

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

CHEMICAL NAME: CERMET

1. CHEMICAL AND MANUFACTURER INFORMATION

1-1. Chemical Name :

Cermet, Coated Cermet and Cermet Tools

1-2. Company Information

Manufacturer : Kyocera Corporation

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1-3. Chemical Family : Refractory Metal Carbide

2. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS / IDENTITY INFORMATION

Cermet may be coated with the following materials:

TiN, TiC, Ti(C, N), (Ti, Al)N, Al₂O₃

■ Single / Mixture : Mixture (Cermet Alloy)

■ Ingredients and Composition of Cermet

Ingredient	Formula	CAS#	Official Number ,Law for PRTR*	Industrial Safety and Health Law(Official Number)	Composition wt%
Titanium Carbide	TiC	12070-08-5	N/A	N/A	5--85
Titanium Nitride	TiN	25583-20-4	N/A	N/A	5--80
Niobium Carbide	NbC	12069-94-2	N/A	N/A	0--35
Tungsten Carbide	WC	12070-12-1	N/A	N/A	0--25
Molybdenum Carbide	Mo ₂ C	12069-89-5	Type-1: 346	Appendix 9-603	0--15
Tantalum Carbide	TaC	12070-06-3	N/A	N/A	0--15
Cobalt	Co	7440-48-4	Type-1: 100	Appendix 9-172	0--20
Nickel	Ni	7440-02-0	Type-1: 231	Appendix 9-418	0--20
Chromium	Cr	7440-47-3	Type-1: 68	Appendix 9-142	0--10
Zirconium Carbide	ZrC	12070-14-3	N/A	Appendix 9-313	0--1
Manganese	Mn	7439-96-5	Type-1: 311	Appendix 9-550	0--1
Others	—	N/A	N/A	N/A	0--10

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

For the details regarding the content of the designated chemical material such as cobalt, nickel, chromium, Molybdenum Carbide, and Manganese (effective digit: 2), please contact the above address.

3. HAZARDOUS DATA

3-1. Fire and Explosion Hazard: Cermet is 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.

3-2. Health Hazard: Dust from grinding can cause irritation of skin and eyes. Recent studies indicate that the repeated inhalation or long term contact of cobalt or nickel metal affects skin, respiratory organ and heart.

3-3. Environmental Impact: There is no information available to be harmful regarding cermet.

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.
- If irritation or rash persists, or in the case of breath-holding, seek medical attention after giving artificial respiration.

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 large amounts of water. 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 electricity 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.

* There is no statement about Cermet regarding a danger classification by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

6. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES:

Health Hazard Protection: Wearing the Clothing to minimize the exposure of the dust and other respiratory protective devices is recommended to those who will clean up the dust from grinding.

Environmental Conservation: Dispose of 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: Cermet is a stable material and is not considered to be a physical or health hazard. However, here is the possibility of causing skin problems when contacting the dust or grinding fluid containing cobalt for long hours or repeatedly.

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

This material is extremely hard but brittle at the same time. It may be damaged by giving impact or excessive pressure.

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

Use dust-protective mask, respiration protective equipment or implement local exhaust ventilation. Airborne dust should not exceed the permissible level on the following table.

Occupational Exposure Limit values

Ingredient	Formula	OSHA*PEL* mg/m ³ (Metal dust concentration)	ACGIH*TLV* mg/m ³ (Metal dust concentration)	JSOH*OEL* mg/m ³ (Respirable dust conc.)
Titanium Carbide	TiC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Titanium Nitride	TiN	N/A	N/A	N/A
Niobium Carbide	NbC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tungsten Carbide	WC	N/A	5(as W)	2
Molybdenum Carbide	Mo ₂ C	15	10	N/A
Tantalum Carbide	TaC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cobalt	Co	0.1	0.02	0.05
Nickel	Ni	1	1.5	1
Chromium	Cr	1	0.5	0.5
Zirconium Carbide	ZrC	5	5	N/A
Manganese	Mn	5	0.2	0.3

* 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

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 filter) the clothing, rags or other items. Clean work clothing should be worn daily.

Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DATA

Appearance and Odor	Dark gray, Gold, etc.	No Odor Solid	
Boiling Point	N/A	Specific Gravity (H ₂ O=1)	5.5-8.5
Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	N/A	Percent Volatile by Volume	0
Vapor Density (Air=1)	N/A	Evaporation Rate	N/A
Solubility in Water	Insoluble		

Appearance may change depending on composition or coating film.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Cermet is stable under normal use conditions.

Conditions to avoid: Contact with the following materials

Materials to avoid: Strong oxidizers (Hydrogen peroxide, Fluoride, Iodide, Basic oxide, Oxidized nitrogen etc.)

Others (Hydrazine, Acetylene, Ammonia etc.)

Hazardous decomposition products: None

11. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Acute effect of overexposure: 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 cobalt may cause damage of the blood, heart, thyroid gland, and spleen. (Reference: 1)

Local effect: Repeated or long-term skin contact with cobalt or nickel (Reference: 3,4) or chromium (Reference:4) may cause irritation and skin rash.

Chronic effect of overexposure:

Repeated or long-term inhalation or exposure of cobalt (Reference:2,3,4,5) or nickel (Reference:3) may cause asthma.

Repeated or long-term inhalation or exposure of cobalt or nickel may cause irritation of the lungs. (Reference: 3,4)

Repeated or long-term inhalation or exposure of manganese may cause irritation of the lungs or nervous system resulting in bronchitis, pneumonia, neurological disorder, and nervous psychiatric disorder.

- No information is available regarding carcinogenicity of cermet.
- Cobalt is listed as an animal carcinogen (A3) by ACGIH and as possibly carcinogenic to humans(2B) by IARC and JSOH.
- Nickel is listed as Group A5 (not suspected as a human carcinogen) by ACGIH and as possibly carcinogenic to humans (2B) by IARC and JSOH.
- Chromium is listed as Group 3 (not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans) by IARC.

*ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Inc.

*IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

*JSOH: Japan Society for Occupational Health

12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DATA

Mobility: There is mobility in the form of floating dust but basically easy to tend to accumulate

Residual: There is no information available regarding cermet.

Bioaccumulation: There is no information available regarding cermet.

Environmental impact: There is no information available regarding cermet.

*Cobalt or chromium may be potentially hazardous to the environment. Particular attention is required regarding the effect to the aquatic organism.

*There is no information available regarding nickel's impact on the aquatic organism.

13. WASTE DISPOSAL PRECAUTIONS

Disposal Method:

Some of the principal components such as tungsten carbide, cobalt or nickel are the rare metals and it is preferable to recover and recycle them.

Dispose of in accordance with "Waste Disposal and Public Cleaning Law" in Japan. In other region, follow the local regulations.

14. TRANSPORT PRECAUTIONS

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

15. APPLICABLE LAW

Law concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management in Japan. Cobalt, nickel, chromium and molybdenum are "Class 1 designated chemical substances" and there is obligation to produce MSDS. (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry / Ministry of Environment)

Industrial Safety and Health Law (Obligation to produce MSDS: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare) in Japan.
In other region, follow the local regulations.

16. OTHER DATA

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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/>

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

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1. Food & Drug Research Laboratories, Study No.8005B (4.11.84)
2. T. Shirakawa et al., Chest.95.29 (1989)
3. International Chemical Safety Cards (cobalt, chromium, nickel)
4. Danger and hazardous property handbook of a chemical substance(Japan Industrial Safety & Health Association)
5. A.O.Bech et al., Brit.J.Ind.,19,239 (1962)
6. Chemical Safety Control Data Book (The Chemical Daily Co., Ltd.)