

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Iron(III) oxide

Product Number : 310050

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## Emergency Overview

## OSHA Hazards

Irritant

## GHS Classification

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Eye irritation (Category 2A)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word : Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

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

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

## HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2

Flammability: 0

Physical hazards: 0

## NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 2

Fire: 0

Reactivity Hazard: 0

## Potential Health Effects

<b>Inhalation</b>	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

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## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms	: Ferric oxide
Formula	: Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Molecular Weight	: 159.69 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Diiron trioxide</b>		
CAS-No.	1309-37-1	-
EC-No.	215-168-2	

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## 4. 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. 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.

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable extinguishing media

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

### Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Iron oxides

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### 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.

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## 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.

**Conditions for safe storage**

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

Keep in a dry place.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Diiron trioxide	1309-37-1	TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Pneumoconiosis Not classifiable as a human carcinogen			
		TWA	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
	See Appendix D - Substances with No Established RELs			
		TWA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

**Personal protective equipment****Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand 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.

**Eye protection**

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin and body protection**

impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Hygiene measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****Appearance**

Form powder  
 Colour no data available

**Safety data**

pH no data available  
 Melting point/freezing point Melting point/range: 1,538 °C (2,800 °F)

Boiling point	no data available
Flash point	not applicable
Ignition temperature	no data available
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	no data available
Density	5.120 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Water solubility	insoluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Chloroformates, Peroxides, Strong acids Strong acids, Peroxides, Chloroformates

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Iron oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD<sub>50</sub>

no data available

#### Inhalation LC<sub>50</sub>

#### Dermal LD<sub>50</sub>

no data available

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Human - Skin irritation

Skin - Human - Skin irritation

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Human - Eye irritation

Eyes - Human - Moderate eye irritation

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

### **Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity - rat - Subcutaneous

Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Tumorigenic: Tumors at site of application.

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Diiron trioxide)

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

### **Teratogenicity**

no data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

no data available

### **Potential health effects**

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### **Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

Long term inhalation exposure to iron (oxide fume or dust) can cause siderosis. Siderosis is considered to be a benign pneumoconiosis and does not normally cause significant physiologic impairment. Siderosis can be observed on x-rays with the lungs having a mottled appearance., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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### **Synergistic effects**

no data available

### **Additional Information**

RTECS: NO7400000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

no data available

### Persistence and degradability

no data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

### Mobility in soil

no data available

### PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

### Other adverse effects

no data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

### IATA

Not dangerous goods

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### OSHA Hazards

Irritant

### SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Diiron trioxide

CAS-No.  
1309-37-1

Revision Date  
2007-03-01

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Diiron trioxide

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1309-37-1

Revision Date  
2007-03-01

### 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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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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