

## Silica Gel Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Silica Gel

Signal Word  
N/A

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Pictograms

### SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

This chemical is considered nonhazardous according to GHS classifications for the Hazard Communication Standard. Treat all laboratory chemicals with caution.

Although this material is considered to be nonhazardous, unpredictable reactions among chemicals are always possible. Prudent laboratory practices should be observed.

### SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Silica Gel	varies by mesh size	SiO <sub>2</sub> •xH <sub>2</sub> O	Varies	
Synonyms: Amorphous hydrated silica				

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

**If inhaled:** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

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

**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

Nonflammable solid.

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

Do not allow solid to become airborne. Ventilate area. Wipe up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

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**SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates. Moisture sensitive material. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a cool dry place within a Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag

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**SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Dry, white or blue granules, fine sized. Odorless.	Boiling point: 2230 °C
Soluble: Generally insoluble.	Melting point: 1710 °C
	Specific gravity: 2.1

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Avoid contact with hydrogen fluoride or hydrofluoric acid.  
Blue indicating silica gel will turn white upon absorption of water.  
Shelf life: Good, if kept dry. See Section 7 for further information.

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Possible irritant	ORL-RAT LD <sub>50</sub> : N.A.
Chronic effects: N.A.	IHL-RAT LC <sub>50</sub> : N.A.
Target organs: N.A.	SKN-RBT LD <sub>50</sub> : N.A.

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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Not listed.

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**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.**

