Cemented Carbide – Article (Sintered WC + Co)
Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier / Other Means of Identification

Product Name / Identifier
All H.B. Carbide cemented tungsten carbide grades.


Chemical Name(s)
Tungsten Carbide (WC), Vanadium Carbide (VC) and/or Chromium Carbide (Cr3C2) with a Cobalt (Co) binder.

Synonyms
Carbide, Tungsten Carbide, Hard Metal, Cemented Carbide, Cermet, Carbide Pre-forms.

Recommended Product Use / Restrictions on Use

Product Use
Mining Tools, Construction Tools, Round Tools, Metalworking Tools, Metallurgical Products and Inserts.

Restrictions for Product Use
Cutting, sharpening or grinding of hard-metal tools may produce dusts of hazardous substances. These may be inhaled, ingested or come into contact with the skin if proper exposure controls (ventilation, dust/mist collection, personal protection equipment) are not used.

Return hard-metal tools to the appropriate locations for reconditioning or recycling.

Supplier Details / Emergency Phone Number

Company
H.B Carbide Company
4210 Doyle Drive
Lewiston, MI 49756

Telephone: 989-370-6133
Fax: 989-786-4494

Emergency Telephone Number(s)
CHEMTREC (North America): 1-800-424-9300
CHEMTREC (International): +1-703-527-3887

SECTION 2: HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

Warning

Fragmentation Hazard: Cemented carbide cutting tools can potentially fragment while in use. Personal protection equipment and machine guards should always be used.

Breathing Hazard: Wet or dry grinding of cemented carbide products may release dust or mist of potentially hazardous ingredients. These could potentially be inhaled, swallowed or come in contact with skin and eyes. Use proper ventilation control and respiratory protection.

During normal usage, cemented carbide products do not present inhalation, ingestion or other chemical hazards of any kind.

Classification of Article

GHS-US Classification: Not applicable for articles under prescribed conditions of use.

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Labeling Elements

Hazard Pictograms: Not applicable for articles under prescribed conditions of use.
Signal Word: Not applicable for articles under prescribed conditions of use.
Hazard Statements: Not applicable for articles under prescribed conditions of use.
Precautionary Statements: Not applicable for articles under prescribed conditions of use.

Other Hazards

Wet or dry grinding of cemented carbide products may release dust or mist of potentially hazardous ingredients. These could potentially be inhaled, swallowed or come in contact with skin and eyes.

Acute Effects

Eyes Can cause irritation, redness, swelling and/or conjunctivitis.
Skin Can cause irritation or an allergic skin rash, or cobalt sensitization in people susceptible to allergic reactions. Material is not expected to be absorbed through the skin.
Ingestion Material is not expected to be ingested. Ingestion of large amounts may cause nausea, diarrhea and or stomach pain.
Inhalation Material is not expected to be inhaled in high concentrations. Inhalation of high concentrations of dust/mist/fumes may cause respiratory or nasal irritation, coughing or difficulty breathing.

Chronic Effects

Prolonged or repeated skin contact with dust may cause severe skin irritation or dermatitis.
Prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust/mist/fumes may cause transient or permanent respiratory disease including occupational asthma and interstitial fibrosis in a small percentage of exposed individuals. Symptoms include unproductive coughs, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and weight loss.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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* Per grade specification
** Annex VI of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
*** DSD Classification Table 3.2

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of Necessary First Aid Measures

**Eyes**
In the case of contact with powder or dust, flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

**Skin**
In the case of contact with powder or dust, wash the skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes and launder before reuse. If irritation persists, get medical attention.
**Inhalation**
In the case of lung irritation (coughing, wheezing, breathing difficulty), remove from exposure area to fresh air. If irritation persists, get medical attention.

**Ingestion**
Rinse mouth with water and drink plenty of water as well. Seek medical attention.

**General Advice**
After first aid, get the appropriate medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms / Effects, Acute and Delayed**
In the case of dust generation, metal powders or dust may cause mechanical eye and skin irritation. Inhalation of metal powder or dust may cause mild respiratory irritation.

**Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed (if necessary)**
None known.

### SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable (and Unsuitable) Extinguishing Media**
During normal use and operation, sintered tools (hard-metal articles) do not present a fire hazard.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Article Use**
During normal use and operation, sintered tools (hard-metal articles) do not present a fire hazard.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**
Not Applicable

### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**
Cemented carbide (sintered) articles, when used under normal conditions, do not present hazards that require accidental release measures. Wet or dry grinding of cemented carbide products may release dust or mist of potentially hazardous ingredients. Avoid inhaling, swallowing or allowing to come in contact with skin and eyes. Use proper safety equipment to avoid dust/mist exposure. Use of personal protection equipment must be utilized (i.e. gloves, safety glasses, dust respirator). Ventilate the area if necessary.

