

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Germanium(II) Selenide

**Product Number:** All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. GE2-SE-05-WF , GE2-SE-05-P , GE2-SE-05-I , GE2-SE-05-L , GE2-SE-05-ST , GE2-SE-05-PCS

**CAS #:** 12065-10-0

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

**Supplier details:**

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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, Dermal (Category 3), H311

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

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

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 + H311

Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

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.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear eye protection/ face protection.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

P301 + P310 + P330

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician. Rinse mouth.

P302 + P352

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P302 + P352 + P312

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

P305 + P351 + P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P314

Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

P332 + P313

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P337 + P313

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P361

Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

P391

Collect spillage.

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: GeSe

Molecular weight: 151.6 g/mol

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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

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

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 2.2) 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

Selenium/selenium oxides, Germanium oxides

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.

Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

Keep in a dry place.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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

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.

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: pieces

Colour: grey

Odor

No data available

Odor Threshold  
No data available  
pH  
No data available  
Melting point/freezing point  
Melting point/range: 670 °C (1,238 °F)-lit.  
Initial boiling point and boiling range  
No data available  
Flash point  
No data available  
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  
5.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup> 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  
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

Inhalation:

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:

3-Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans(Germanium(II) selenide)

ACGIH:

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

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

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.

Stomach-Irregularities-Based on Human Evidence

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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

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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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. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

DOT (US)

UN number: 3283

Class:

6.1

Packing group:

III

Proper shipping name:

Selenium compound, solid, n.o.s. (Germanium(II) selenide)

Reportable Quantity

(RQ): Poison Inhalation Hazard:

No

IMDG

UN number:

3283

Class:

6.1

Packing group:

III

EMS-No:

F-A, S-A

Proper shipping name:

SELENIUM COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Germanium(II) selenide)

IATA

UN number:

3283

Class:

6.1

Packing group:

III

Proper shipping name:

Selenium compound, solid, n.o.s. (Germanium(II) 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

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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SARA 311/312

Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

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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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## SECTION 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.

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