SAFETY DATA SHEET



Calcium Carbide

Section 1. Identification

GHS product identifier

: Calcium Carbide

Chemical name

: calcium carbide

Other means of identification

: calcium acetylide; Calcium carbide (Ca(C2)); Calcium carbide (CaC2)

Product use

: Synthetic/Analytical chemistry.

Synonym

: calcium acetylide; Calcium carbide (Ca(C2)); Calcium carbide (CaC2)

SDS#

: 001086

Supplier's details

: Airgas USA, LLC and its affiliates 259 North Radnor-Chester Road

Suite 100

Radnor, PA 19087-5283

1-610-687-5253

Emergency telephone number (with hours of operation)

: 1-866-734-3438

Section 2. Hazards identification

OSHA/HCS status

: This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Classification of the substance or mixture

: SUBSTANCES AND MIXTURES, WHICH IN CONTACT WITH WATER, EMIT

FLAMMABLE GASES - Category 1

SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 1A

SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/ EYE IRRITATION - Category 1

SPECIFIC TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY (SINGLE EXPOSURE) (Respiratory tract

irritation) - Category 3

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :







Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements

General

: Read label before use. Keep out of reach of children. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

Prevention

: Wear protective gloves. Wear eye or face protection. Wear protective clothing. Protect from moisture. Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire. Handle under inert gas. Do not breathe dust. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Use and store only outdoors or in a well ventilated place.

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Section 2. Hazards identification

Response

: IF exposed or if you feel unwell: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water or wrap in wet bandages. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

Storage

: Store locked up. Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

Disposal

: Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

Hazards not otherwise

classified

: None known.

Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/mixture : Substance
Chemical name : calcium carbide

Other means of identification

: calcium acetylide; Calcium carbide (Ca(C2)); Calcium carbide (CaC2)

CAS number/other identifiers

CAS number : 75-20-7
Product code : 001086

Ingredient name	%	CAS number	
Calcium acetylide	100	75-20-7	

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Section 4. First aid measures

Description of necessary first aid measures

Eye contact

: Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician.

Inhalation

Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Skin contact

: Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Brush off loose particles from skin. Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Immerse in cool water or wrap in wet bandages. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.

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Section 4. First aid measures

Ingestion

: Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Potential acute health effects

Eye contact : Causes serious eye damage.

Inhalation : May give off gas, vapor or dust that is very irritating or corrosive to the respiratory

system.

Skin contact : Causes severe burns.

Frostbite : Try to warm up the frozen tissues and seek medical attention.

Ingestion : May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

Eye contact : Adverse symptoms may include the following:

> pain watering redness

Inhalation : No specific data.

Skin contact : Adverse symptoms may include the following:

pain or irritation

redness

blistering may occur

Ingestion : Adverse symptoms may include the following:

stomach pains

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Notes to physician

: Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.

Specific treatments

: No specific treatment.

Protection of first-aiders

: No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing

media

: Use dry chemical or CO₂.

Unsuitable extinguishing : Do not use water or foam.

media

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Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Hazardous thermal decomposition products

- : In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.
- : Decomposition products may include the following materials: carbon dioxide

carbon monoxide metal oxide/oxides

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

: Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

: Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Section 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel

: No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Keep away from water. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

For emergency responders

If specialised clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

Environmental precautions

: Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Small spill

: Move containers from spill area. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Avoid allowing the spilled material to get wet or using water to clean up spillages or residues, unless the quantity remaining is very small. Avoid dust generation. Do not dry sweep. Vacuum dust with equipment fitted with a HEPA filter and place in a closed, labeled waste container. Place spilled material in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

Large spill

Move containers from spill area. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Avoid allowing the spilled material to get wet or using water to clean up spillages or residues, unless the quantity remaining is very small. Avoid dust generation. Do not dry sweep. Vacuum dust with equipment fitted with a HEPA filter and place in a closed, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

Section 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

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Protective measures

: Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not ingest. Handle under inert gas. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Do not enter storage areas and confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Use only non-sparking tools. Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

: Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

including any incompatibilities

Conditions for safe storage, : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Store locked up. Eliminate all ignition sources. Keep away from water or moist air. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

None.

