

1 Identification**Product identifier****Product name:** Mercury (II) telluride**Stock number:** 36666**CAS Number:**

12068-90-5

EC number:

235-108-9

Index number:

080-002-00-6

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**Identified use:** SU24 Scientific research and development**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****Manufacturer/Supplier:**Alfa Aesar
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2 Hazard(s) identification**Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 1 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.



GHS08 Health hazard

STOT RE 2 H373 May cause damage to the central nervous system, the liver, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative.**Hazards not otherwise classified** No information known.**Label elements****GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**Hazard pictograms**

GHS06 GHS08

Signal word Danger**Hazard statements**

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P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).

P361 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

WHMIS classification

D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects

**Classification system****HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH 3 Health (acute effects) = 3

FIRE 0 Flammability = 0

REACTIVITY 1 Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients**Chemical characterization: Substances****CAS# Description:**

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4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General information

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.
Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed No further relevant information available.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Toxic metal oxide fume

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

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

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.

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.
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
Open and handle container with care.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: The product is not flammable

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:

Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Tellurium and tellurium compounds (as Te)

mg(Te)/m3

ACGIH TLV	0.1
Austria MAK	0.1
Belgium TWA	0.1
Denmark TWA	0.1
Finland TWA	0.1; 0.3-STEL
France VME	0.1
Germany MAK	0.1
Korea TLV	0.1
Netherlands MAC-TGG	0.1
Norway TWA	0.1
Poland TWA	0.01; 0.03-STEL
Sweden NGV	0.1
Switzerland MAK-W	0.1; 0.5-KZG-W
United Kingdom TWA	0.1
USA PEL	0.1

Mercury, inorganic compounds (as Hg)

mg/m3

ACGIH TLV	0.025 (skin)
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Not classified as a human carcinogen

Austria MAK	0.05
Belgium TWA	0.1 (skin)
Denmark TWA	0.05 (skin)
Finland TWA	0.05
France VME	0.05 (skin)(vapor)
Germany MAK	0.1
Hungary TWA	0.02; 0.04-STEL
Japan OEL	0.05
Korea TLV	0.025 (vapor) (skin)
Netherlands MAC-TGG	0.05; 0.5-MAC-K
Norway TWA	0.05
Poland TWA	0.025 (vapors); 0.2-STEL (vapors)
Sweden NGV	0.05
Switzerland MAK-W	0.01 (skin)
United Kingdom TWA	0.025
USA PEL	0.1-Ceiling

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PEL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m ³ as Hg; see OSHA standard interpretation memo
REL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.05* mg/m ³ Ceiling limit value: 0.1 mg/m ³ as Hg; *Vapor; Skin
TLV (USA)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m ³ as Hg; Skin; BEI
EL (Canada)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m ³ as Hg; Skin, R
EV (Canada)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m ³ as Hg, Skin

Ingredients with biological limit values:

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BEI (USA)	35 µg/L Medium: urine Time: prior to shift Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)
	15 µg/L Medium: blood Time: end of shift at end of workweek Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Store protective clothing separately.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment: Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

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:	Powder
Color:	Black
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	Not determined.

pH-value: Not applicable.

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined

Flash point:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Not determined.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
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):	8.12 g/cm ³ (67.761 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Insoluble

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Partition 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 No information known.
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.
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
Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials: Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products: Toxic metal oxide fume

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Fatal if inhaled.
Fatal in contact with skin.
Fatal if swallowed.
Danger through skin absorption.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data
Skin irritation or corrosion: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
Eye irritation or corrosion: Irritating effect.
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.
Carcinogenicity:
EPA-D: Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity: inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data are available.
IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:
May cause damage to the central nervous system, the liver, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative.
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity:
Acute and chronic exposure to inorganic mercury can cause salivation with metallic taste, pain on chewing, gingivitis, colitis, stomatitis, kidney damage, and central nervous system damage. The latter can cause tremors, convulsive or shaking movements and psychic disturbances such as memory loss, insomnia, loss of confidence, irritability and depression. Excessive exposure may result in death.
Tellurium is converted in the body to dimethyl telluride which imparts a garlic-like odor to the breath and sweat. Heavy exposure may result in headache, drowsiness, metallic taste, loss of appetite, nausea, tremors, convulsions, and respiratory arrest.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.
Ecotoxicological effects:
Remark: Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.
Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.
May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Very toxic for aquatic organisms
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

UN-Number	UN2025
DOT, IMDG, IATA	
UN proper shipping name	Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury (II) telluride)
DOT	MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Mercury (II) telluride)
IMDG, IATA	

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Transport hazard class(es)

DOT



Class 6.1 Toxic substances.
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Packing group II
DOT, IMDG, IATA

Environmental hazards: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid

Special precautions for user Warning: Toxic substances
Segregation groups Heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), mercury and mercury compounds

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

Transport/Additional information:

DOT No
Marine Pollutant (DOT):

UN "Model Regulation": UN2025, Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury (II) telluride), 6.1, II

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Hazard pictograms



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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 Domestic Substances List (DSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

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California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

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Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.
This product contains mercury and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.

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 SDS: Global Marketing Department

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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)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
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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WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

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