

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**Product identifier****Product name:** Germanium pieces**Stock number:** 43986**CAS Number:**

7440-56-4

EINECS Number:

231-164-3

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**Sector of Use** SU24 Scientific research and development**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****Manufacturer/Supplier:**

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Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.

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Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency telephone number:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department at (800) 343-0660. After normal hours call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2 Hazards identification**Classification of the substance or mixture**

The substance is not classified according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC Not applicable**Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:** Not applicable
-----**Label elements****Labelling according to EU guidelines:**

Observe the general safety regulations when handling chemicals

Classification system**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH	0
FIRE	0
REACTIVITY	0

Health (acute effects) = 0

Flammability = 0

Reactivity = 0

Other hazards**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****PBT:** Not applicable.**vPvB:** Not applicable.**3 Composition/information on ingredients****Chemical characterization: Substances****(CAS#) Description:**

Germanium (CAS# 7440-56-4)

Identification number(s):**EINECS Number:** 231-164-3**4 First aid measures****Description of first aid measures****General information** No special measures required.**After inhalation** Seek medical treatment in case of complaints.**After skin contact** Generally the product does not irritate the skin.**After eye contact**

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek medical treatment.**5 Firefighting measures****Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing agents** Special powder for metal fires. Do not use water.

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For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents Water
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
 In case of fire, the following can be released:
 Metal oxide fume
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment: No special measures required.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures Not required.
Environmental precautions:
 Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up: Pick up mechanically.
Reference to other sections
 See Section 7 for information on safe handling
 See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
 See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling
Precautions for safe handling
 Keep container tightly sealed.
 Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
 No special precautions are necessary if used correctly.
Information about protection against explosions and fires: No special measures required.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Storage
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility: Store away from oxidizing agents.
Further information about storage conditions: None.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems: No further data; see item 7.
Control parameters
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: Not required.
Additional information: No data
Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
General protective and hygienic measures
 The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.
Breathing equipment: Not required.
Protection of hands: Not required.
Eye protection: Safety glasses
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties**Information on basic physical and chemical properties****General Information****Appearance:**

Form:	Pieces
Color:	Silver-colored
Odor:	Odorless
Odour threshold:	Not determined.

pH-value:	Not applicable.
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Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range:	937.2°C (1719 °F)
Boiling point/Boiling range:	2830°C (5126 °F)
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined

Flash point:	Not applicable
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Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Not determined.
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Ignition temperature:	Not determined
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Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable.
Density at 20°C (68 °F):	5.32 g/cm ³ (44.395 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapour density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Insoluble
Segregation coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not applicable.
kinematic:	Not applicable.
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity**Reactivity****Chemical stability****Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Possibility of hazardous reactions No dangerous reactions known**Incompatible materials:** Oxidizing agents**Hazardous decomposition products:** Metal oxide fume**11 Toxicological information****Information on toxicological effects****Acute toxicity:****Primary irritant effect:****on the skin:** Powder: irritant effect**on the eye:** Powder: irritant effect**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Germanium compounds generally have a low order of toxicity. High doses have resulted in kidney and bladder injury. The anion and compound reactivity may contribute the greater part of the toxicity.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) reports the following effects in laboratory animals:

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder - changes in tubules (including acute renal failure, acute tubular necrosis).

Gastrointestinal - nausea or vomiting.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder - changes in both tubules and glomeruli.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder - urine volume increased.

Blood - oxidant related (GPD deficient) anemia.

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration - other changes.

Lung, Thorax, or Respiration - changes in lung weight.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

12 Ecological information**Toxicity****Acquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.**Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.**Behavior in environmental systems:****Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

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Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.**Additional ecological information:****General notes:**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**PBT:** Not applicable.**vPvB:** Not applicable.**Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.**13 Disposal considerations****Waste treatment methods****Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.**Uncleaned packagings:****Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.**14 Transport information**

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

DOT regulations:**Hazard class:** None**Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)****ADR/RID class:** None**Maritime transport IMDG:****IMDG Class:** None**Marine pollutant:** No**Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:****ICAO/IATA Class:** None**Special precautions for user** Not applicable.**Transport/Additional information:** Not dangerous according to the above specifications.**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.**15 Regulatory information****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****Product related hazard informations:**

Observe the general safety regulations when handling chemicals

National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.**Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.**16 Other information**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.**Contact:**

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

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ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization
ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

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