Appropriate engineering controls

: Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. Engineering controls may be required to control the primary or secondary risks associated with this product. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

Environmental exposure controls

: Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

Individual protection measures

Hygiene measures

: Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Eye/face protection

: Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: chemical splash goggles and/ or face shield. If inhalation hazards exist, a full-face respirator may be required instead.

Skin protection

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Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Hand protection

: Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Considering the parameters specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are still retaining their protective properties. It should be noted that the time to breakthrough for any glove material may be different for different glove manufacturers. In the case of mixtures, consisting of several substances, the protection time of the gloves cannot be accurately estimated.

Body protection

: Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Other skin protection

: Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Respiratory protection

Use a properly fitted, particulate filter respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state : Solid. [Crystals.]

Color : Gray. Blue. Black.

Molecular weight : 64.1 g/mole

Molecular formula : C2Ca

Boiling/condensation point : >2300°C (>4172°F)

Melting/freezing point : 2300°C (4172°F)

Critical temperature : Not available.

Odor : Characteristic.

Not available. **Odor threshold** pH 12.48 at 20 g/l Flash point : Not available. : Not available. **Burning time Burning rate** Not available. : Not available. **Evaporation rate** Flammability (solid, gas) Not available. Lower and upper explosive : Not available.

(flammable) limits

Vapor pressure : 0 kPa (0 mm Hg) [room temperature]

Vapor density : Not available.

Specific Volume (ft ³/lb) : 0.4505 Gas Density (lb/ft ³) : 2.22

Relative density : 2.22 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F)

Solubility : Not available.

Solubility in water : Not available.

Partition coefficient: n- : Not available.

octanol/water

Auto-ignition temperature : 390 °C (734 °F) **Decomposition temperature** : Not available.

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Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

SADT : Not available.

Viscosity : Not available.

Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

: No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.

Chemical stability

: The product is stable.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

: Hazardous reactions or instability may occur under certain conditions of storage or use.

Conditions may include the following:

contact with water

Reactions may include the following:

spontaneous flammability liberation of flammable gas

Conditions to avoid

: Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

Incompatibility with various

substances

: Extremely reactive or incompatible with the following materials: oxidizing materials,

metals, acids and alkalis.

The product reacts violently with water to emit flammable but non toxic gases.

Hazardous decomposition

products

: In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

Hazardous polymerization: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Not available.

Irritation/Corrosion

Not available.

Sensitization

Not available.

Mutagenicity

Not available.

Carcinogenicity

Not available.

Reproductive toxicity

Not available.

Teratogenicity

Not available.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

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Section 11. Toxicological information

Name		Route of exposure	Target organs
Calcium acetylide	Category 2	Not determined	respiratory tract

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not available.

Aspiration hazard

Not available.

Information on the likely

: Not available.

routes of exposure

Potential acute health effects

Eye contact : Causes serious eye damage.

Inhalation : May give off gas, vapor or dust that is very irritating or corrosive to the respiratory

system.

Skin contact : Causes severe burns.

Ingestion: May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Eye contact: Adverse symptoms may include the following:

pain watering redness

Inhalation : No specific data.

Skin contact: Adverse symptoms may include the following:

pain or irritation

redness

blistering may occur

Ingestion : Adverse symptoms may include the following:

stomach pains

Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure

Short term exposure

Potential immediate

effects

: Not available.

Potential delayed effects

: Not available.

Long term exposure

Potential immediate

: Not available.

effects

Potential delayed effects : Not available.

Potential chronic health effects

Not available.

General : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Teratogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Developmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

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Section 11. Toxicological information

Fertility effects

: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Numerical measures of toxicity

Acute toxicity estimates

Not available.

Section 12. Ecological information

Toxicity

Not available.

Persistence and degradability

Not available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Not available.

Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (Koc)

Not available.

