

Charcoal Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Charcoal

Signal Word
WARNING

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Chemtrec Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9603

Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Eye irritation (Category 2B). Causes eye irritation (H320).

Hazard class: Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; respiratory tract irritation (Category 3). May cause respiratory irritation (H335). Avoid breathing dust or fumes (P261).



SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Charcoal	7440-40-0	C	12.01	
Synonyms: Activated carbon				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell (P312).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340).

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so.

Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338). **If eye irritation persists eyes:** Get medical advice or attention (P337+P313).

If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable solid as a dust.

Autoignition Temperature: 450 °C

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

NFPA Code
None established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Remove all ignition sources and water. Sweep up the spill, place in a sealed bag or container, and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates. Store in Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag, in a Flinn Saf-Stor™ can. Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container tightly closed (P233). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

Exposure Guidelines: (as carbon black) PEL 3.5 mg/m³ (OSHA); TLV (inhalable fraction) 3 mg/m³ (ACGIH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Black powder, granule, or lump. Odorless.

Boiling point: 4200 °C

Soluble: Insoluble in water.

Specific gravity: 1.821-2.1

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid heat, flame, and oxidizing agents.

Shelf life: Good, if kept dry and stored properly.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Eye and respiratory tract irritant.

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 10,000 mg/kg

Chronic effects: N.A.

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: 64.4 mg/L

Target organs: Eyes and respiratory tract.

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Charcoal. Hazard class: 4.2, Spontaneously combustible. UN number: NA1361.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-153-3).

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

N/A = Not applicable

Consult your copy of the Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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