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# SILICA GEL

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Silica, amorphous; Silica, precipitated and gel (CAS # 112926-00-8 (OSHA)); SilicAR® Silica Gel

**CAS No.:** 63231-67-4

**Molecular Weight:** Not available.

**Chemical Formula:** SiO<sub>2</sub> · xH<sub>2</sub>O

**Product Codes:** 2844, 2846, 2847, 3113, 6442, 6447, 6451, 6462, 6512, 6551, 7086, V120, V150, V151, V152, V153, V154, V472

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Hazardous		
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Silica Gel	63231-67-4	99 - 100%
Yes		

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

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**CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

**SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate

Flammability Rating: 0 - None

Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight

Contact Rating: 1 - Slight

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

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#### Potential Health Effects

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This product contains synthetic amorphous silica, not to be confused with crystalline silica such as quartz, cristobalite or tridymite or with diatomaceous earth or other naturally occurring forms of amorphous silica that frequently contain crystalline forms.

#### **Inhalation:**

May cause dryness and irritation to mucous membranes, nose, and throat. Symptoms may include coughing, sore throat, and wheezing.

#### **Ingestion:**

No adverse effects expected.

#### **Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation with dryness and abrasion.

#### **Eye Contact:**

May cause irritation, redness and pain.

#### **Chronic Exposure:**

Repeated exposure may cause symptoms similar to those listed for acute effects. Synthetic amorphous silica does not produce silicosis.

#### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

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### 4. First Aid Measures

#### **Inhalation:**

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

#### **Ingestion:**

Give several glasses of water to drink to dilute. If large amounts were swallowed, get medical advice.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

**Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Special Information:**

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. When pouring into a container of flammable liquid, ground both containers electrically to prevent a static electric spark. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

Silica (synthetic, amorphous):

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) -  
80/(%SiO<sub>2</sub>) mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA) for amorphous silica, including natural diatomaceous earth.

**Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

**Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) 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.. A full-face piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

**Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

**Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

White amorphous powder.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Insoluble in water.

**Specific Gravity:**

2.1

**pH:**

3 - 8 (in 5% slurry)

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

2230C (4046F)

**Melting Point:**

1610C (2930F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Oxides of carbon and silicon may be formed when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Reacts with hydrogen fluoride, fluorine, oxygen difluoride, chlorine trifluoride, strong acids, strong bases, and oxidizers.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Moisture, extreme heat, and incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

No LD50/LC50 information found relating to normal routes of occupational exposure.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----

Ingredient Category	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC
	Known	Anticipated	
Silica Gel (63231-67-4)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

When released into the soil, this material is not expected to biodegrade. When released into water, this material is not expected to biodegrade.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

This material is not expected to be toxic to aquatic life.

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### 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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### 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

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### 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	
Australia				
Silica Gel (63231-67-4)	Yes	No	No	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	Korea	DSL	Canada NDSL	Phil.
Silica Gel (63231-67-4)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	-SARA 302-	TPQ	List	SARA 313	Chemical
Catg.	RQ				
Silica Gel (63231-67-4)	No	No	No	No	No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA- 261.33	-TSCA- 8 (d)
Silica Gel (63231-67-4)	No	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No

SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: Yes      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No                      (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: **1** Flammability: **0** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid breathing dust.

Keep container closed.

Use with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 8.

**Disclaimer:**

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