

## 1 Identification

### Product identifier

**Product name:** Tungsten phosphide

**Stock number:** 39641

**CAS Number:**  
12037-70-6

**EC number:**  
234-864-7

**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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Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.  
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099  
Tel: 800-343-0660  
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www.alfa.com

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

#### Emergency telephone number:

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660. After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**



GHS02 Flame

Flam. Sol. 1 H228 Flammable solid.



GHS07

Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

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

### Label elements

**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

### Hazard pictograms



GHS02 GHS07

### Signal word

Danger

### Hazard statements

H228 Flammable solid.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

### Precautionary statements

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P362 Take off contaminated clothing.

### WHMIS classification

B4 - Flammable solid

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects



### Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH 2 Health (acute effects) = 2

FIRE 2 Flammability = 2

REACTIVITY 2 Physical Hazard = 2

### Other hazards

### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

**Chemical characterization:** Substances

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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** CO2, sand, extinguishing powder. Do not use water.

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

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

Phosphorus oxides

Hydrogen phosphide (Phosphine)

**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

Keep away from ignition sources

**Environmental precautions:** Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

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

Keep away from ignition sources.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Prevention of secondary hazards:** Keep away from ignition sources.

**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.

**Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Protect against electrostatic charges.

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

**Storage**

**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Store in a cool location.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:** No information known.

**Further information about storage conditions:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

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

**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:**

Tungsten and compounds (as W)  
mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV 5: 10-STEEL (metal)

1; 3-STEEL (soluble compounds)

5; 10-STEEL (insoluble compounds)

Belgium TWA 1 (soluble compounds)

5; 10-STEEL (insoluble compounds)

Finland TWA 5 (metal)

1 (soluble compounds)

5 (insoluble compounds)

Netherlands MAC-TGG 5 (metal)

1 (soluble compounds)

5 (insoluble compounds)

Poland TWA 5 (metal)

1 (soluble compounds)

5 (insoluble compounds)

Sweden NGV 5 (metal)

1 (soluble compounds)

5 (insoluble compounds)

United Kingdom TWA 5; 10-STEEL (metal)

1; 3-STEEL (soluble compounds)

5; 10-STEEL (insoluble compounds)

MSHA TWA 1 (soluble compounds)

5 (insoluble compounds)

**Additional information:** No data

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**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.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
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:** Powder  
**Color:** Grey  
**Odor:** Not determined  
**Odor threshold:** Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not applicable.

**Change in condition**

**Melting point/Melting range:** Not determined  
**Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined  
**Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined

**Flash point:** Not applicable  
**Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Highly flammable.  
**Ignition temperature:** Not determined  
**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined  
**Auto igniting:** Not determined.

**Danger of explosion:** Not determined.  
**Explosion limits:**  
**Lower:** Not determined  
**Upper:** Not determined  
**Vapor pressure:** Not applicable.  
**Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 8.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (70.933 lbs/gal)  
**Relative density:** Not determined.  
**Vapor density:** Not applicable.  
**Evaporation rate:** Not applicable.  
**Solubility in / Miscibility with**  
**Water:** Insoluble  
**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.  
**Viscosity:**  
**dynamic:** Not applicable.  
**kinematic:** Not applicable.  
**Other information** No further relevant information available.

**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  
**Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.  
**Incompatible materials:**  
Oxidizing agents  
No information known.  
**Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Phosphorus oxides (e.g. P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)  
Hydrogen phosphide (Phosphine)

**11 Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity:** No effects known.  
**LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:** No data  
**Skin irritation or corrosion:** Causes skin irritation.  
**Eye irritation or corrosion:** Causes serious eye irritation.  
**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.  
**Germ cell mutagenicity:** No effects known.  
**Carcinogenicity:** No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.  
**Reproductive toxicity:** No effects known.  
**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.  
**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**  
Inorganic phosphorus compounds may cause irritation and hemorrhages in the stomach as well as liver and kidney damage. Bone structure may be attacked, especially the jaw and teeth.  
Tungsten compounds may be irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract. Chronic exposure may result in permanent lung damage.  
**Subacute to chronic toxicity:** No effects known.  
**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**  
Phosphine, if generated, is a very toxic, flammable gas. The chief effects are central nervous system depression and lung irritation. Inhalation can cause coma and convulsions leading to death within 48 hours.  
**Additional toxicological information:** To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

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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.  
**Additional ecological information:**  
**General notes:**  
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.  
Avoid transfer into the environment.  
**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	UN3178
UN proper shipping name DOT IMDG, IATA	Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tungsten phosphide) FLAMMABLE SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tungsten phosphide)
Transport hazard class(es) DOT 	
Class Label Class	4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives. 4.1 4.1 (F3) Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives 4.1
Label IMDG, IATA 	
Class Label	4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives. 4.1
Packing group DOT, IMDG, IATA	II
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
Special precautions for user	Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
Transport/Additional information:	
DOT Marine Pollutant (DOT):	No
UN "Model Regulation":	UN3178, Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tungsten phosphide), 4.1, II

15 Regulatory information

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**  
**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)  
**Hazard pictograms**



GHS02 GHS07

**Signal word** Danger  
**Hazard statements**

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**Precautionary statements**

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P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
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**National regulations**

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

**SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)** Substance is not listed.

**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.

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**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male** Substance is not listed.  
**Information about limitation of use:** For use only by technically qualified individuals.  
**Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations**  
**Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.** Substance is not listed.  
**The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.**  
Substance is not listed.  
**Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)** Substance is not 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.

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**Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
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  
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)

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