



LTS Research Laboratories, Inc.  
Safety Data Sheet  
Mercury Telluride

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1. Product and Company Identification

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Trade Name: Mercury telluride  
Chemical Formula: HgTe  
Recommended Use: Scientific research and development

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

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2. Hazards Identification

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Signal Word: Danger



Hazard Statements: H300+H310+H330 Fatal if swallowed, contact with skin, or if inhaled  
H319 May cause damage to the central nervous system, liver, reproductive system, and brain, through repeated or prolonged exposure – inhalative or oral

Precautionary Statements: P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/vapor  
P307+P310 If exposed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor  
P320 Specific treatment is urgent

HMIS Health Ratings (0-4):

Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Physical: 1

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3. Composition

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Chemical Family: Salt  
Additional Names: N/A

Mercury telluride (HgTe):

Percentage: 100 wt%  
CAS #: 12068-90-5  
EC #: 235-108-9

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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:	Call for medical help. Do not induce vomiting.
Skin:	Wash affected area with mild soap and water. Remove any contaminated clothing. Seek medical advice.
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:	Non-flammable
Extinguishing Media:	No special restrictions – use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding material and type of fire.
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:	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hg, long-term value
Threshold Limit Value:	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hg – skin, BEI – long-term value
Special Equipment:	None
Respiratory Protection:	Dust Respirator
Protective Gloves:	Rubber gloves
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	Black
Form:	Powder, Granules, Pellets, Sputtering target, Custom parts
Odor:	Odorless
Water Solubility:	N/A
Boiling Point:	N/A
Melting Point:	N/A
Flash Point:	N/A
Autoignition Temperature:	N/A
Density:	8.12 g/cc
Molecular weight:	328.19 g/mol

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## 10. Reactivity

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

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## 11. Toxicological Information

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### Potential Health Effects:

Eyes:	Fatal
Skin:	Fatal
Ingestion:	Fatal
Inhalation:	Fatal
Chronic:	May cause damage to the central nervous system, liver, reproductive system, and brain, through repeated or prolonged exposure – inhalative or oral. Acute and chronic exposure to inorganic mercury can cause salivation with metallic taste, pain on chewing, gingivitis, colitis, stomatitis, kidney damage, and central nervous system damage. The latter can cause tremors, convulsive or shaking movements and psychic disturbances such as memory loss, insomnia, loss of confidence, irritability, and depression. Excessive exposure may result in death. Tellurium is converted in the body to dimethyl telluride, which imparts a garlic-like odor to the breath and sweat. Heavy exposure may result in headache, drowsiness, metallic taste, loss of appetite, nausea, tremors, convulsions, and respiratory arrest.

Signs & Symptoms:	N/A
Aggravated Medical Conditions:	N/A
Median Lethal Dose:	N/A
Carcinogen:	N/A

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## 12. Ecological Information

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Aquatic Toxicity:	High
Persistent Bioaccumulation Toxicity:	No
Very Persistent, Very Bioaccumulative:	No
Notes:	Danger to drinking water and aquatic organisms even in extremely small quantities.

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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 for transportation.



Hazard Class: 6.1 Toxic substances  
Packing Group: II  
UN Number: UN2025  
Proper Shipping Name: Mercury compound, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury telluride)

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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: Yes

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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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