



LTS Research Laboratories, Inc.  
Safety Data Sheet  
Iron Carbide

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1. Product and Company Identification

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Trade Name: Iron carbide  
Chemical Formula: Fe<sub>3</sub>C  
Recommended Use: Scientific research and development

Manufacturer/Supplier: LTS Research Laboratories, Inc.  
Street: 37 Ramland Road  
City: Orangeburg  
State: New York  
Zip Code: 10962  
Country: USA  
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+1-703-527-3887 (International)

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2. Hazards Identification

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Signal Word: Warning



Hazard Statements: H228: Flammable solid  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation  
H335: May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary Statements: P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/vapor  
P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – No smoking  
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do – continue rinsing  
P405: Store locked up  
P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations

HMIS Health Ratings (0-4):

	Powder	Bulk
Health:	1	0
Flammability:	2	1
Physical:	1	0

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### 3. Composition

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Chemical Family: Ceramic  
Additional Names: Cementite

Iron carbide (Fe<sub>3</sub>C):  
Percentage: 100 wt%  
CAS #: 12011-67-5  
EC #: N/A

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### 4. First Aid Procedures

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General Treatment: Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.  
Special Treatment: None  
Important Symptoms: None

Inhalation: Remove victim to fresh air. Supply oxygen if breathing is difficult.  
Ingestion: Seek medical attention  
Skin: Wash affected area with mild soap and water. Remove any contaminated clothing.  
Eyes: Flush eyes with water, blinking often for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

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### 5. Firefighting Measures

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Flammability: Somewhat flammable as powder

Extinguishing Media: Do not use water for metal fires – use CO<sub>2</sub>, sand, extinguishing powder.  
Spec. Fire Fighting Procedure: Use full-face, self-contained breathing apparatus with full protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. See section 10 for decomposition products.

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### 6. Accidental Release Measures

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If Material Is Released/Spilled: Wear appropriate respiratory and protective equipment specified in special protection information. Isolate spill area and provide ventilation. Vacuum up spill using a high efficiency particulate absolute (HEPA) air filter and place in a closed container for disposal. Take care not to raise dust.

Environmental Precautions: Isolate runoff to prevent environmental pollution.

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### 7. Handling and Storage

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Handling Conditions: Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Storage Conditions: Store in a cool dry place in a tightly sealed container. Store apart from materials and conditions listed in section 10.

Work/Hygienic Maintenance: Do not use tobacco or food in work area. Wash thoroughly before eating and smoking. Do not blow dust off clothing or skin with compressed air.

Ventilation: Provide sufficient ventilation to maintain concentration at or below threshold limit.

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## 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

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Permissible Exposure Limits:	N/A
Threshold Limit Value:	5 mg /m <sup>3</sup> as Fe, long term value
Special Equipment:	None
Respiratory Protection:	Use a respirator with type N95 (USA) or PE (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.
Protective Gloves:	Nitrile rubber, NBR 0.11mm thick.
Eye Protection:	Safety glasses or goggles
Body Protection:	Protective work clothing. Wear close-toed shoes and long sleeves/pants.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Characteristics

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Color	Silver
Form:	Powder, Granules, Pellets, Sputtering target, Custom parts
Odor:	Odorless
Water Solubility:	Insoluble
Boiling Point:	N/A
Melting Point:	N/A
Flash Point:	N/A
Autoignition Temperature:	N/A
Density:	7.7 g/cc
Molecular weight:	179.55 g/mol

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## 10. Reactivity

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Stability:	Stable under recommended storage conditions
Reacts With:	Acids, Oxidizing agents
Incompatible Conditions:	None
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Metal oxide fume, Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide, Iron oxides

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## 11. Toxicological Information

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Potential Health Effects:	
Eyes:	Causes serious eye damage
Skin:	May cause irritation
Ingestion:	May cause irritation
Inhalation:	May cause irritation
Chronic:	The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains multiple dose toxicity data for this substance.
Signs & Symptoms:	N/A
Aggravated Medical Conditions:	N/A
Median Lethal Dose:	N/A
Carcinogen:	The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains tumorigenic and/or carcinogenic and/or neoplastic data for this substance.

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## 12. Ecological Information

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Aquatic Toxicity:	Low
Persistent Bioaccumulation Toxicity:	No
Very Persistent, Very Bioaccumulative:	No
Notes:	N/A

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

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Dispose of in accordance with local, state, national, and international regulations.

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## 14. Transportation Data

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Hazardous:	Hazardous as powder only.
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Hazard Class:	4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives
Packing Group:	III
UN Number:	UN3089
Proper Shipping Name:	Metal powders, flammable, n.o.s. (Iron Carbide)

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## 15. Regulatory Information

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Sec 302 Extremely Hazardous:	No
Sec 304 Reportable Quantities:	N/A
Sec 313 Toxic Chemicals:	No

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## 16. Other Information

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This safety data sheet should be used in conjunction with technical sheets. It does not replace them. The information given is based on our knowledge of this product, at the time of publication. It is given in good faith. The attention of the user is drawn to the possible risks incurred by using the product for any other purpose other than that for which it was intended. This does not in any way excuse the user from knowing and applying all the regulations governing his activity. It is the sole responsibility of the user to take all precautions required in handling the product. The aim of the mandatory regulations mentioned is to help the user to fulfill his obligations regarding the use of hazardous products.

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