

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Version 2 Revision Date 10.12.2018

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Calcium carbide

Product Number : 5657

Brand : Better Equipped

Index-No. : 006-004-00-9

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration or the annual tonnage does not require a registration.

CAS-No. : 75-20-7

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

Uses advised against : Not for sale to the general public

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +44 (0)1270 781238

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

F, Xi Highly flammable, Irritant R15, R37/38, R41

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H260	In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P223	Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire.
P231 + P232	Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P261	Avoid breathing dust.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P422	Store contents under inert gas.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

2.3 Other hazards – none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula	:	C ₂ Ca
Molecular Weight	:	64.10 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	75-20-7
EC-No.	:	200-848-3
Index-No.	:	006-004-00-9

Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
Calcium carbide		
CAS-No.	75-20-7	<= 100 %
EC-No.	200-848-3	
Index-No.	006-004-00-9	
	Water-react. 1; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H260, H315, H318, H335	

Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

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	F, R15 - R37/38 - R41	

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Dry powder

Unsuitable Media

Do not allow water to come into direct contact with material.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Calcium oxide

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

no data available

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures****- 6.1.1 For non-emergency personnel**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

- 6.1.2 For emergency responders

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition

- No smoking.

7.1.2 Advice on general occupational hygiene:

- No smoking.
- Do not eat or drink.
- Wash hands after use.
- Remove contaminated clothing.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Store under inert gas. Moisture sensitive. Reacts violently with water. Handle and store under inert gas.

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 **Control parameters**

Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

8.2 **Exposure controls**

Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday. Use Local exhaust ventilation (LEV).

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a)	Appearance	Form: crystalline
b)	Odour	No data available
c)	Odour Threshold	No data available
d)	pH	12.48 at 20 g/l
e)	Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 2,300 °C
f)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g)	Flash point	No data available
h)	Evaporation rate	No data available
i)	Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable
j)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k)	Vapour pressure	No data available
l)	Vapour density	No data available
m)	Relative density	2.22 g/mL at 25 °C
n)	Water solubility	No data available
o)	Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	No data available
p)	Auto-ignition temperature	390 °C
q)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
r)	Viscosity	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	No data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	No data available

9.2 Other safety information

no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Yes reacts violently with water

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with water.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Reacts violently with water.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products – Acetylene

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Maximisation Test - guinea pig

Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 50 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 4.62 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)

Toxicity to algae static test EC50 - *Desmodesmus subspicatus* (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*) - 46 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects

Toxic to aquatic life.

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Unused product may be returned and reused, in addition to disposal.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1402

IMDG: 1402

IATA: 1402

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: CALCIUM CARBIDE

IMDG: CALCIUM CARBIDE

IATA: Calcium carbide

Passenger Aircraft: Not permitted for transport

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 4.3

IMDG: 4.3

IATA: 4.3

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: I

IMDG: I

IATA: I

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

N/A

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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

no data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
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H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
Water-react.	Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases

Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

F	Highly flammable
R15	Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.
R37/38	Irritating to respiratory system and skin.
R41	Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Revisions made since previous version of data sheet:

The following sections of this data sheet have been updated:

1.1, 1.2, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2, 11, 12, 13, 14.7, 16

We strongly recommend reading the entire data sheet for this chemical in preparation ahead of use.

Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Better Equipped and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.
