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## 1 Identification of substance:

Product details:

Product name: Di-n-butylgermanium dichloride

Stock number: A17138
Manufacturer/Supplier:

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.

30 Bond Street

Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300
CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300

CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300 Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department

Emergency information:

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call

Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

## 2 Composition/Data on components:

Chemical characterization:

Description: (CAS#)

Di-n-butylgermanium dichloride (CAS# 4593-81-1): 100%

Identification number(s): EINECS Number: 224-986-9

#### 3 Hazards identification

### Hazard description:



T Toxic

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 14 Reacts violently with water.

R 25 Toxic if swallowed.

R 34 Causes burns.

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)



 $\begin{array}{ll} \textit{Health (acute effects)} = 3 \\ \textit{Flammability} = 1 \\ \textit{Reactivity} = 2 \end{array}$ 

## GHS label elements



Danger

3.1/2 - Fatal if swallowed.



Danger

3.2/1B - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

#### Prevention:

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

#### Response:

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

 ${\it IF}$  INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  ${\it IF}$  IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if

present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Specific treatment (see label).

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Rinse mouth.

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Storage:

Store locked up.

Disposal:

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

#### 4 First aid measures

#### General information

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

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

Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.

Seek immediate medical advice.

#### 5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing agents CO2, sand, extinguishing powder. Do not use water.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents Water

Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or resulting gases:

Reacts violently with water

In case of fire, the following can be released: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Metal oxide fume

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

## 6 Accidental release measures

Person-related safety precautions:

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

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

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders,

sawdust).

Use neutralizing agent.

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents

Additional information:

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

Information for safe handling:

Handle under dry protective gas.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: Keep ignition sources away.

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

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from water/moisture.

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Store away from oxidizing agents.

 ${\it Further information about storage conditions:}$ 

Store under dry inert gas. Protect from humidity and water. This product is moisture sensitive.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

#### 8 Exposure controls and 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.

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: Not required.

Additional information: No data

# 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.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

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.

#### Material of gloves

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

Tightly sealed goggles

Full face protection

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

#### 9 Physical and chemical properties:

General Information	
Form:	Liquid
Odor:	Not determined
Change in condition	
	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	241-243°C (466-469°F)
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not determined
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not determined
Density:	Not determined
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Reacts violently

#### 10 Stability and reactivity

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Materials to be avoided:

Water/moisture

Oxidizing agents

Dangerous reactions Reacts violently with water

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#### Dangerous products of decomposition:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Metal oxide fume

#### 11 Toxicological information

#### Acute toxicity:

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

Oral LD50 96 mg/kg (mouse) 100 mg/kg (rat)

### Primary irritant effect:

#### on the skin:

Corrosive effect on skin and mucous membranes.

Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

### on the eye:

Strong corrosive effect.

Irritating effect.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Other information (about experimental toxicology):

Mutagenic effects have been observed on tests with laboratory animals.

### Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Germanium compounds generally have a low order of toxicity. The anion and compound reactivity may contribute the greater part of the toxicity.

#### Subacute to chronic toxicity:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) reports the following effects in laboratory animals:

Peripheral Nerve and Sensation - spastic paralysis with or without sensory change.

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration - other changes.

Nutritional and Gross Metabolic - body temperature increase.

#### Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Corrosive materials are acutely destructive to the respiratory tract, eyes, skin and digestive tract. Eye contact may result in permanent damage and complete vision loss. Inhalation may result in respiratory effects such as inflammation, edema, and chemical pneumonitis. May cause coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. Ingestion may cause damage to the mouth, throat and esophagus. May cause skin burns or irritation depending on the severity of the exposure.

#### Additional toxicological information:

Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

# 12 Ecological information:

#### General notes:

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

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

#### 13 Disposal considerations

#### Product:

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

#### DOT regulations:





Hazard class:

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Identification number: UN3094

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name (technical name): CORROSIVE LIQUID, WATER-REACTIVE, N.O.S. (Di-n-

butylgermanium dichloride)

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Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)



ADR/RID class: 8 (C3) Corrosive substances

Danger code (Kemler): 80 3265 UN-Number: Packaging group: TT

Description of goods: 3265 CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Di-n-

butylgermanium dichloride)

Maritime transport IMDG:



IMDG Class: 8 UN Number: 3265 Labe1 8 Packaging group: II

Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Di-n-

butylgermanium dichloride)

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:



ICAO/IATA Class: 8 UN/ID Number: 3265 Label 8 Packaging group: II

Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Di-n-

butylgermanium dichloride)

UN "Model Regulation": UN3265, CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S., 8, II

#### 15 Regulations

#### Product related hazard informations:

# Hazard symbols:

T Toxic

#### Risk phrases:

14 Reacts violently with water.

25 Toxic if swallowed.

34 Causes burns.

# Safety phrases:

Keep container dry. 8

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When using do not eat or drink.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek 26 medical advice.

Never add water to this product. 30

36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.

This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. 60

#### 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 Non-Domestic Substances List

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Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

#### 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

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

Contact: Zachariah Holt Abbreviations and acronyms:

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

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

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATTA: International Air Transport Association

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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)

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)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

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USA