

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Silica

ACC# 95182

### Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Silica

**Catalog Numbers:** S150-3, S151-10, S153-3

**Synonyms:** Diatomaceous earth; Infusorial earth; Silicon dioxide; Amorphous silica.

**Company Identification:**

Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

**For information, call:** 201-796-7100

**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100

**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300

**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

### Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
7631-86-9	Silica, amorphous	100	231-545-4

### Section 3 - Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: amber crystalline powder.

**Caution!** May cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the air). The toxicological properties of this material have not been fully investigated.

**Target Organs:** Respiratory system.

#### Potential Health Effects

**Eye:** May cause eye irritation.

**Skin:** May cause skin irritation. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.

**Ingestion:** May cause irritation of the digestive tract. May be harmful if swallowed.

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory tract irritation. May be harmful if inhaled. This form of silica is only considered a nuisance dust. This product is not hazardous except when

inhalable particulates are present or can be generated.

**Chronic:** Chronic inhalation of dust may lead to silicosis. Chronic inhalation can cause pneumoconiosis.

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. If irritation develops, get medical aid.

**Skin:** Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid if irritation develops or persists.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Get medical aid if irritation or symptoms occur.

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Substance is noncombustible.

**Extinguishing Media:** Substance is noncombustible; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 1; Flammability: 0; Instability: 1

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a tightly closed container.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

### Exposure Limits

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Silica, amorphous	none listed	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA 3000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH	none listed
Silica gel, pptd., cryst.-free, hydrated form	none listed	none listed	none listed

**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Silica, amorphous: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical. Silica gel, pptd., cryst.-free, hydrated form: 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Crystalline powder

**Appearance:** white to gray - amber

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** Not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 2230 deg C

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 1710 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:**Not available.

**Solubility:** Insoluble.

**Specific Gravity/Density:**2.20g/cm

**Molecular Formula:**SiO<sub>2</sub>

**Molecular Weight:**60.08

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Hygroscopic: absorbs moisture or water from the air.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, dust generation, moisture.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Hydrogen fluoride, strong acids, strong bases.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of silicon.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:**

**CAS#** 7631-86-9: EU8655000; VV7565000

**CAS#** 112926-00-8: VV7315000

**LD50/LC50:**

CAS# 7631-86-9:

Draize test, rabbit, eye: 25 mg/24H Mild;

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CAS# 112926-00-8:

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**Carcinogenicity:**

CAS# 7631-86-9: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

CAS# 112926-00-8: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** Silicosis may increase the risk for tuberculosis.

**Teratogenicity:** No information available.

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.

**Mutagenicity:** No information available.

**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.

**Other Studies:**

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** No data available. No information available.

**Environmental:** Dusts will settle as sediment and will not bioconcentrate.

**Physical:** No information available.

**Other:** Do not empty into drains.

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.

**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	Canada TDG
<b>Shipping Name:</b>	Not Regulated.	Not Regulated.
<b>Hazard Class:</b>		
<b>UN Number:</b>		
<b>Packing Group:</b>		

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

### US FEDERAL

#### TSCA

CAS# 7631-86-9 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

CAS# 112926-00-8 is not listed on the TSCA inventory. It is for research and development use only.

#### Health & Safety Reporting List

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

#### Chemical Test Rules

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

#### Section 12b

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

#### TSCA Significant New Use Rule

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

#### CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs

None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

**SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances**

None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

**Section 313** No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

**Clean Air Act:**

This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.

This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depleters.

This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depleters.

**Clean Water Act:**

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.

None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

**OSHA:**

None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

**STATE**

CAS# 7631-86-9 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

CAS# 112926-00-8 can be found on the following state right to know lists: Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

**California Prop 65**

California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

**European/International Regulations****European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives****Hazard Symbols:**

Not available.

**Risk Phrases:****Safety Phrases:**

S 22 Do not breathe dust.

S 24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**

CAS# 7631-86-9: 0

CAS# 112926-00-8: 0

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**

CAS# 7631-86-9 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

CAS# 112926-00-8 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**

This product has a WHMIS classification of D2A.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**

CAS# 7631-86-9 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 6/02/1998

**Revision #8 Date:** 10/12/2007

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