

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
North American Version

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## BARIUM CARBONATE

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1. Identification of the substance or mixture

Product name : BARIUM CARBONATE  
Product grade(s) : A, B, C, D  
Barium Carbonate Granular  
Barium Carbonate Powder  
Chemical Name : Barium carbonate  
Synonyms : Barium salt  
Molecular formula : BaCO<sub>3</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 197.3 g/mol

#### 1.2. Use of the Substance/Mixture

Recommended use : - Use in the manufacturing of other barium substances  
- Use as reactive processing aid (sulfate removal)  
- Glass industry  
- Manufacture of ceramic materials  
- Manufacture of electro-ceramic materials  
- Manufacture of glazes, frits and enamels  
- Use in welding electrode coating  
- Use in the preparation of slurry  
- Manufacture of pyrotechnical products  
- Welding in industrial and professional settings  
- For further information, please contact: Supplier

#### 1.3. Company/Undertaking Identification

Address : SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC.  
3333 RICHMOND AVENUE  
HOUSTON TX 77098-3099  
United States

#### 1.4. Emergency and contact telephone numbers

Emergency telephone number : **1 (800) 424-9300 CHEMTREC® (USA & Canada)**  
**01-800-00-214-00 (MEX. REPUBLIC)**

Contact telephone number (product information): **US: +1-800-765-8292 (Product information)**  
**US: +1-713-525-6500 (Product information)**

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. Emergency Overview:

NFPA : H= 2 F= 0 I= 1 S= None  
HMIS : H= 2 F= 0 R= 1 PPE = Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

### **General Information**

Appearance : powder, pellets  
Colour : white  
Odour : odourless

## **2.2. Potential Health Effects:**

### **Inhalation**

- May cause irritation of the mucous membranes.

### **Eye contact**

- Contact with eyes may cause irritation.

### **Skin contact**

- Prolonged skin contact may cause skin irritation.

### **Ingestion**

- Acute intoxication by inhalation or ingestion of water soluble barium salts causes vomiting, diarrhoea, convulsive tremors and muscular paralysis.
- Risk of convulsions, pulmonary arrest.
- Risk of cardiac rhythm alteration, sudden cardiac failure.
- Risk of shock.

### **Other toxicity effects**

- See section 11: Toxicological Information

## **2.3. Environmental Effects:**

- See section 12: Ecological Information

## **3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **Barium carbonate**

CAS-No. : 513-77-9  
Concentration : **>= 97.0 %**

## **4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

### **4.1. Inhalation**

- Move to fresh air.
- If symptoms persist, call a physician.

### **4.2. Eye contact**

- Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water, also under the eyelids.
- If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.

### **4.3. Skin contact**

- Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Wash off with plenty of water.
- If symptoms persist, call a physician.

### **4.4. Ingestion**

- Call a physician immediately.
- Take victim immediately to hospital.
- If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious).
- Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary.

### **4.5. Notes to physician**

**Exposure to decomposition products :**

- Give to drink 30 grams of sodium sulphate in 250 ml of fresh water.
- Immediate medical attention is required.
- Medical examination necessary even only on suspicion of intoxication.

## **5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1. Suitable extinguishing media**

- Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

### **5.2. Extinguishing media which shall not be used for safety reasons**

- None.

### **5.3. Special exposure hazards in a fire**

- Not combustible.

### **5.4. Hazardous decomposition products**

- Barium oxide
- Other hazardous decomposition products may be formed.

### **5.5. Special protective equipment for firefighters**

- In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Use personal protective equipment.

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

#### **6.1.1. Advice for non-emergency personnel**

- Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

#### **6.1.2. Advice for emergency responders**

- Use personal protective equipment.
- Prevent further leakage or spillage.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

- Should not be released into the environment.
- Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

### **6.3. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

- Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers.
- Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### **6.4. Reference to other sections**

- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1. Handling**

- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

### **7.2. Storage**

- Store in original container.
- Keep in a well-ventilated place.
- Keep in a dry place.
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Keep container closed.

