

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

ELEMENTAL SULFUR

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HEALTH
FLAMMABILITY
REACTIVITY

HAZARD RATING SYSTEM:

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HMIS KEY
1 4=SEVERE
1 3=SERIOUS
1 2=MODERATE
1=SLIGHT
0=MINIMAL

A. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Synonyms: Brimstone, Elemental Sulfur, Sulfur Flour, Sulphur
Chemical Name: Sulfur
Chemical Family: Non-Metallic Element
Chemical Formula: S
CAS Reg. No.: 7704-34-9

Product and/or Components Entered on EPA's TSCA Inventory: YES

This product has been introduced into U.S. commerce, and is listed in the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory of Chemicals in Commerce; hence, it is subject to all applicable provisions and restrictions under TSCA 40 CFR, Section 721 and 723.250.

B. HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS

ByWt.	CAS	Units	OSHA	ACGIH
PEL			TLV	
Ingredients		Number		
Sulfur	7704-34-9	100	N.E.	N.E. N.A.

N.E. -Not Established N.A. -Not Applicable

Powdered sulfur may be considered a nuisance dust by the ACGIH. As such workplace exposures should not exceed 10 mg/m³.

C. PERSONAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Ventilation: Use adequate ventilation to control exposure below recommended exposure levels. Avoid inhalation of dust.

Respiratory Protection: Not generally required. When entering areas containing unknown concentrations, use NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Eye Protection: Dust-proof goggles or safety glasses with side shields. Contact lenses may absorb irritants. Particles may adhere to lenses and cause corneal damage. Do not wear contact lenses in work areas.

Skin Protection: Chemical-resistant gloves and clothing are recommended to avoid prolonged contact. Avoid unnecessary skin contact.

NOTE: Personal protection information shown in Section C is based upon general information as to normal uses and conditions. Where special or unusual uses or conditions exist, it is suggested that the expert assistance of an industrial hygienist or other qualified professional be sought.

D. HANDLING AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from incompatible chemicals. Keep away from fire, sparks and flame. Material is corrosive to ferrous and mild steel materials. All handling and storage equipment should be constructed of stainless steel, aluminum, or poly-type materials. Keep containers closed and electrostatically grounded. Powdered sulfur is subject to dust cloud explosions. Engineering of storage facilities should incorporate maximum explosion-proof design.

E. REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable
Conditions to Avoid: Heat, Sparks, Flame, build up of Static Electricity.
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Acids, Alkalies, Halogens, Oxygen and Strong Oxidizing agents.
Forms explosive mixtures with oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will Not Occur.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Sulfur oxides, Hydrogen Sulfide.

F. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

1. Recommended Exposure Limits: See Section B

2. Acute Effects of Overexposure:

Eye: Exposure to dust can cause eye irritation, characterized by burning, lacrimation, blurred vision, keratitis, and losses of corneal epithelium.

Skin: Exposure to dust can cause skin irritation. Symptoms include reddening, itching, and inflammation.

Inhalation: Sulfur dust is irritating to mucous membranes of respiratory tract May cause coughing, sore throat, and shortness of breath.

Ingestion: Large doses can cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Ingestion of greater than 15 grams may cause production of hydrogen sulfide from bacterial action in colon. Hydrogen sulfide thus produced can cause effects on central nervous system, including convulsions, changes in blood pressure and respiration, respiratory arrest, and possibly death.

3. Subchronic and Chronic Effects of Overexposure:

Skin sensitization has been observed in some people after repeated exposures. Chronic inhalation may cause bronchopulmonary disease which may be complicated by emphysema and bronchiectasis. No evidence for carcinogenicity according to NTP, IARC, NIOSH, OSHA, or ACGIH.

4. Other Health Effects:

None of note.

