

## Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

## Aluminium phosphide SDS

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

Product name: Aluminium phosphide

CAS: 20859-73-8

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

Relevant identified uses: For R&amp;D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.

Uses advised against: none

**Company Identification**

Company: Chemicalbook.in

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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****Classification of the substance or mixture**Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases, Category 1  
Acute toxicity - Category 2, Oral

Acute toxicity - Category 3, Dermal  
Acute toxicity - Category 1, Inhalation  
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (Acute) - Category Acute 1

### GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram(s)



Signal word

Danger

### Hazard statement(s)

H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously  
H300 Fatal if swallowed  
H311 Toxic in contact with skin  
H330 Fatal if inhaled  
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life

### Precautionary statement(s)

#### Prevention

P223 Do not allow contact with water.  
P231+P232 Handle and store contents under inert gas/....Protect from moisture.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection/...  
P264 Wash ... thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P284 [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.

#### Response

P302+P335+P334 IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water [or wrap in wet bandages].  
P370+P378 In case of fire: Use ... to extinguish.  
P301+P316 IF SWALLOWED: Get emergency medical help immediately.  
P321 Specific treatment (see ... on this label).  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/...  
P316 Get emergency medical help immediately.

P361+P364 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see ... on this label).  
P391 Collect spillage.

#### **Storage**

P402+P404 Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

#### **Disposal**

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

#### **Other hazards which do not result in classification**

no data available

### **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

#### **Substance**

Chemical name:	Aluminium phosphide
Common names and synonyms:	Aluminium phosphide
CAS number:	20859-73-8
EC number:	244-088-0
Concentration:	100%

### **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

#### **Description of necessary first-aid measures**

#### **If inhaled**

Fresh air, rest. Half-upright position. Artificial respiration may be needed. Refer for medical attention.

### **Following skin contact**

Remove contaminated clothes. Rinse and then wash skin with water and soap. Wear protective gloves when administering first aid.

### **Following eye contact**

First rinse with plenty of water for several minutes (remove contact lenses if easily possible), then refer for medical attention.

### **Following ingestion**

Induce vomiting (ONLY IN CONSCIOUS PERSONS!). Refer for medical attention .

### **Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

Acute toxicity occurs primarily by the inhalation route when aluminum phosphide decomposes into the toxic gas, phosphine. The human median lethal dose for aluminum phosphide has been reported to be 20 mg/kg. Rated as super toxic: probable oral lethal dose is less than 5 mg/kg or less than 7 drops for a 70 kg (150 lb.) person. (EPA, 1998)

Excerpt from ERG Guide 157 [Substances - Toxic and/or Corrosive (Non-Combustible / Water-Sensitive)]: TOXIC; inhalation, ingestion or contact (skin, eyes) with vapors, dusts or substance may cause severe injury, burns or death. Reaction with water or moist air may release toxic, corrosive or flammable gases. Reaction with water may generate much heat that will increase the concentration of fumes in the air. Fire will produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases. Runoff from fire control or dilution water may be corrosive and/or toxic and cause pollution. (ERG, 2016)

### **Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary**

#### **Absorption, Distribution and Excretion**

Aluminum phosphide is not apparently absorbed transcutaneously. Experimentally, its hydrolysis product has consistently produced severe systemic intoxications as a consequence of phosphine formation subsequent to hydrolysis to phosphine in gastric acid an/or respiratory moisture.

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **Suitable extinguishing media**

If material on fire or involved in fire: Do not use water. Use dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### **Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

Releases toxic fumes on exposure to moist air, water, or acids. Decomposes to produce phosphine gas. Avoid water, dilute mineral acids, dilute or concentrated hydrochloric acid. Stable when dry. Avoid moist air. (EPA, 1998)

Excerpt from ERG Guide 157 [Substances - Toxic and/or Corrosive (Non-Combustible / Water-Sensitive)]: Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. For UN1796, UN1826, UN2031 at high concentrations and for UN2032, these may act as oxidizers, also consult ERG Guide 140. Vapors may accumulate in confined areas (basement, tanks, hopper/tank cars, etc.). Substance may react with water (some violently), releasing corrosive and/or toxic gases and runoff. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Containers may explode when heated or if contaminated with water. (ERG, 2016)

#### **Special protective actions for fire-fighters**

Use dry powder, dry sand, carbon dioxide. NO water.

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Evacuate danger area! Consult an expert! Personal protection: complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Do NOT wash away into sewer. Do NOT let this chemical enter the environment. Cover the spilled material with dry earth, dry sand or plastic sheet. Sweep spilled substance into covered sealable containers. Carefully collect remainder. Then store and dispose of according to local regulations.

#### **Environmental precautions**

Evacuate danger area! Consult an expert! Personal protection: complete protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. Do NOT wash away into sewer. Do NOT let this chemical enter the environment. Sweep spilled substance into covered sealable containers. Carefully collect remainder. Then store and dispose of according to local regulations.

#### **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Blanket release with dry sand, clay, or ground limestone. Shovel into suitable dry container.