- Keep away from Incompatible products.

### 7.3. Packaging material

- Paper + PE.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Exposure Limit Values

#### Barium carbonate

- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 2009  
time weighted average = 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: as Ba
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: as Ba
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: as Ba
- US. Tennessee. OELs. Occupational Exposure Limits, Table Z1A 06 2008  
time weighted average = 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: as Ba

#### Strontium carbonate

- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values  
Remarks: none established

#### Barium sulfate

- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 12 2010  
time weighted average = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. Tennessee. OELs. Occupational Exposure Limits, Table Z1A 06 2008  
time weighted average = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: respirable dust fraction
- US. Tennessee. OELs. Occupational Exposure Limits, Table Z1A 06 2008  
time weighted average = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Remarks: Total dust

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SAEL = Solvay Acceptable Exposure Limit, Time Weighted Average for 8 hour workdays. No Specific TLV/STEL (Short Term Exposure Level) has been set. Excursions in exposure level may exceed 3 times the TLV TWA for no more than a total of 30 minutes during a workday and under no circumstances should they exceed 5 times the TLV TWA.

### 8.2. Engineering controls

- Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

### 8.3. Personal protective equipment

#### 8.3.1. Respiratory protection

- In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (EN 133)



- Respirator with a dust filter
- Use only respiratory protection that conforms to international/ national standards.
- Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.

#### **8.3.2. Hand protection**

- Impervious gloves
- Suitable material: PVC, Neoprene, Natural Rubber

#### **8.3.3. Eye protection**

- Dust proof goggles, if dusty.

#### **8.3.4. Skin and body protection**

- Long sleeved clothing

#### **8.3.5. Hygiene measures**

- Eye wash bottles or eye wash stations in compliance with applicable standards.
- When using do not eat, drink or smoke.
- Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.
- Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1. General Information**

<b>Appearance</b>	: powder, pellets
<b>Colour</b>	: white
<b>Odour</b>	: odourless

### **9.2. Important health safety and environmental information**

<b>pH</b>	: 5 - 7
<b>Boiling point/boiling range</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable, Thermal decomposition</i>
<b>Flash point</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Flammability</b>	: <i>Remarks: The product is not flammable.</i>
<b>Explosive properties</b>	: <u><i>Explosion danger:</i></u> <i>Remarks: Not explosive</i>
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	: <i>Remarks: Non oxidizer</i>
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Relative density / Density</b>	: 4.31
<b>Bulk density</b>	: from 400 - 2,000 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	: 14 mg/l (Water) <i>Temperature: 20 °C ( 68 °F )</i>
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Vapour density</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	: <i>Remarks: not applicable</i>

### **9.3. Other data**

<b>Melting point/range</b>	: $\geq 900\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( 1,652 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) <i>Remarks:</i> Thermal decomposition
<b>Auto-flammability</b>	: <i>Remarks:</i> not applicable
<b>Granulometry</b>	: 2.32 - 14.6 $\mu\text{m}$ (powder) <i>Remarks:</i> d 50
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	: 1,380 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( 2,516 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Stability

- Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.2. Conditions to avoid

- none
- Keep at temperature not exceeding: 1,380  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( 2,516  $^{\circ}\text{F}$  )

### 10.3. Materials to avoid

- Acids

### 10.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- Barium oxide, Other hazardous decomposition products may be formed.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicological data

#### *Acute oral toxicity*

- LD50, rat, < 300 mg/kg (Barium chloride anhydrous)
- LD50, rat, > 300 mg/kg, *Remarks:* practically insoluble

#### *Acute inhalation toxicity*

- LC50, , *Remarks:* study scientifically unjustified

#### *Acute dermal irritation/corrosion*

- LD50, rat, > 2,000 mg/kg (Barium chloride anhydrous)

#### *Skin irritation*

- rabbit, No skin irritation

#### *Eye irritation*

- rabbit, No eye irritation

#### *Sensitisation*

- Did not cause sensitization. (Barium chloride anhydrous)