5. Health Hazard Categories:

	Animal	Human	Animal	Human
Known Carcinogen			Toxic	-
Suspect Carcinogen			Corrosive	-
Mutagen			Irritant	X
Tumorigen			Target Organ Toxin	X
Teratogen			Specific: eye, respiratory tract	irritation
Allergic Sensitizer				
Highly Toxic				

6. First Aid and Emergency procedures:

- Eyes: Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
- Skin: Wash affected area with soap and water.
- Inhalation: Remove the victim to fresh air. Administer artificial respiration if breathing has stopped. Keep victim at rest. Call for prompt medical attention.
- Ingestion: Never give anything by mouth to anyone who is unconscious or convulsing. Give victim about 16 ounces of water. Induce vomiting if victim is responsive. This is most effective within 30 minutes of ingestion.

Have emergency eyewash station available in work area.

G. PHYSICAL DATA

Appearance:	Yellow solid crystals, granules, powder, sticks, or lumps.
Odor:	Odorless
Melting Point:	246°F
Boiling Point:	83 1°F at 1 atm
Vapor Pressure:	0.000 1 mm Hg at 68°F
Vapor Density (Air = 1):	Not Available
Solubility in Water:	Insoluble
Specific Gravity (H ₂ O 1):	2.1
Percent Volatile by Volume:	nearly zero
Evaporation Rate (Ethyl Ether = 1):	negligible
Viscosity:	Not Applicable

H. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA

Flash Point (Method Used):	370°F (COC)
Autoignition Temperature:	491°F
Flammable Limits (% by Volume in Air):	LEL -not applicable UEL -not applicable
Fire Extinguishing Media:	Dry Chemical, Foam, Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂), and Water (Fog or Spray Pattern)
Special Fire Fighting Procedures:	Cool down with water and smother with steam, foam, or dry chemical.

Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Use NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and other protective equipment and/or garments described in Section C if conditions warrant. Sulfur burns with a faint blue flame that may be nearly invisible under certain lighting conditions. Isolate material from fire if possible. Water fog or spray may be used to extinguish fire because the material can be cooled below its flash point. Liquid sulfur in open containers may be extinguished with a fine spray of water. Use of high pressure hose streams must be avoided because of the risk of splattering or causing a steam explosion. Keep quantity of water used to a minimum. Fires in storage tanks can be extinguished by shutting off vents to exclude air. Allow tank contents to cool to below 310°F before opening again.

Fire and Explosion Hazards:

Do not mix water with hot sulfur.

I. SPILL, LEAK AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Precautions required if material is released or spilled:

Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Wear protective equipment and/or garments described in Section C, if conditions warrant. Keep all ignition sources from spill. Uncontaminated material may be reused. Prevent material from entering sewers, watercourses, or low-lying areas. Any spill or release that exceeds the reportable quantity must be reported to local, state, and federal emergency response agencies.

Waste Disposal: Proper land disposal.

J. DOT TRANSPORTATION

Commodity Name:	Elemental Sulfur -Flaked/Pastilles/Flowered
Shipping Description:	Elemental Sulfur -Flaked/Pastilles/Flowered
Packaging References:	Exempt from requirements (49CFR1 72.102, Special Provision 30)

K. OTHER REGULATORY INFORMATION

Hazardous Substance/RQ -Not Applicable

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L. PROTECTION REQUIRED FOR WORK ON CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT

Contact immediate supervisor for specific instruction before work is initiated. Wear protective equipment and/or garments described in Section C if exposure conditions warrant.

M. HAZARD CLASSIFICATION

This product meets the following hazard definition(s) as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR Section 1910.1200):

- Combustible Liquid
- Compressed Gas
- Flammable Gas
- Flammable Liquid
- Flammable Solid
- Flammable Aerosol
- Explosive
- Health Hazard (Section F)
- Organic Peroxide
- Oxidizer
- Pyrophoric
- Unstable
- Water Reactive

- Based on information presently available, this product does not meet any of the hazard definitions of 29 CFR Section 1910.1200.

N. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

None.

O. LEGAL DISCLAIMER

While the information contained in the MSDS is believed to be reliable, no guarantee is made as to its accuracy or completeness. The conditions of use, handling, storage, and disposal, and the suitability of the product for particular uses are beyond our control. Consequently, all risks involving the use of the product are assumed by the user. We expressly disclaim all warranties of every kind and nature, express or implied, including the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.