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----- 703-527-3887(Outside USA and Canada)  
**CANUTEC: 613-996-6666**

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# ZINC METAL POWDER

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## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Powdered zinc; blue powder; CI77945; CI Pigment Black 16

**CAS No.:** 7440-66-6

**Molecular Weight:** 65.37

**Chemical Formula:** Zn

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 4282

Mallinckrodt: 8681

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## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
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Zinc	7440-66-6	96 - 97%	Yes
Zinc Oxide	1314-13-2	0 - 3%	Yes
Lead	7439-92-1	0 - 0.3%	Yes

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## 3. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

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**WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MAY FORM COMBUSTIBLE DUST CONCENTRATIONS IN AIR. WATER REACTIVE. MAY AFFECT THE GUM TISSUE, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, KIDNEYS, BLOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM (lead component).**

**SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate (Cancer)

Flammability Rating: 2 - Moderate

Reactivity Rating: 2 - Moderate

Contact Rating: 1 - Slight

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

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### **Potential Health Effects**

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#### **Inhalation:**

No adverse effects expected but dust may cause mechanical irritation. The effects may be expected to resemble those of inhaling an inert dust; possible difficulty in breathing, sneezing, coughing. When heated, the fumes are highly toxic and may cause fume fever.

#### **Ingestion:**

Extremely large oral dosages may produce gastrointestinal disturbances, due both to mechanical effects and the possibility of reaction with gastric juice to produce zinc chloride. Pain, stomach cramps and nausea could occur in aggravated cases.

#### **Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation.

#### **Eye Contact:**

May cause irritation.

#### **Chronic Exposure:**

No adverse health effects expected.

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

Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or impaired respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

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## **4. First Aid Measures**

#### **Inhalation:**

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

#### **Ingestion:**

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

#### **Skin Contact:**

Wipe off excess material from skin then immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

#### **Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Autoignition temperature: ca. 460C (ca. 860F)

The listed autoignition temperature is for Zinc powder (layer); dust cloud is ca. 680C (1255F). Zinc powder is not pyrophoric but will burn in air at elevated temperatures. Bulk dust in damp state may heat spontaneously and ignite on exposure to air. Releases flammable hydrogen gas upon contact with acids or alkali hydroxides. Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire.

**Explosion:**

Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Smother with a suitable dry powder (sodium chloride, magnesium oxide, Met-L-X).

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Remove all sources of ignition and provide mild ventilation in area of spill. Substance may be pyrophoric and self-ignite. Clean-up personnel require protective clothing, goggles and dust/mist respirators. Sweep or vacuum up the spill in a manner that does not disperse zinc powder in the air and place the zinc in a closed container for recovery or disposal.

US Regulations (CERCLA) require reporting spills and releases to soil, water and air in excess of reportable quantities. The toll free number for the US Coast Guard National Response Center is (800) 424-8802.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities. 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.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

None for Zinc metal.

-OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA), for zinc oxide fume

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA), Inhalable fraction, A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen for zinc oxide.

**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 full facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn for 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.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

Gray or bluish-gray powder.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Insoluble in water.

**Density:**

7.14

**pH:**

No information found.

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

907C (1665F)

**Melting Point:**

419C (786F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

1 @ 487C (909F)

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. Moist zinc dust can react exothermically and ignite spontaneously in air.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Hydrogen in moist air, zinc oxide with oxygen at high temperature. Zinc metal, when melted, produces zinc vapor which oxidizes and condenses in air to form zinc fume.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Zinc powder can react violently with water, sulfur and halogens. Dangerous or potentially dangerous with strong oxidizing agents, lower molecular weight chlorinated hydrocarbons, strong acids and alkalis.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

## 11. Toxicological Information

Zinc: Irritation skin, human: 300 ug/3D-I mild; investigated as a mutagen.

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Zinc (7440-66-6)	No	No	None
Zinc Oxide (1314-13-2)	No	No	None
Lead (7439-92-1)	No	No	2B

## 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 handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved waste 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

Ingredient	-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----			
	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia

Zinc (7440-66-6)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Zinc Oxide (1314-13-2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lead (7439-92-1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	Korea	--Canada--		
		DSL	NDSL	Phil.
Zinc (7440-66-6)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Zinc Oxide (1314-13-2)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Lead (7439-92-1)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	-SARA 302-		-----SARA 313-----	
	RQ	TPQ	List	Chemical Catg.
Zinc (7440-66-6)	No	No	Yes	No
Zinc Oxide (1314-13-2)	No	No	No	Zinc compoun
Lead (7439-92-1)	No	No	Yes	No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA-	-TSCA-
		261.33	8(d)
Zinc (7440-66-6)	1000	No	No
Zinc Oxide (1314-13-2)	No	No	No
Lead (7439-92-1)	10	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
 SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: Yes      Pressure: No  
 Reactivity: Yes      (Mixture / Solid)

**WARNING:**

THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CHEMICALS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER AND BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM.

**Australian Hazchem Code:** 4Y

**Poison Schedule:** S6

**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: 2 Flammability: 2 Reactivity: 2

**Label Hazard Warning:**

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**Label Precautions:**

- Avoid breathing dust.
- Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
- Keep away from heat and flame.
- Keep container closed.
- Use with adequate ventilation.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 3, 15.

**Disclaimer:**

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