

**Safety Data Sheet**  
per OSHA HazCom 2012

**1: Identification**

**Product identifier**

**Product name:** Cobalt(II) chloride, anhydrous

**Stock number:** 13666

**CAS Number:**

7646-79-9

**EC number:**

231-589-4

**Index number:**

027-004-00-5

**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**

**Identified use:** SU24 Scientific research and development

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Manufacturer/Supplier:**

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**Information Department:** Health, Safety and Environmental Department

**Emergency telephone number:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department at (800) 343-0660. After normal hours call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

**2: Hazard(s) identification**

**Classification of the substance or mixture**

**Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**



GHS08 Health hazard

Resp. Sens. 1 H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

Muta. 2 H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carc. 1B H350 May cause cancer.

Repr. 1B H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.



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Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

**Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC**



T; Toxic

R49-60: May cause cancer by inhalation. May impair fertility.



Xn; Harmful

R22-68: Harmful if swallowed. Possible risk of irreversible effects.



Xn; Sensitizing

R42/43: May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.



N; Dangerous for the environment

R50/53: Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:** Not applicable

**Hazards not otherwise classified:** No information known.

**Label elements**

**Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008** The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.

**Hazard pictograms**



GHS07 GHS08

**Signal word** Danger

**Hazard statements**

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H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

**Precautionary statements**

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**WHMIS classification**

D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects



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**Classification system**

**HMS ratings (scale 0-4)**

**(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

|            |   |                            |
|------------|---|----------------------------|
| HEALTH     | 2 | Health (acute effects) = 2 |
| FIRE       | 0 | Flammability = 0           |
| REACTIVITY | 1 | Physical Hazard = 1        |

**Other hazards**

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

**3: Composition/information on ingredients**

**Chemical characterization: Substances**

**CAS# Description:**

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**4: First-aid measures**

**Description of first aid measures**

**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After skin contact**

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

**After swallowing** Seek medical treatment.

**Information for doctor**

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** No further relevant information available.

**5: Fire-fighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing agents** Product is not flammable. Use fire fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Toxic metal oxide fume

**Advice for firefighters**

**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

**6: Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

**Environmental precautions:**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.

Do not allow to penetrate the ground/soil.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Prevention of secondary hazards:** No special measures required.

**Reference to other sections**

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

**7: Handling and storage**

**Handling**

**Precautions for safe handling**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Open and handle container with care.

**Information about protection against explosions and fires:** The product is not flammable

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage**

**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**

Store away from oxidizing agents.

Store away from strong bases.

Store away from water/moisture.

**Further information about storage conditions:**

This product is hygroscopic.

Store under dry inert gas.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Protect from humidity and water.

**Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

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## 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

### Control parameters

#### Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Cobalt, elemental & inorganic compounds, as Co

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                     | mg/m <sup>3</sup>                 |
| ACGIH TLV           | 0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen |
| Austria             | Carcinogen                        |
| Belgium TWA         | 0.05                              |
| Denmark TWA         | 0.05                              |
| Finland TWA         | 0.05 (skin)                       |
| Germany             | Carcinogen                        |
| Hungary TWA         | 0.1; 0.2-STEL                     |
| Japan OEL           | 0.05; 2B-Carcinogen               |
| Korea TLV           | 0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen |
| Netherlands MAC-TGG | 0.05                              |
| Norway TWA          | 0.05                              |
| Poland TWA          | 0.05; 0.2-STEL                    |
| Russia              | 0.5-STEL                          |
| Sweden NGV          | 0.05                              |
| Switzerland MAK-W   | 0.1; Carcinogen                   |
| United Kingdom TWA  | 0.1                               |
| USA PEL             | 0.1 (dust and fume)               |

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|           |                                                                            |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PEL (USA) | Long-term value: 0.1* mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>as Co; *for metal dust and fume |
| REL (USA) | Long-term value: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>as Co; metal dust & fume        |
| TLV (USA) | Long-term value: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>as Co, BEI                      |

**Additional information:** No data

### Exposure controls

#### Personal protective equipment

#### General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Store protective clothing separately.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

**Breathing equipment:** Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

#### Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses

**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

## 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### General Information

#### Appearance:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Form:           | Beads           |
| Color:          | Light blue      |
| Odor:           | Odorless        |
| Odor threshold: | Not determined. |

pH-value (50 g/l) at 20 °C (68 °F): 4.9

#### Change in condition

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Melting point/Melting range:     | 735 °C (1355 °F)  |
| Boiling point/Boiling range:     | 1049 °C (1920 °F) |
| Sublimation temperature / start: | Not determined    |

