
SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Cobalt

Product Number : GF03773640
Brand : Aldrich
CAS-No. : 7440-48-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319
Respiratory sensitization (Category 1), H334
Skin sensitization (Category 1), H317
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1A), H360
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H412

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P285	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P341	IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula	:	Co
Molecular weight	:	58.93 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	7440-48-4

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Component	Classification	Concentration
Cobalt (solid)	Acute Tox. 4; Eye Irrit. 2A; Resp. Sens. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 1B; Repr. 1A; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H302, H319, H334, H317, H341, H350, H360, H402, H412	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.



5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Cobalt/cobalt oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1C: Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated



SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Cobalt (solid)	7440-48-4	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	0.1 mg/m ³	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		PEL	0.02 mg/m ³	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		TWA	0.005 mg/m ³	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Respiratory sensitization Suspected human carcinogen		
		TWA	0.02 mg/m ³	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Dermal Sensitization Respiratory sensitization Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans		
		TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000

Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Cobalt (solid)	7440-48-4	Cobalt	15 µg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift at end of workweek			
		Cobalt		Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift at end of workweek			

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.



Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

Body Protection

protective clothing

Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: Foil
b) Odor	odorless
c) Odor Threshold	Not applicable
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	()Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	No data available
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition	No data available



temperature

- r) Viscosity No data available
- s) Explosive properties No data available
- t) Oxidizing properties none

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 550 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 425)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - < 0.05 mg/l

LC50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - in vitro test

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 439)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: irritating

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: positive

Germ cell mutagenicity

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

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Carcinogenicity

Presumed to have carcinogenic potential for humans

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Cobalt (solid))

2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Cobalt (solid))

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Cobalt (solid))

2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Cobalt (solid))

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

May damage fertility. Positive evidence from human epidemiological studies.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish NOEC - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 100 mg/l - 96 h
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates flow-through test LC50 - Chironomus sp. - 429 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)

Toxicity to algae ErC50 - Dunaliella tertiolecta (marine algae) - 71.31 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)

Toxicity to bacteria EC50 - activated sludge - 120 mg/l - 0.5 h
(OECD Test Guideline 209)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available



12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See www.retrologistik.com for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

IMDG

Not dangerous goods

IATA

Not dangerous goods

Further information

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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Cobalt (solid)	7440-48-4	1989-08-11

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard



Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

SECTION 16: Other information

Further information

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. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.sigma-aldrich.com and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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