Other adverse effects

: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Section 14. Transport information

	DOT	TDG	Mexico	IMDG	IATA
UN number	UN1402	UN1402	UN1402	UN1402	UN1402
UN proper shipping name	CALCIUM CARBIDE				
Transport hazard class(es)	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3

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Packing group	I	I	-	I	I
Environment	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Additional information	Reportable quantity 10 lbs / 4.54 kg Package sizes shipped in quantities less than the product reportable quantity are not subject to the RQ (reportable quantity) transportation requirements. Limited quantity Yes. Packaging instruction Passenger aircraft Quantity limitation: Forbidden. Cargo aircraft Quantity limitation: 15 kg Special provisions A1, A8, B55, B59, IB4, IP1, N34, T9, TP7	Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index 0 ERAP Index 1000 Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index Forbidden		-	Passenger and Cargo Aircraft Quantity limitation: 0 Forbidden Cargo Aircraft Only Quantity limitation: 15 kg

[&]quot;Refer to CFR 49 (or authority having jurisdiction) to determine the information required for shipment of the product."

Special precautions for user : Transport within user's premises: always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

Transport in bulk according : Not available. to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Section 15. Regulatory information

U.S. Federal regulations

: TSCA 8(a) CDR Exempt/Partial exemption: Not determined United States inventory (TSCA 8b): This material is listed or exempted. Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: calcium carbide

Clean Air Act Section 112

(b) Hazardous Air **Pollutants (HAPs)** : Not listed

Clean Air Act Section 602

Class I Substances

: Not listed

Clean Air Act Section 602 **Class II Substances**

: Not listed

DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals)

: Not listed

DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals)

: Not listed

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Section 15. Regulatory information

Composition/information on ingredients

No products were found.

SARA 304 RQ : Not applicable.

SARA 311/312

Classification : Fire hazard

Immediate (acute) health hazard

Composition/information on ingredients

Name	%		Sudden release of pressure		(acute)	Delayed (chronic) health hazard
Calcium acetylide	100	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.

State regulations

Massachusetts : This material is listed. : This material is listed. **New York** : This material is listed. **New Jersey** : This material is listed. **Pennsylvania**

Canada inventory : This material is listed or exempted.

International regulations

International lists : Australia inventory (AICS): This material is listed or exempted.

China inventory (IECSC): This material is listed or exempted.

Japan inventory: This material is listed or exempted. Korea inventory: This material is listed or exempted. Malaysia Inventory (EHS Register): Not determined.

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC): This material is listed or exempted.

Philippines inventory (PICCS): This material is listed or exempted.

Taiwan inventory (CSNN): Not determined.

Chemical Weapons

Convention List Schedule

I Chemicals

Chemical Weapons

Convention List Schedule

II Chemicals

Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule

: Not listed

: Not listed

: Not listed

III Chemicals

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class B-6: Reactive flammable material

> Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic). CEPA Toxic substances: This material is not listed.

Canadian ARET: This material is not listed. Canadian NPRI: This material is not listed.

Alberta Designated Substances: This material is not listed. Ontario Designated Substances: This material is not listed. Quebec Designated Substances: This material is not listed.

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Section 16. Other information

Canada Label requirements : Class B-6: Reactive flammable material

Class D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (Toxic).

Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)



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The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material.

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)



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Key to abbreviations : ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate BCF = Bioconcentration Factor

GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

IATA = International Air Transport Association

IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container

IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient

MARPOL 73/78 = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships,

1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)

UN = United NationsACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial

Hygienists

AIHA – American Industrial Hygiene Association

CAS - Chemical Abstract Services

CEPA – Canadian Environmental Protection Act

CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

(EPA)

CFR - United States Code of Federal Regulations

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Section 16. Other information

CPR - Controlled Products Regulations

DSL – Domestic Substances List

GWP - Global Warming Potential

IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer

ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organisation

Inh - Inhalation

LC – Lethal concentration

LD - Lethal dosage

NDSL - Non-Domestic Substances List

NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

TDG – Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations

TLV - Threshold Limit Value

TSCA – Toxic Substances Control Act

WEEL – Workplace Environmental Exposure Level

WHMIS - Canadian Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

References : Not available.

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