### **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### **Precautions for safe handling**

NO open flames, NO sparks and NO smoking. NO contact with water, heat or many other substances. Handling in a well ventilated place. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Use non-sparking tools. Prevent fire caused by electrostatic discharge steam.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Fireproof. Provision to contain effluent from fire extinguishing. Separated from acids, water and food and feedstuffs. Dry.Store in cool, dry, locked and ventilated room . Protect from moisture, open flames and heat.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

### Occupational Exposure limit values

Component	Aluminium phosphide
CAS No.	20859-73-8
	Recommended Exposure Limit: 10-Hr Time-Weighted Avg: 10 mg/cu m (total). /Aluminum/ Recommended Exposure Limit: 10 Hr Time-Weighted Avg: 5 mg/cu m (resp). /Aluminum/ Recommended Exposure Limit: 10 Hr Time-Weighted Avg: 2 mg/cu m. /Aluminum (soluble salts and alkyls, as Al)/ Recommended Exposure Limit: 10 Hr Time-Weighted Avg: 5 mg/cu m. /Aluminum (pyro powders and welding fumes, as Al)/

### Biological limit values

no data available

### Appropriate engineering controls

Ensure adequate ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Set up emergency exits and the risk-elimination area.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

#### Eye/face protection

Wear safety goggles or eye protection in combination with breathing protection.

#### Skin protection

Protective gloves.

#### Respiratory protection

Use local exhaust or breathing protection.

#### Thermal hazards

no data available

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

Physical state:	Aluminum phosphide is a dark gray or dry, yellow, crystalline solid. It reacts with moisture to give phosphine, a flammable and poisonous gas. Normally, phosphine will spontaneously ignite upon contact with air. If there is an excess of water, the phosphine fire will not normally ignite any surrounding combustible material.
Colour:	Dark gray or dark yellow crystals. Cubic zinc blende structure.
Odour:	Garlic odor
Melting point/freezing point:	2000°C (dec)
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range:	no data available
Flammability:	Not combustible but forms flammable gas on contact with water or damp air. Gives off irritating or toxic fumes (or gases) in a fire.
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit:	no data available
Flash point:	no data available
Auto-ignition temperature:	no data available
Decomposition temperature:	no data available
pH:	no data available
Kinematic viscosity:	no data available
Solubility:	in water: reaction
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water:	no data available

Vapour pressure:	no data available
Density and/or relative density:	2.42
Relative vapour density:	no data available
Particle characteristics:	no data available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

Decomposes on contact with water. This produces highly flammable and toxic gases (phosphine see ICSC 0694).

### Chemical stability

Stable when dry

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Certain polymerization catalysts, such as aluminum alkyls, react & burn violently on contact with water. /Aluminum alkyls/ALUMINUM PHOSPHIDE is a reducing agent. Contact with mineral acids causes explosive evolution of toxic phosphine [Wang, C. C. et al., J. Inorg. Nucl. Chem., 1963, 25, p. 327]. Heating produces highly toxic fumes of phosphorus oxides. Can react vigorously upon contact with oxidizing agents. [Sax, 9th ed., p. 119].

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Incompatible materials

In contact with water, steam or alkali it slowly yields PH<sub>3</sub> which is spontaneously flammable in air.

### Hazardous decomposition products

When heated to decomposition it emits toxic /phosphorus oxides/.



## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### Acute toxicity

Oral: LD50 Rat oral 11.5 mg/kg

Inhalation: LC50 Rat inhalation 15.5 mg/cu m/4 hr

Dermal: no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

### Serious eye damage/irritation

no data available

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

### Carcinogenicity

A4; Not classifiable as a human carcinogen. Aluminum metal and insoluble compounds

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

### STOT-single exposure

The substance is irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Inhalation of decomposition products (phosphine) may cause lung oedema. See Notes. The substance may cause effects on the cardiovascular system, nervous system, respiratory tract, liver and kidneys. This may result in impaired functions, respiratory failure, tachycardia and coma. Exposure could cause death.

### STOT-repeated exposure

no data available

#### **Aspiration hazard**

Evaporation at 20°C is negligible; a harmful concentration of airborne particles can, however, be reached quickly. Hydrolysis in atmospheric moisture or perspiration may yield gaseous phosphine which can be inhaled.

### **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

#### **Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish: no data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: no data available

Toxicity to algae: no data available

Toxicity to microorganisms: no data available

#### **Persistence and degradability**

no data available

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

#### **Mobility in soil**

no data available

#### **Other adverse effects**

no data available

### **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### **Disposal methods**

#### **Product**

The material can be disposed of by removal to a licensed chemical destruction plant or by controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing. Do not contaminate water, foodstuffs, feed or seed by storage or disposal. Do not discharge to sewer systems.

### **Contaminated packaging**

Containers can be triply rinsed (or equivalent) and offered for recycling or reconditioning. Alternatively, the packaging can be punctured to make it unusable for other purposes and then be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing is possible for combustible packaging materials.

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **UN Number**

ADR/RID: UN3048 (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: UN3048 (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: UN3048 (For reference only, please check.)

### **UN Proper Shipping Name**

ADR/RID: ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE PESTICIDE (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE PESTICIDE (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE PESTICIDE (For reference only, please check.)

### **Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 6.1 (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: 6.1 (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: 6.1 (For reference only, please check.)

### **Packing group, if applicable**

ADR/RID: I (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: I (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: I (For reference only, please check.)

### **Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: Yes

IMDG: Yes

IATA: Yes

**Special precautions for user**

no data available

**Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

no data available

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)

Listed.

EC Inventory

Listed.

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory

Listed.

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015

Listed.

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)

Listed.

(PICCS)

Listed.

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory

Not Listed.

IECSC)

Listed.

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL)

Listed.

## SECTION 16: Other information

### Abbreviations and acronyms

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

TWA: Time Weighted Average

STEL: Short term exposure limit

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

### References

IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:  
[http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website:  
<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

### **Other Information**

The symptoms of lung oedema often do not become manifest until a few hours have passed and they are aggravated by physical effort. Do NOT take working clothes home. Consult a poison information centre or an expert for further information.

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