



A Milacron Company

Dear Customer:

Enclosed in the **REVISED** Material Safety Data Sheet for our product:

(all) Carbide Inserts

The products we distribute are not normally hazardous in their natural state. However, steel does contain elements deemed by OSHA to be hazardous when released by manufacturing, such as brazing, burning, grinding, sawing or welding, etc. Failure to control dust and fumes can result in chronic health problems.

We believe the information, supplied by the Manufacturer, on the enclosed MSDS to be accurate; however, D-M-E makes no warranty with respect to the accuracy of the information or the suitability of the recommendations, and assumes no liability for the information so presented.

Should you require additional information, please call or write the Manufacturer listed on the MSDS.

Sincerely yours,

D-M-E Company
Director of Operations
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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Newcomer Products, Inc.

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Chemical Name: Cemented Carbide Product with Cobalt Binder

Trade Name and Synonyms: All NPI Carbide Grades,
except: Ceramics and Cermets

Chemical Family: Refractory Metal Carbide

Molecular Weight: N/A

PHYSICAL DATA

Appearance and Odor:	Dark Gray Metal / No Odor		
Boiling Point:	N/A	Specific Gravity (H ₂ O=1):	11.0 to 15.5
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):	N/A	Percent Volatile by Volume:	0
Vapor Density (Air=1):	N/A	Evaporation Rate:	N/A
Solubility in Water:	Insoluble	How Best Monitored:	Air Sample

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

MATERIAL	C.A.S. NUMBER	% BY WEIGHT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Tungsten Carbide	12070-12-1	65-97	5mg/m ³	5mg/m ³
Cobalt *	7440-48-4	2.0-25	.05mg/m ³	.02mg/m ³
Tantalum Carbide	12070-06-3	0.0-50	5mg/m ³	5mg/m ³
Titanium Carbide	12070-08-5	0.0-25	5mg/m ³	No Limit
Niobium Carbide	12069-94-2	0.0-25	5mg/m ³	5mg/m ³

* Identifies substances that are subject to the requirements of Section 313 of Title III of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

HEALTH HAZARD DATA

We do not consider this product in the form it is sold to constitute a physical hazard or a health hazard. Subsequent operations such as grinding, abrading, melting, welding, cutting or processing in any other fashion may produce potentially hazardous dust or fumes which can be inhaled, swallowed or come in contact with the skin or eyes.

HEALTH HAZARD DATA (continued)

Routes of Exposure:	Grinding cemented carbide product will produce dust of potentially hazardous ingredients which can be inhaled, swallowed or come in contact with the skin or eyes.
Effects of Overexposure:	
Inhalation --	Dust from grinding can cause irritation of the nose and throat. It also has the potential for causing transient or permanent respiratory disease, including occupational asthma and interstitial fibrosis, in a small percentage of exposed individuals. It is reported that cobalt dust is the most probable cause of such respiratory diseases. Symptoms include productive cough, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and weight loss. Interstitial fibrosis (lung scarring) can lead to permanent disability or death. Certain pulmonary conditions may be aggravated by exposure.
Skin Contact --	Can cause irritation or an allergic skin rash due to cobalt sensitization. Certain skin conditions, such as dry skin, may be aggravated by exposure.
Eye Contact --	Can cause irritation.
Ingestion --	Reports outside the industry suggest that ingestion of significant amounts of cobalt has the potential for causing blood, heart and other organ problems.
Emergency and First Aid Procedures:	Applicable for dusts or mists.
Inhalation --	If symptoms of pulmonary involvement develop (coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, etc.), remove from exposure and seek medical attention.
Skin Contact --	If irritation or rash occurs, thoroughly wash affected area with soap and water and isolate from exposure. If irritation or rash persists, seek medical attention.
Eye Contact --	If irritation occurs, flush with copious amounts of water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
Ingestion --	If substantial quantities are swallowed, dilute with a large amount of water, induce vomiting and seek medical attention.

CARCINOGENIC ASSESSMENT

Carcinogenic Assessment (NTP annual report, IARC monographs, other): The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) found there was inadequate evidence that metallic cobalt is carcinogenic to humans but that there is sufficient evidence that it is carcinogenic to animals. IARC concluded that metallic cobalt is possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B). Cobalt has not been classified as a known or suspected carcinogen by OSHA or the National Toxicology Program.

FIRE and EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point: N/A Test Method Used: --- Flammable Limits: N/A LEL: --- UEL: ---

Hard cemented carbide product is not a fire hazard. Dusts generated in grinding operations may ignite if allowed to accumulate and if subjected to an ignition source.

Extinguishing Media: For powder fires, smother with dry sand, dry dolomite, ABC type fire extinguisher, or flood with water.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: For a powder fire confined to a small area, use a respirator approved for toxic dusts and fumes. For a large fire, fire fighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Dusts may present a fire or explosion hazard under rare favoring conditions of particle size, dispersion and strong ignition source. However, this is not expected to be a problem under normal handling conditions.

REACTIVITY DATA

Stability:	Conditions to Avoid:	N/A
Unstable		
Stable	X	

Incompatibility:	Materials to Avoid:	N/A
Contact of dust with strong oxidizers may cause fire or explosions.		

Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Hazardous Polymerization:	
None	May Occur	
	Will Not Occur	X

SPILL or LEAK PROCEDURES

Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled: Ventilate area of spill. Clean up using methods which avoid dust generation such as vacuum (with appropriate filter to prevent airborne dust levels which exceed the PEL or TLV), wet dust mop or wet clean-up. If airborne dust is generated, use an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator.

Waste Disposal Method: Dispose of in accordance with appropriate government regulations. May be sold as scrap for reclaim.

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiratory Protection: Use an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator if airborne dust concentrations exceed the appropriate PEL or TLV. All appropriate requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.134 should be met.

Ventilation: Use local exhaust ventilation which is adequate to limit personal exposure to airborne dust to levels which do not exceed the PEL or TLV. If such equipment is not available use respirators as specified above.

Protective Gloves: Protective gloves or Barrier cream are recommended when contact with dust or mist is likely. Prior to applying the Barrier cream or use of protective gloves, wash thoroughly.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses with side shields or goggles are recommended.

Other Protective Equipment: N/A

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storage: Maintain good housekeeping procedures to prevent dust accumulation during grinding. Avoid dust inhalation and direct skin contact with dust.

Other Precautions: Clean up using methods which avoid dust generation such as vacuum (with appropriate filter to prevent airborne dust levels which exceed the PEL or TLV), wet dust mop or wet clean-up. If airborne dust is generated, use an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling, before eating or smoking. Wash exposed skin at the end of work shift. Do not shake clothing, rags or other items to remove dust. Dust should be removed by washing or vacuuming (with appropriate filters) the clothing, rags, or other items.

Periodic medical examinations are recommended for individuals regularly exposed to dust or mist.

For any additional medical information, consult a medical doctor, or pulmonary specialist.

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