



Section 1. Product and Company Identification

**Product Name** Microcrystalline Cellulose  
**CAS Number** 9004-34-6

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Section 2. Hazards Identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture**

**GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Combustible dust

**Signal word:** Warning

**Hazard and precautionary statements**

**Hazard statement(s)**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

**Precautionary statement(s)**

None

**Emergency Overview:** Warning! Powdered material may form explosive dust-air mixtures.

Combustible solid.

**Potential Health Effects:** No adverse health effects expected.

Section 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

**Common Name** Microcrystalline Cellulose

**Formula**  $(C_6H_{10}O_5)_n$

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Section 4. First Aid Measures

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

**Skin:** Wash exposed area with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eyes:** Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If any discomfort persists, obtain medical attention.



Section 5. Firefighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water, dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide.

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

**Special Information:** In the event of fire, do not enter any enclosed or confined fire space without wearing full protective clothing. This is necessary to protect against the hazards of heat, products of combustion and oxygen deficiency. Do not breathe smoke, gases, or vapors generated.

Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

Remove all sources of ignition. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Maintain good housekeeping practices to minimize accumulation of settled dust, especially on overhead surfaces. Sweep up the spilled material in a manner that does not disperse dust into the air. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water. Pick up spill for recovery or disposal and place in a closed container.

Section 7. Handling and Storage

Avoid dust formation and control ignition sources. Empty only in inert, non-flammable atmosphere. To protect quality, store in a tight container in a dry place.

Section 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits**

**OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):** 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> total dust, 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> respirable fraction for nuisance dusts.

**ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):** 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> total dust containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica for Particulates Not Otherwise Classified (PNOC).

**Eye Protection:** Whenever airborne dust concentrations are high, appropriate protective eyewear, such as chemical safety goggles, should be worn to prevent eye contact.

**Skin Protection:** Not required

**Personal Respirator:** If the exposure limit is exceeded, a half-face dust/mist respirator 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 (by U.S. NIOSH/MSHA). Warning! Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** White, free flowing powder

**Odor:** Odorless

**Water Solubility:** Insoluble

**Melting Point:** Not applicable

**Boiling Point:** Not applicable



**Flash Point:** Not applicable  
**Flammability:** Not applicable  
**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable  
**Vapor Density (Air=1):** Not applicable  
**pH:** 5.0 - 7.0 ( 5g / 40ml H<sub>2</sub>O)  
**Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1):** Bulk density, 0.26 - 0.46 g/cc  
**Explosive Properties:** No explosion hazard. But fine dust may create explosive mixtures with air.  
**Oxidizing Properties:** Not applicable  
**Fat Solubility:** Not available

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:** Stable under ordinary condition of use and storage.  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.  
**Conditions/Materials to Avoid (Incompatibility):** Heat, flame, ignition source and dusting.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

**Eye Contact:** Non-irritating  
**Skin Contact:** Non-irritating  
**Inhalation:** Dust may cause nose irritation and chest discomfort.  
**Ingestion:** Very low acute oral toxicity.  
**Acute Effects from Overexposure:** Product has low oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity. It is non-irritating to the skin and eyes, and is non-sensitizing to the skin.  
**Chronic Effects from Overexposure:** Microcrystalline cellulose is considered an inert dust which is not toxic to the lung when exposures are properly controlled. No adverse human effects are known.  
**Carcinogenicity:** No  
**Mutagenicity:** No

Section 12. Ecological Information

**Biodegradability:** Biodegradation in soil; Inherently biodegradable  
**Ecotoxicological Information:** No information found

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

**Waste Treatment Methods:** Dispose of product and contaminated packaging in accordance with all local, state, and federal environmental control regulations.

Section 14. Transport Information

Not regulated



Section 15. Regulatory Information

**California Proposition 65:** This product does not contain any chemicals currently on the California list of known carcinogens and reproductive toxins.

**Canada - WHMIS:** Not a controlled product under the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

**EU Symbols:** Not classified as dangerous.

**EU Risk Phrases:** Not classified as dangerous.

**EU Safety Advise Phrases:** Not classified as dangerous.

**Additional Regulatory Information:** Microcrystalline Cellulose meets the standards set forth in the United States Pharmacopeia/National Formulary, European Pharmacopoeia, the Pharmacopoeia of Japan and the Food Chemicals Codex. Microcrystalline Cellulose is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) by qualified experts and is in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Regulations.

Section 16. Other Information

**Disclaimer:** The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product.

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