

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

**CHEMICAL NAME:** CERAMIC ( Silicon Nitride base )

## 1. CHEMICAL AND MANUFACTURER INFORMATION

1-1. Chemical Name :

Ceramics and Ceramic tools (Silicon Nitride base)

1-2. Company Information

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1-3. Recommended use and Restriction on use :

Cutting tools for mainly metal material, wear resistant tool for deformation processing, special cutters and knives.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2-1. Important and hazardous property and influence

- Fire and Explosion Hazard: Ceramics are nonflammable in the solid state. However, dusts produced from grinding may trigger a spontaneous ignition or an explosion if allowed to accumulate.  
There is no information available regarding the flash point, ignition limit, and explosion limit etc.
- Health Hazard: Dust from grinding can cause irritation of skin and eyes.
- Environmental Impact: There is no information available to be harmful regarding ceramics.

2-2. GHS classification

Not applicable

2-3. GHS label element

Not applicable

## 3. COMPOSITION / INGREDIENTS / IDENTITY INFORMATION

■ Single / Mixture : Mixture (Ceramic: Silicon Nitride base)

■ Ingredients and Composition of Ceramic

Ingredient	Chemical Formula	CAS#	Official Number ,Law for PRTR*	Industrial Safety and Health Law(Official Number)	Composition mass%
Silicon Nitride	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	12033-89-5	N/A	N/A	50--95
Titanium Carbonitride	TiCN	N/A	N/A	N/A	0--40
Erbium Oxide	Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	12061-16-4	N/A	N/A	0--10
Aluminum Oxide	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1344-28-1	N/A	Appendix 9-189	0--5
Titanium Oxide	TiO <sub>2</sub>	13463-67-7	N/A	Appendix 9-191	0--5

\*Law for PRTR: Law concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management

#### 4. EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

##### Inhalation:

- When inhaling high concentrations of dust from grinding, or if symptoms of pulmonary involvement develop (coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, etc.), remove the worker from exposure. Give oxygen in the case of breathing difficulty.
- In the case of breath-holding, seek medical attention after giving artificial respiration immediately.
- If irritation or rash persists, seek medical attention.

##### Skin Contact:

- If the dust from grinding contacts on skin, thoroughly wash affected area with soap and water and isolate from exposure. If irritation or rash persists, seek medical attention.

##### Eye Contact:

- If the dust from grinding contacts on the eyes, flush with clean running water immediately.
- If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

##### Ingestion:

- If a large amount of dust is swallowed, drink copious amounts of water to dilute it and seek medical attention.

#### 5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

##### Extinguishing Media:

- For dust explosion or fire, use dry sand, dry dolomite, ABC type dry chemical extinguisher (for general, oil, and electrical Fire ), or water (avoid using water for the dust from grinding of light metals such as Magnesium, Aluminum, etc.)

##### Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

- The dust from grinding may trigger a spontaneous ignition under the specific conditions when the particle size is extremely fine and mixed with the grinding fluid with low flash point. When the dust under the specific condition for easily-to-ignite is dispersed into the air, it may exceed the explosion limit. In such cases, assure the personal safety firstly and take the necessary extinguishing measures.

Special Firefighting Procedures: Wear dust-protective mask or other respiratory protective devices.

#### 6. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES:

Health Hazard Protection: Wearing the clothing to minimize the exposure of dust and the respirator is recommended to those who will clean up the dust from grinding.

Environmental Conservation: Dispose of the dust as industrial waste in accordance with appropriate government regulations and avoid leaking into water systems.

Removal Method: About the dust leaked from grinding or machining, isolate a place and remove using the cleaner equipped with the filter which can collect particulates in high efficiency etc. When there is no suitable removal method, let a dust become wet with fog-like water or the wet mop for floors, and remove it.

#### 7. PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORAGE:

Handling: Ceramics are a stable material and are not considered to be a physical or health hazard. However, there is the possibility of causing skin problems when contacting the dust or grinding fluid containing ceramics for long hours or repeatedly.

When grinding or machining this product, minimize the exposure of the dust and sludge by local exhaust ventilation and other protective devices.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling, before eating or smoking. Do not eat, drink and smoke at the handling area. Periodic medical examination is recommended for individuals regularly exposed to dust or mist.

Storage: Store in a dry form within doors. Avoid the sudden temperature change and the humid conditions.

## 8. SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Airborne dust is kept from exceeding the criterion value of the permissible concentration indicated to the following table by installation of the local exhaust ventilation. When permissible concentration may be exceeded, a dust protective mask, respiratory protective equipment, etc. are used.