#### *Chronic toxicity*

- Inhalable dust, Repeated exposure, rat, Target Organs: cardio-vascular system, hematology system, Respiratory system, NOEL: 5.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, observed effect
- Inhalable dust, NOEL: 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, NOAEL
- Oral, Repeated exposure, rat/mouse, Target Organs: cardio-vascular system, hematology system, renal system, adrenal glands, NOEL: 87.8 mg/kg, NOAEL

#### *Carcinogenicity*

- Oral, Prolonged exposure, rat/mouse, Animal testing did not show any carcinogenic effects., (Barium chloride anhydrous)

#### *Genetic toxicity in vitro*

- in vitro, Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects. (Barium chloride anhydrous)

**Reproductive toxicity**

- Effect on fertility, Repeated exposure, Target Organs: Oral, 258 - 290 mg/kg, NOAEL, (Barium chloride anhydrous)

**Remarks**

- Harmful if swallowed.
- The toxicity is mainly linked to the barium ion (nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory and gastro-intestinal troubles).
- Risk of effect on the liver, the cardiovascular system, the hematological system and the adrenals
- Irritating to eyes and skin.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Ecotoxicity effects

**Acute toxicity**

- Remarks: Aquatic toxicity is unlikely due to low solubility.
- Fishes, Brachydanio rerio, LC50, 96 h, > 152 mg/l (Barium chloride anhydrous)
- Crustaceans, Daphnia magna, LC50, 48 h, 14.5 mg/l (Barium chloride anhydrous)

**Chronic toxicity**

- Crustaceans, Daphnia magna, EC50, 21 Days, 2.9 mg/l
- Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae), growth rate, 72 h, >= 61 mg/l  
Remarks: NOEC
- Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae), EC50, growth rate, 72 h, > 100 mg/l

### 12.2. Mobility

- Air  
Remarks: mobility as solid aerosols
- Water/soil  
Remarks: low solubility and mobility

### 12.3. Persistence and degradability

**Abiotic degradation**

- Water/soil  
Result: slow ionization and cation precipitation in presence of sulfates or carbonates

**Biodegradation**

- Remarks: The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### 12.4. Bioaccumulative potential

- Bioconcentration  
Result: potential accumulation of the cation

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

- no data available

### 12.6. Remarks

- Ecological injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
- Persistent product mainly in its inert form.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste from residues / unused products

- In accordance with local and national regulations.
- Use a solution of sodium or magnesium sulphate or possibly a dilute solution of sulphuric acid to form a sulphate precipitate.

- Dispose of wastes in an approved waste disposal facility.

### 13.2. Packaging treatment

- Containers that cannot be cleaned must be treated as waste.
- Must be incinerated in a suitable incineration plant holding a permit delivered by the competent authorities.

### 13.3. RCRA Hazardous Waste

- Listed RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 302) - No
- Unlisted RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 302) - Yes
- D005 (barium containing waste)

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

- not regulated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Inventory Information

<b>Toxic Substance Control Act list (TSCA)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI (KR))</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>EU list of existing chemical substances (EINECS)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (MITI List) (ENCS)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China) (IECS)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.
<b>New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIOC)</b>	:	-	In compliance with inventory.

### 15.2. Other regulations

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)**

- not regulated.

**SARA Hazard Designation (SARA 311/312)**

- Acute Health Hazard: Yes.

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372.65) - Supplier Notification Required**

- not regulated.

**US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)**

- not regulated.



**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act (New Jersey Statute Annotated Section 34:5A-5)**

- yes.

**US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law (34 Pa. Code Chap. 301-323)**

- yes.

**US. California Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)**

- not regulated.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Ratings :

#### NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Health = 2    Flammability = 0    Instability = 1    Special = None

#### HMIS (Hazardous Material Information System)

Health = 2    Fire = 0    Reactivity = 1    PPE : Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

### Further information

- Update  
This data sheet contains changes from the previous version in section(s): 8 , 11 , 12 , 15
- Distribute new edition to clients

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