

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name	Infusorial Earth
Cat No. :	I22-3
CAS No	68855-54-9
Synonyms	Siliceous earth; Diatomaceous earth; Diatomaceous silica
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 1
Target Organs - Lungs.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May cause cancer

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Use personal protective equipment as required
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

WARNING. Cancer - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	68855-54-9	100
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	35-50

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Ingestion

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms and effects

No information available.

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

No information available

Flash Point	Not applicable
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Non-combustible. None reasonably foreseeable.

Hazardous Combustion Products

None known.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
1	0	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Strong bases.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Silica, cristobalite	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³	(Vacated) TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³ TWA: 50 µg/m ³	IDLH: 25 mg/m ³ TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection	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 and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
Respiratory Protection	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	9 - 10 10%; (Slurry)
Melting Point/Range	No data available
Boiling Point/Range	Not applicable
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	Negligible
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	2.3
Solubility	Insoluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Strong bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None known
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	Not listed	Not listed	LC50 > 2.6 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic No information available

Products**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure****Irritation** No information available**Sensitization** No information available**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	68855-54-9	Not listed				
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Group 1	Known	A2	X	A2

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans**Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans**Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans**A1 - Known Human Carcinogen**A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen**A3 - Animal Carcinogen**ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)***Mutagenic Effects** No information available**Reproductive Effects** No information available.**Developmental Effects** No information available.**Teratogenicity** No information available.**STOT - single exposure** None known**STOT - repeated exposure** Lungs**Aspiration hazard** No information available**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.**12. Ecological information****Ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains.

Persistence and Degradability No information available**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.**Mobility** No information available.**13. Disposal considerations****Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.**14. Transport information****DOT** Not regulated**TDG** Not regulated**IATA** Not regulated

IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

15. Regulatory information**United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	68855-54-9	X	ACTIVE	-
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	68855-54-9	X	-	272-489-0	X	X	X	X	X	KE-21796
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	X	-	238-455-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-09017

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313** Not applicable**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable**Clean Air Act** Not applicable**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Silica, cristobalite	50 µg/m ³ TWA 25 µg/m ³ Action Level	-

CERCLA Not applicable**California Proposition 65** This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Component	CAS No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Carcinogen	-	Carcinogen

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	-	-	X	-	-
Silica, cristobalite	X	X	X	X	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	68855-54-9	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Kieselguhr, soda ash flux-calcined	68855-54-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other information

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