Occupational Exposure Limit values

Ingredient	Chemical Formula	OSHA*PEL* mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Metal dust concentration)	ACGIH*TLV* mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Metal dust concentration)	JSOH*OEL* mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable dust conc.)
Silicon nitride	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	N/A	N/A	** X
Titanium Carbonitride	TiCN	N/A	N/A	** X
Erbium Oxide	Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	N/A	N/A	** X
Aluminum oxide	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5	10	** X
Titanium oxide	TiO <sub>2</sub>	15	10	** X

\* OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health Administration U.S. Department of Labor

\* PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

\* ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Inc.

\* TLV: Threshold Limit Value

\* JSOH: Japan Society for Occupational Health

\* OEL: Occupational Exposure Limit

\* N/A: Not Applicable

\*\* X: It is classified the third dust, respirable dust concentration is max. 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Protective Equipments:

Respiratory Protection: Dust-protective mask and respirator are recommended.

Hand Protection: Protective gloves are recommended.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses with side shields or goggles are recommended.

Skin & Body Protection: Avoid the direct skin contact with dust.

Do not shake clothing, rags or other items to remove dust. Dust should be removed by washing or vacuuming (with appropriate filters) the clothing, rags or other items. Clean work clothing should be worn daily.

Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Gray, etc.	Odor	No Odor
pH	N/A	Melting Point	N/A
Boiling Point	N/A	Flash Point	N/A
Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	N/A	Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O=1)	3.0-4.0
Solubility in Water	Insoluble		

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: It dissolves in an acid and an alkali in very small quantities.

Chemical stability: The product concerned is in a solid state, and there are not explosiveness, inflammability, combustibility, spontaneous combustibility, water-reactivity, and an oxidation nature, and it is chemically stable under the usual environment.

Possibility of hazardous reactions: None

Conditions to avoid: Contact with the following incompatible materials.

Incompatible Materials: Oxidizing substances (Strong oxidants, Strong acids, etc.)  
Others (Strong base, etc.)

Hazardous decomposition products: None

## 11. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

### Acute Toxicity

Data of Products: None

### Skin Corrosion / Irritation

Data of Products: None

### Serious Eye Damage / Irritation

Data of Products: None

### Respiratory or Skin Sensitization

Data of Products: None

### Germ Cell Mutagenicity

Data of Products: None

### Carcinogenicity

Data of Products: None

### Reproductive Toxicity

Data of Products: None

### Specific Target Organ / Systemic Toxicity ( Single Exposure )

Data of Products: None

### Specific Target Organ / Systemic Toxicity ( Repeated Exposure )

Data of Products: None

### Aspiration Hazard

Data of Products: None

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Mobility: There is no information available regarding ceramics.

Persistence: There is no information available regarding ceramics.

Bioaccumulative Potential: There is no information available regarding ceramics.

Environmental impact: There is no information available as composite material regarding ceramics.

## 13. WASTE DISPOSAL PRECAUTIONS

### Disposal Method:

- Dispose of as an industrial waste in accordance with the law regarding an industrial waste, such as "Waste Disposal and Public Cleaning Law" etc. and the related ordinance made by all prefectures, and cities, towns and villages in Japan.
- In other region, follow the local regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT PRECAUTIONS

No transport regulations in Japan. In other region, follow the local regulations.

United Nations Number : Not applicable

United Nations classification : Not applicable

Marine Pollutant : Not applicable

## 15. APPLICABLE LAW

Industrial Safety and Health Law (Obligation to produce MSDS: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare) in Japan.

Aluminum oxide : The substances are defined in the the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the Aluminum oxide is listed by No.189 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to Be Notified their Names, etc."

Titanium oxide : The substances are defined in the the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the Titanium oxide is listed by No.191 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to Be Notified their Names, etc."

In other region, follow the local regulations.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Other hazard and toxicity information

When grinding this product, regarding dust or fumes to generate, the following cautions are required.

Dust or fumes from grinding this product can cause irritation of the nose, mouth, throat, eye mucosa, upper respiratory tract and lungs when inhaled.

Symptoms of overexposure include allergic dermatitis, productive cough, wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness, etc.

Ingestion of the dust containing high levels of aluminum oxide may cause irritation of the eyes and upper airway

(References: 1)

Repeated or long-term inhalation or exposure of aluminum oxide may affect central nerve system. (References: 1)

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### Please refer to the following websites.

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry : <http://www.meti.go.jp/>

Ministry of Environment : <http://www.env.go.jp/>

Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare : <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/>

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer ) : <http://monographs.iarc.fr/>

ICSC (International Chemical Safety) Cards : <http://www.nihs.go.jp/ICSC/>

National Institute of Technology and Evaluation : <http://www.safe.nite.go.jp/ghs/list.html>

### <References>

- 1) International Chemical Safety Cards (ALUMINUM OXIDE ).
- 2) Danger and hazardous property handbook of a chemical substance (Japan Industrial Safety & Health Association).