

# **BISMUTH TRIOXIDE**

### 1. Product Identification

Synonyms: Bismuth oxide; bismuth yellow; Bismuthous oxide; Dibismuth trioxide CAS No.: 1304-76-3 Molecular Weight: 465.96 Chemical Formula: Bi2O3 Product Codes: J.T. Baker: 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 5452 Mallinckrodt: 1057

# 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Bismuth Trioxide	1304-76-3	99 - 100%	Yes

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### **Emergency Overview**

As part of good industrial and personal hygiene and safety procedure, avoid all unnecessary exposure to the chemical substance and ensure prompt removal from skin, eyes and clothing.

**SAF-T-DATA**(**tm**) Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 2 - Moderate (Life) Flammability Rating: 0 - None Reactivity Rating: 0 - None Contact Rating: 1 - Slight Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

#### **Potential Health Effects**

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#### Inhalation:

Not expected to be a health hazard.

### **Ingestion:**

Low toxicity. Bismuth salts are poorly absorbed. Should absorption occur, symptoms may include loss of appetite, headache, skin rashes, kidney damage, and rarely mild jaundice.

#### **Skin Contact:**

Not expected to be a health hazard from skin exposure.

### Eye Contact:

Not expected to be a health hazard.

#### **Chronic Exposure:**

Repeated or prolonged ingestion may cause a "bismuth line", black spots on the gums, foul breath, and salivation.

#### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

# 4. First Aid Measures

#### Inhalation:

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

#### **Ingestion:**

Give several glasses of water to drink to dilute. If large amounts were swallowed, get medical advice.

#### **Skin Contact:**

Remove any contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap or mild detergent and water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

#### **Eye Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Call a physician if irritation persists.

# 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Fire:
Not considered to be a fire hazard.
Explosion:
Not considered to be an explosion hazard.
Fire Extinguishing Media:
Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.
Special Information:
Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

# 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

# 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

15 mg/m3 total dust, 5 mg/m3 respirable fraction for nuisance dusts.

- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV)

for Particulates (insoluble or poorly soluble) Not Otherwise Specified (PNOS):

3 mg/m3 respirable particles and 10 mg/m3 inhalable particles.

#### Ventilation System:

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

#### Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

#### **Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

#### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Yellow powder or crystals. **Odor:** Odorless. Solubility: Insoluble in water. **Density:** 8.9 pH: No information found. % Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F): 0 **Boiling Point:** 1890C (3434F) **Melting Point:** 820C (1508F) Vapor Density (Air=1): No information found.

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): No information found. Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): No information found.

# 10. Stability and Reactivity

#### **Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.
Hazardous Decomposition Products:
May emit metallic fumes at high temperatures.
Hazardous Polymerization:
Will not occur.
Incompatibilities:
No incompatibility data found.
Conditions to Avoid:
No information found.

# **11. Toxicological Information**

For Bismuth Trioxide - Oral LD50 rat: 5 g/kg.

\Cancer Lists\				
	NTP Carcinogen			
Ingredient	Known	Anticipated	IARC Category	
Bismuth Trioxide (1304-76-3)	No	No	None	

# **12. Ecological Information**

**Environmental Fate:** No information found. **Environmental Toxicity:** No information found.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

### 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

### 15. Regulatory Information

\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\				
Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
Bismuth Trioxide (1304-76-3)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-------Canada--Ingredient Korea DSL NDSL Phil. -----. . . . . . . . . . . - - -\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ - - - - -Bismuth Trioxide (1304-76-3) Yes Yes No Yes -----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-------SARA 302------SARA 313-----Ingredient TP0 List Chemical Cata. R0 - - - - -- - -- - - -Bismuth Trioxide (1304-76-3) No No No No -----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\------RCRA--TSCA-Ingredient CERCLA 261.33 8(d) -----\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ - - - - - -- - - - - -Bismuth Trioxide (1304-76-3) No No No Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No SARA 311/312: Acute: No Chronic: No Fire: No Pressure: No Reactivity: No (Pure / Solid)

Australian Hazchem Code: None allocated.
Poison Schedule: None allocated.
WHMIS:
This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

### 16. Other Information

NFPA Ratings: Health: 0 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0
Label Hazard Warning:
As part of good industrial and personal hygiene and safety procedure, avoid all unnecessary exposure to the chemical substance and ensure prompt removal from skin, eyes and clothing.
Label Precautions:
None.
Label First Aid:
Not applicable.
Product Use:
Laboratory Reagent.
Revision Information:
No Changes.

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