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Flash point:                  | Not applicable  |
| Flammability (solid, gaseous) | Not determined. |
| Ignition temperature:         | Not determined  |
| Decomposition temperature:    | Not determined  |
| Auto igniting:                | Not determined. |

**Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

#### Explosion limits:

|                                          |                                            |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Lower:                                   | Not determined                             |
| Upper:                                   | Not determined                             |
| Vapor pressure:                          | Not applicable.                            |
| Density at 20 °C (68 °F):                | 3.367 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (28.098 lbs/gal)   |
| Relative density                         | Not determined.                            |
| Vapor density                            | Not applicable.                            |
| Evaporation rate                         | Not applicable.                            |
| Solubility in / Miscibility with         |                                            |
| Water at 20 °C (68 °F):                  | 530 g/l                                    |
| Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): | Not determined.                            |
| Viscosity:                               |                                            |
| dynamic:                                 | Not applicable.                            |
| kinematic:                               | Not applicable.                            |
| Other information                        | No further relevant information available. |

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### 10: Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity** No information known.

**Chemical stability** Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known

**Incompatible materials:**

Oxidizing agents

Bases

Water/moisture

**Hazardous decomposition products:**

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Metal oxide fume

Toxic metal oxide fume

### 11: Toxicological information

**Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity:** Harmful if swallowed.

**LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

Oral LD50 418 mg/kg (rat)

**Skin irritation or corrosion:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

**Eye irritation or corrosion:** Irritating effect.

**Sensitization:**

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Suspected of causing genetic defects.

**Carcinogenicity:**

May cause cancer.

IARC-2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans: limited evidence in humans in the absence of sufficient evidence in experimental animals.

ACGIH A3: Animal carcinogen: Agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at a relatively high dose, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) not considered relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemiologic studies do not confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans.

Available evidence suggests that the agent is not likely to cause cancer in humans except under uncommon or unlikely routes or levels of exposure.

**Reproductive toxicity:** May damage fertility or the unborn child.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:** No effects known.

**Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:** No effects known.

**Aspiration hazard:** No effects known.

**Other information (about experimental toxicology):**

Reproductive effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

Mutagenic effects have been observed on tests with bacteria.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Cobalt is an experimental neoplastigen and tumorigen. It is an experimental carcinogen of the connective tissue and lungs. Cobalt metal and inorganic compounds are classified as an animal carcinogen by the ACGIH. Ingestion may cause burning in the mouth, esophagus, and stomach. Inhalation of dusts and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory tract and labored breathing and coughing. Sensitization, nausea, flushing of the face and ringing in the ears is also possible. Chronic ingestion may result in pericardial effusion, polycardial effusion, polycythemia, cardiac failure, vomiting, convulsions and thyroid enlargement.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:** No effects known.

**Additional toxicological information:** To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

### 12: Ecological information

**Toxicity**

**Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

**Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.

**Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

**Ecotoxicological effects:**

**Remark:** Very toxic for aquatic organisms

**Additional ecological information:**

**General notes:**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.

May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

**Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### 13: Disposal considerations

**Waste treatment methods**

**Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

**Uncleaned packagings:**

**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

### 14: Transport information

**UN-Number**

**DOT, IMDG, IATA**

UN3077

**UN proper shipping name**

**DOT**

**IMDG**

**IATA**

Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.

ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S., MARINE

POLLUTANT

ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.

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USA

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## Transport hazard class(es)

DOT, IMDG, IATA



|       |                                                        |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Class | 9 Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles.     |
| Label | 9                                                      |
| Class | 9 (M7) Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles |
| Label | 9                                                      |

Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA

III

Environmental hazards:  
Marine pollutant (IMDG):

Yes (P)  
Symbol (fish and tree)  
Symbol (fish and tree)  
Symbol (fish and tree)

Special marking (ADR):  
Special marking (IATA):Special precautions for user  
EMS Number:

Warning: Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles  
F-A,S-F

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

## Transport/Additional information:

DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT):

No

Remarks:

Special marking with the symbol (fish and tree).

UN "Model Regulation":

UN3077, Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s., 9, III

## 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

## National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.  
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

## SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

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## California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.

## Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

This product contains cobalt and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

## Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.

This substance is included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH).

REACH - Pre-registered substances Substance is listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

## 16: Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing SDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

## Abbreviations and acronyms:

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

P: Marine Pollutant

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)