

# Material Safety Data Sheet

acc. to OSHA and ANSI

- **1 Identification of substance:**

- **Product details:**

- **Product name:** Tungsten carbide nanopowder

- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**

Nanostructured & Amorphous Materials, Inc.  
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Houston, TX 77084, USA

- **2 Composition/Data on components:**

- **Chemical characterization:**

Description: (CAS#)

Tungsten carbide (CAS# 12070-12-1); 100%

- **Identification number(s):**

- **EINECS Number:** 235-123-0

- **3 Hazards identification**

- **Hazard description:** F Highly flammable

- **Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment**

R 11 Highly flammable.

- **Classification system**

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

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 2

Reactivity = 1

- **4 First aid measures**

- **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** Seek immediate medical advice.

- **5 Fire fighting measures**

- **Suitable extinguishing agents**  
Special powder for metal fires. Do not use water.  
Extinguishing powder. Do not use water.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents** Water
- **Protective equipment:**  
Wear self-contained respirator.  
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

- **6 Accidental release measures**

- **Person-related safety precautions:**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Ensure adequate ventilation  
Keep away from ignition sources
- **Measures for environmental protection:**  
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
- **Measures for cleaning/collecting:**  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Keep away from ignition sources.
- **Additional information:**  
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**
- **Information for safe handling:**  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
Keep ignition sources away.  
Protect against electrostatic charges.  
Fumes can combine with air to form an explosive mixture.
- **Storage**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**  
Store in a cool location.
- **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.

• **8 Exposure controls and 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.

**Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

Tungsten and compounds (as W)	
	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
ACGIH TLV	1; 3-STEL (soluble compounds) 5; 10-STEL (insoluble compounds)
Belgium TWA	5; 10-STEL
Denmark TWA	5
Finland TWA	5
Korea TLV	5; 10-STEL
Netherlands MAC-TGG	5
Norway TWA	5
Poland TWA	5
Russia	2-STEL
Sweden NGV	5
Switzerland MAK-W	5
United Kingdom TWA	5; 10-STEL

- **Additional information:** No data
- **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.

- **Breathing equipment:**

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

- **Protection of hands:** Impervious gloves

- **Eye protection:** Safety glasses

- **Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

- **9 Physical and chemical properties:**

- **General Information**

- **Form:** Powder

- **Color:** Black

- **Odor:** Odorless

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- **Change in condition**

- **Melting point/Melting range:** 2867 ° C

- **Boiling point/Boiling range:** 6000 ° C

- **Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined

- **Flash point:** Not applicable

- **Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Highly flammable.

- **Ignition temperature:** Not determined

- **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined

- **Explosion limits:**

- **Lower:** Not determined

- **Upper:** Not determined

- **Vapor pressure:** Not determined

- **Density:** at 20 ° C 15.63 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

- **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

- **Water:** Insoluble

- **10 Stability and reactivity**

- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

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

- **Materials to be avoided:** Oxidizing agents
- **Dangerous reactions** Reacts with strong oxidizing agents
- **Dangerous products of decomposition:** Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

- **11 Toxicological information**

- **Acute toxicity:**

- **Primary irritant effect:**

- **on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

- **on the eye:** Irritating effect.

- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.

- **Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Tungsten compounds may be irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract. Animal studies suggest that soluble tungsten compounds have the potential for causing adverse health effects involving the gastrointestinal tract and central nervous system. These effects have not been observed in humans. Chronic exposure to tungsten compounds may result in permanent lung damage.

- **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:**

- **General notes:**

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

- **13 Disposal considerations**

- **Product:**

- **Recommendation**

Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

- **Uncleaned packagings:**

- **Recommendation:**



Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

- **Information about limitation of use:**

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

- **16 Other information:**

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