CALCIUM CARBIDE

CAUTIONARY RESPONSE INFORMATION

Common Synonyms
Acetylenogen
Cardite

Solid granules Grey to bluish black Garlic odor
Sinks in water, and bubbles appear on surface as flammable gas is produced.

1. CORRECTIVE RESPONSE ACTIONS

- Dilute and disperse
- Stop discharge
- Evacuate.
- Shut off ignition sources and call fire department.
- Keep people away. Avoid contact with solid and gas.
- Stay upwind.
- Notify local health and pollution control agencies.
- Protect water intakes.

2. CHEMICAL DESIGNATIONS

- CG Compatibility Group: Not listed
- Formula: CaC2
- CAS Registry No.: 75-20-7
- DOT ID No.: 138
- IMO/UN Designation: 4.3
- CG Compatibility Group: Not listed

3. HEALTH HAZARDS

3.1 Personal Protective Equipment: Chemical safety goggles and (for those exposed to unusually dusty operations) a respirator such as those approved by the U.S. Bureau of Mines for "nuisance dusts."

3.2 Symptoms Following Exposure: Eye and skin irritation

3.3 Treatment of Exposure: INHALATION OF DUST: remove from further exposure and call a doctor.

3.4 TLV-TWA: Not listed
3.5 TLV-STEL: Not listed
3.6 TLV-Ceiling: Not listed
3.7 Toxicity by Ingestion: Not pertinent
3.8 Toxicity by Inhalation: Currently not available.
3.9 Chronic Toxicity: None
3.10 Vapor (Gas) Irritant Characteristics: None
3.11 Liquid or Solid Characteristics: Minimum hazard. If spilled on clothing and allowed to remain, may cause smearing and reddening of the skin.
3.12 Odor Threshold: Currently not available
3.13 IDLH Value: Not listed
3.14 OSHA PEL-TWA: Not listed
3.15 OSHA PEL-STEL: Not listed
3.16 OSHA PEL-Ceiling: Not listed
3.17 EPA AEGL: Not listed

4. FIRE HAZARDS

4.1 Flash Point: Not flammable
4.2 Flammable Limits in Air: Not flammable
4.3 Fire Extinguishing Agents: Dry powder: preferably allow fire to burn
4.4 Fire Extinguishing Agents Not to Be Used: Water, vaporizing liquid or foam, carbon dioxide
4.5 Special Hazards of Combustion Products: Not pertinent
4.6 Behavior in Fire: If wet by water, highly flammable acetylene gas is formed
4.7 Auto Ignition Temperature: Not flammable
4.8 Electrical Hazards: Not pertinent
4.9 Burning Rate: Not flammable
4.10 Adiabatic Flame Temperature: Currently not available
4.11 Stoichiometric Air to Fuel Ratio: Not pertinent
4.12 Flame Temperature: Currently not available
4.13 Combustion Molar Ratio (Reactant to Product): Not pertinent
4.14 Minimum Oxygen Concentration for Combustion (MOCC): Not listed

5. CHEMICAL REACTIVITY

5.1 Reactivity with Water: Reacts vigorously with water to form the highly flammable acetylene gas, which may ignite spontaneously.
5.2 Reactivity with Common Materials: Reacts with copper and brass to form explosive compound.
5.3 Stability During Transport: Stable in absence of moisture
5.4 Neutralizing Agents for Acids and Corrosives: Not pertinent
5.5 Polymerization: Not pertinent
5.6 Inhibitor of Polymerization: Not pertinent

6. WATER POLLUTION

6.1 Aquatic Toxicity: Not pertinent
6.2 Waterfowl Toxicity: Not pertinent
6.3 Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD): Not pertinent
6.4 Food Chain Concentration Potential: None
6.5 GESAMP Hazard Profile: Not listed

7. SHIPPING INFORMATION

7.1 Grades of Purification: Currently not available
7.2 Storage Temperature: Currently not available
7.3 Inert Atmosphere: Currently not available
7.4 Venting: Currently not available
7.5 IMO Pollution Category: Currently not available
7.6 Ship Type: Currently not available
7.7 Barge Hull Type: Currently not available

8. HAZARD CLASSIFICATIONS

8.1 49 CFR Category: Dangerous When Wet
8.2 49 CFR Class: 4.3
8.3 49 CFR Package Group: I
8.4 Marine Pollutant: No
8.5 NFPA Hazard Classification:
- Category Classification: Health Hazard (Blue): 1
- Flammability (Red): 4
- Instability (Yellow): 2
- Special (White): Not listed
8.6 EPA Reportable Quantity: 10 pounds
8.7 EPA Pollution Category: A
8.8 RCRA Waste Number: Not listed
8.9 EPA FWPCA List: Yes

9. PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Physical State at 15°C and 1 atm: Solid
9.2 Molecular Weight: 64.10
9.3 Boiling Point at 1 atm: Not pertinent
9.4 Melting Point: Not pertinent
9.5 Critical Temperature: Not pertinent
9.6 Critical Pressure: Not pertinent
9.7 Specific Gravity: 2.22 at 18°C(solid)
9.8 Liquid Surface Tension: Not pertinent
9.9 Liquid Water Interfacial Tension: Not pertinent
9.10 Vapor (Gas) Specific Gravity: Not pertinent
9.11 Ratio of Specific Heats of Vapor (Gas): Not pertinent
9.12 Latent Heat of Vaporization: Not pertinent
9.13 Heat of Combustion: Not pertinent
9.14 Heat of Decomposition: Not pertinent
9.15 Heat of Solution: Not pertinent
9.16 Heat of Polymerization: Not pertinent
9.17 Heat of Fusion: Currently not available
9.18 Limiting Values: Currently not available
9.19 Reid Vapor Pressure: Currently not available

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