**Environmental Precautions**
In the case of dust/mist generation from dry or wet grinding of cemented carbide articles, contain and recycle to avoid release into the environment.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleanup**
Dust, mist, slurry and fragments from cemented carbide articles should be captured and recycled.

### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

**Handling**
Do not smoke, eat or drink while using cemented carbide articles. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Minimize generation of dust and avoid dispersion of dust into the air.

**Other Precautions**
Do not shake clothing, rags or other items to remove dust.
**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities**

**Storage**
Cemented carbide articles do not present conditions that require safe storage considerations.

**Incompatibilities**
Cemented carbide articles do not present conditions for incompatibilities.

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**SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Control Parameters (e.g. occupational exposure limit values or biological limit values)**

Cemented carbide in sintered (hard-metal) form does not present any known exposure risk. When grinding, particulates can become airborne (dust/mist) which can come into contact with the skin/eyes or be inhaled/ingested. Precautions to prevent these types of exposures should be practiced.

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*Component in the form of dust or mist due to grinding*
Appropriate Engineering Controls

Ventilation
When dust, mist or fumes are generated as a result of dry or wet grinding, local exhaust ventilation should be used to minimize exposure.

Safety Shower / Eyewash
A safety shower and eyewash station should be provided in the work area.

Individual Protection Measures (PPE)

Eye and Face Protection
Safety glasses should be used as appropriate for grinding or manufacturing with cemented carbide.

Skin Protection
Protective gloves and clothing should be worn, as appropriate, to prevent contact of dust or slurry with the skin. Wash hands and skin thoroughly after contact with carbide, especially before eating or drinking.

Respiratory Protection
In the case of dust or mist generation, use a half-face or full-face respirator equipped with high efficiency particulate (HEPA) filter cartridges. P-Series particulate respirators should be considered for particulates that may contain oil.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**Conditions to Avoid**
- Sharpening/grinding which produce dust or powder.

**Incompatible Materials**
- None known

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**
- When heated, may produce metal oxides and fumes.

**SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

*Information on the Likely Routes of Exposure (inhalation, ingestion, skin and eye contact).*

Cemented carbide in sintered (hard-metal) form does not present any known exposure risk. When grinding, particulates can become airborne (dust/mist) which can come in contact with the skin/eyes or be inhaled/ingested. Precautions to prevent these types of contacts should be practiced.

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics**

Cobalt in tungsten carbide has been identified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 2A carcinogen (Probably Carcinogenic to Humans). Cobalt when inhaled is presumed to be potentially carcinogenic to humans, largely based on animal evidence.

Symptoms of exposure to dust/mist include un-productive coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and weight loss.

**Delayed, Immediate and Chronic Effects from Short and Long Term Exposure**

Chronic inhalation has the potential for causing transient or permanent respiratory disease, including occupational asthma and interstitial fibrosis.

Interstitial fibrosis (lung scarring) can lead to permanent disability.

Certain pulmonary conditions may be aggravated by exposure.

Skin and eye irritation may be a symptom of exposure.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity**

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**Tungsten Carbide**

Toxicity has not been quantified, but may cause pulmonary and skin sensitization and mucous membrane irritation in dust form.

**Vanadium Carbide**

Inadequate evidence for the carcinogenicity of chromium and chromium compounds in experimental animals.

**Chromium**

Inadequate evidence for the carcinogenicity of chromium and chromium compounds in experimental animals.

**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicity
- Cemented carbide articles (sintered, as provided) do not present an ecological hazard.

**Persistence and Degradability**
- Not Applicable

**Bioaccumulative Potential**
- Not applicable

**Mobility in the Soil**
- Not applicable

**Other Adverse Effects**
- None known

**SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Responsibility for proper waste disposal is with the owner of the waste.

Owners are encouraged to recycle cemented carbide articles. These are valuable articles and should be sent to the appropriate recycling facility. If the articles cannot be sent to the proper recycling facility, dispose of all waste products in accordance with local, state/provincial, federal and national regulations.
SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Cemented carbide articles are not classified or regulated.

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations Specific for the Product in Question

US Federal Regulations: None known for solid hard-metal articles.
EU Regulations: Solid hard-metal articles do not contain SVHC

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Revisions

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACGIH  American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
Aq.  Aquatic
CAS  Chemical Abstract Service
Chron.  Chronic
CLP  Classification, Labeling and Packaging
Cr3C2  Chromium Carbide
DSD  Dangerous Substance Directive
EINECS  European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
HEPA  High Efficiency Particulate Arrestor
IARC  International Agency for Research on Cancer
LDL0  Lethal Dose Low (Lowest published lethal dose)
NIOSH  National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
No.  Number
OSHA  Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PEL  Permissible Exposure Limit
PPE  Personal Protection Equipment
R  Risk Phrase
REL  Recommended Exposure Limit
Sens.  Sensitizer
STEL  Short Term Exposure Limits
SVHC  Substances of Very High Concern
TLV  Threshold Limit Value
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VC  Vanadium Carbide
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Xn  Harmful