P2 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Form: powder

Odor

No data available

Odor Threshold

No data available

pH

No data available

Melting point/freezing point

No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling range

No data available

Flash point

N/A

Evaporation rate  
No data available  
Flammability (solid, gas)  
No data available  
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits  
No data available  
Vapor pressure  
No data available  
Vapor density  
No data available  
Relative density  
6.84 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)  
Water solubility  
No data available  
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water  
No data available  
Auto-ignition temperature  
No data available  
Decomposition temperature  
No data available  
Viscosity  
No data available  
Explosive properties  
No data available  
Oxidizing properties  
No data available  
Other safety information  
No data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity  
No data available  
Chemical stability  
Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions  
No data available  
Conditions to avoid  
No data available  
Incompatible materials  
Strong oxidizing agents  
Hazardous decomposition products  
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.-Selenium/selenium oxides, Copper oxides  
Other decomposition products-No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects  
Acute toxicity

No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA:

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

Symptoms of systemic copper poisoning may include: capillary damage, headache, cold sweat, weak pulse, and kidney and liver damage, central nervous system excitation followed by depression, jaundice, convulsions, paralysis, and coma. Death may occur from shock or renal failure. Chronic copper poisoning is typified by hepatic cirrhosis, brain damage and demyelination, kidney defects, and copper deposition in the cornea as exemplified by humans with Wilson's disease. It has also been reported that copper poisoning has lead to hemolytic anemia and accelerates arteriosclerosis., Acute selenium poisoning produces central nervous system effects, which include nervousness, convulsions, and drowsiness. Other signs of intoxication can include skin eruptions, lassitude, gastrointestinal distress, teeth that are discolored or decayed, odorous ("garlic") breath, and partial loss of hair and nails. Chronic exposure by inhalation can produce symptoms that include pallor, coating of the tongue, anemia, irritation of the mucosa, lumbar pain, liver and spleen damage, as well as any of the other previously mentioned symptoms. Chronic contact with selenium compounds may cause garlic odor of breath and sweat, dermatitis, and moderate emotional instability., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available  
Bioaccumulative potential  
No data available  
Mobility in soil  
No data available  
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment  
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted  
Other adverse effects  
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.  
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods  
Product  
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.  
Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.  
Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.  
Contaminated packaging  
Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT (US)  
UN number: 3283  
Class: 6.1  
Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Selenium compound, solid, n.o.s.(Dicopper selenide)  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No  
IMDG  
UN number: 3283  
Class: 6.1  
Packing group: II  
EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: SELENIUM COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S.(Dicopper selenide)  
IATA  
UN number: 3283  
Class: 6.1  
Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Selenium compound, solid, n.o.s.(Dicopper selenide)

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## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

SARA 302 Components  
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.  
SARA 313 Components  
Dicopper selenide  
CAS-No.  
20405-64-5

Revision Date  
2007-07-01  
SARA 311/312 Hazards  
Acute Health Hazard  
Massachusetts Right To Know Components  
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.  
Pennsylvania Right To Know Components  
Dicopper selenide  
CAS-No.  
20405-64-5  
Revision Date  
2007-07-01  
New Jersey Right To Know Components  
Dicopper selenide  
CAS-No.  
20405-64-5  
Revision Date  
2007-07-01  
California Prop. 65 Components  
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.