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## Gem Tool Corporation Material Safety Data Sheet for Carbide Products

THIS MSDS ARE FOR PRODUCTS YOU PURCHASE FROM GEM TOOL CORPORATION AND IT'S VENDORS AND IS DESIGNED TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARDS.

### I. IDENTIFICATION

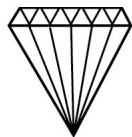
PRODUCT NAME: TUNGSTEN CARBIDE  
 CHEMICAL NAME: Cemented Carbide Products with Cobalt / Nickel Binder  
 TRADE NAME: C1,C2,C5,C6,C10,C12,C14  
 SYNONYMS : WC, Tungsten Carbide, Cemented Carbides  
 CAS # : 12070-12-1  
 GENERAL FORMULA: WC-Co, WC-Ni

### II. PHYSICAL DATA

BOILING POINT : >2870°C  
 MELTING POINT : >1400°C  
 SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H2O=1) : 13 TO 16  
 PERCENT VOLATILES : 0  
 VAPOR PRESSURE @ 20°C : N/A  
 VAPOR DENSITY (air=1) : N/A  
 SOLUBILITY IN WATER : INSOLUBLE  
 EVAPORATION RATE : NEGLIGIBLE  
 APPEARANCE & ODOR : Dark Gray Power or Shapes / Odorless  
 : Some coated products may appear in different colors due to coatings

### III. INGREDIENTS

MATERIAL	CAS NUMBER	% BY WEIGHT	OSHA TLV/TWA8 (mg/m3)	ACGIH TLV/TWA8 (mg/m3)
Tungsten Carbide (limits for W dust)	12070-12-1	75-96	5	5
Cobalt	7440-48-4	4-25	0.05	0.05
Nickel	7440-02-0	0-1	1	1
Vanadium Carbide	11130-21-5	0-1	---	---
Tantalum Carbide	1207-06-3	0-16	5	5
Titanium Carbide	12070-08-5	0-16	5	5
Niobium Carbide	12069-94-2	0-5	5	5
Hafnium Carbide	12069-85-1	0-5	.5	---
Titanium Nitride (as a coating)	---	0-.5	5	---
Tantalum Nitride (as a coating)	---	0-.5	5	5



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#### **IV. FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**

FLASH POINT: Not determined

FIRE HAZARDS: Hard, cemented carbide products are not a fire hazard. Finely divided carbide powder or dusts from grinding is expected to be a fire and or explosion hazard under rare and favoring conditions of high temperatures or ignition sources, particle size and dispersion in air. Under normal handling conditions, this is not expected to be a problem.

FIREFIGHTING: For small, localized powder fires, smother with dry sand, dry dolomite, soda ash, ABC-Type fire extinguisher, or flood with water.

SPECIAL: For a powder fire, confined to a small place, use an approved respirator for toxic dust and fumes. For large fires, firefighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and move affected container from area. Cool containers exposed to flame with water from side until well after fire is out.

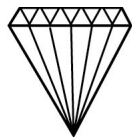
#### **V. ROUTES OF EXPOSURE / HEALTH EFFECTS / FIRST AID**

ROUTES of EXPOSURE: Grinding of cemented carbide product will produce dust of potentially hazardous ingredients which can be inhaled, swallowed, or come into contact with skin or eyes.

#### **EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:**

Inhalation: Dust from grinding can cause irritation of the nose and throat. Nickel is suspected of causing nasal and lung cancer. Symptoms associated with overexposure to nickel include pain, bleeding, nasal obstruction, vision impairment, weight loss, and voice resonance change. These dusts also have the potential for causing transient or permanent respiratory disease, including occupational asthma and interstitial fibrosis, in a small percentage of exposed individuals. It is reported that cobalt dust is the most probable cause of such respiratory diseases. Symptoms include productive cough, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and weight loss. Interstitial fibrosis (lung scarring) can lead to permanent disability or death. Certain pulmonary conditions may be aggravated by exposure. If symptoms develop, remove exposure and seek medical attention.

Skin Contact: Can cause irritation or allergic skin rash due to nickel or cobalt sensitization. Certain skin conditions, such as dry skin, may be aggravated by exposure. If irritation or rash occurs, wash affected area with soap and water and isolate area from additional exposure. If irritation or rash persists, seek medical attention.



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**Ingestion:** Ingestion of large amounts of cobalt has the potential for causing blood, heart, thyroid and gastrointestinal problems. If large amounts of product are ingested, dilute with large amounts of water and induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Eye Contact:** Can cause irritation. If contact occurs, flush eye(s) with large amounts of water and if irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**CARCINOGENIC ASSESSMENT:**

Nickel has been identified as a suspected carcinogen by NTP, IARC and/or OSHA

**VI. REACTIVITY DATA**

**STABILITY:** Stable

**INCOMPATIBILITY:** Contact of dusts with strong oxidizers may cause fire or explosion

**MATERIALS TO AVOID:** Strong Acids

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:**

Thermal decomposition may produce toxic smoke and irritating fumes

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:**

WILL NOT OCCUR

**VII. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES**

**STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED**

Clean up area using methods that avoid dust generation. If airborne dusts are generated, use NIOSH/OSHA approved respirators. If vacuum systems are used to clean area, appropriate HEPA filters are required to keep air levels of dust below recommended TLV/PEL.

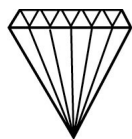
**WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS**

This is a valuable material and should be reclaimed if possible. If material cannot be reclaimed, disposal should be made in accordance with all state, federal and local environmental regulations.

**VIII. SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION / PRECAUTIONS**

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:**

Use an appropriate NIOSH/OSHA approved respirator if airborne dust concentrations exceed the appropriate PEL<TLV< or TWAS. All appropriate requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.134 should be met.



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**VENTILATION:**

Use local or general ventilation to maintain exposure levels below PEL, TLV, or TWAS.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**

Protective gloves or barrier creams are recommended to prevent skin contact with this substance. Protective eyewear, including safety glasses or goggles are recommended. Contact lenses should not be worn when working around dust of this substance.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

Maintain good general housekeeping practices to prevent dust accumulation during grinding.

**PERSONAL HYGIENE:**

Wash hands thoroughly after contact with substance before eating or smoking.

Periodic medical examinations are recommended for individuals regularly exposed to dust or mists of this substance.

**IX. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING/STORAGE:**

Normal precautions common to good manufacturing practices should be followed in handling and storage. Keep container tightly closed. This product is suitable for storage in general chemical storage area. This product is for INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY.

**X. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 311/312 REPORTING HAZARD CATEGORIES**

<u>Acute</u>	<u>Chronic</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Pressure</u>	<u>Reactive</u>
X	X			

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200: Covered under the OSHA "Hazardous Communication" standard.

Toxic Substances Control Act: All components are on the TSCA inventory.

Product or Components of Product	SARA EHS TPQ (lbs)	Sec 304 RQ (lbs)	SARA 313	CERCLA RQ (lbs)	RCRA
Cobalt	-	-	YES	-	-
Cobalt Compounds	-	-	YES	-	-
Nickel	-	-	YES	100	-
Nickel Compounds	-	-	YES	-	-
Tungsten Carbide	-	-	NO	-	-
Vanadium Carbide	-	-	NO	-	-

CERCLA Ratings (Scale 0-3): Health 0 / Fire 0 / Reactivity 0 / Persistence 0



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