Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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1. Identification of the Substance/Preparation and of the Company

Product
Chemical Name: Cemented Carbide, Cemented Carbide Tool, Coated Cemented Carbide, and Coated Cemented Carbide Tool

Supplier Information
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Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use
Cutting tools mainly for metallic materials, wear-resistant tools for plastic forming process, tools for macadam, civil engineering, and urban development, etc.

2. Hazard Identification

Important Hazards and Effects
Danger:
• Cemented Carbide is nonflammable in solid form and there is no risk of fire. However, dusts resulting from cutting and grinding may be pyrophoric or explosive.
• Not reported on flash point, ignition point, explosive limits, etc.

Hazard:
• If dusts resulting from cutting and grinding are on skin or in eyes, irritation may occur.

Environmental Effects:
• Not reported on Cemented Carbide

GHS Classification
Not applicable

GHS Label Elements
Not applicable

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

- Cemented Carbide may be coated with the following substances.
  AlN, Al₂O₅, (Al,Ti)N, B₄C, Cr₃C₂, CrN, MoS₂, Ti(B,C,N), TiC, (Ti,Zr)N, WC
- Distinction between Substance and Mixture: Mixture (alloy)
- Ingredients and Concentration or Concentration Range (Composition)

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### 4. First-Aid Measures

**If Inhaled**
- If the high concentration of dust from grinding scraps is inhaled or respiratory symptoms (coughs, gasping, shortness of breath, etc.) are experienced, evacuate and isolate the workplace. If breathing difficulties occur, administer oxygen inhalation. If breathing has stopped, immediately administer artificial respiration and get medical advice/attention.
- If irritation or rash persists, get medical advice and attention.

**If on Skin**
- If dust from grinding scraps is contacted with skin, take off contaminated clothing and rinse the affected area with soapy water thoroughly. If irritation or rash persists, get medical advice/attention.

**If in Eyes**
- If dust from grinding scraps is in eyes, immediately wash away with clean water. If irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.

**If Swallowed**
- If a large amount of dust is swallowed, get medical advice/attention after ingesting plenty of water to dilute.

### 5. Fire-Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media**
- To extinguish the fire of dusts resulting from grinding, use dry sand, dry dolomite, ABC type (general, oil, electric fire) powder extinguishers or water (no water allowed for the dust containing cut powders of light metal such as magnesium and aluminum).

**Unusual Fire and Explosion**
- Dusts resulting from grinding are very fine and under the specific conditions in which the dusts are mixed with grinding oil with low flash point, it is possible to become pyrophoric. If dusts under very flammable conditions are dispersed in the air, it is possible to explode. In such cases, look to your own safety first and then take necessary fire-fighting measures.

**Special Protective Actions for Fire-Fighters**
- In fighting a fire, wear a dust-proof respirator or respiratory protective equipment.

### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions**
- It is recommended that someone who cleans grinding scraps or dusts should wear clothing and respiratory protective equipment to minimize exposure.

**Environmental Precautions**
- Dispose of dusts as industrial wastes and prevent release in water systems.

**Cleaning Up Methods**
- If there are dusts from resulting from grinding and mechanical processing, isolate the area and remove with a cleaner equipped with a filter which can take up fine particles very efficiently. If appropriate removing methods are not available, sweep with water sprayers or wet mops.
7. Handling and Storage

Handling
- Cemented Carbide is stable and has little effect on health. However, prolonged or repeated exposure to the dust or grinding liquid containing cobalt or nickel may cause rough skin.
- As the specific gravity of Cemented Carbide is great, handle as a large-sized product or in the case of large quantity, as a heavy product.
- In grinding or mechanical processes, provide local exhaust ventilation and use personal protective equipment to minimize exposure to human body, due to the possibilities of the disperse of dust containing cobalt or nickel. Do the same way for grinding sludge.
- Wash hands thoroughly before eating, drinking, and smoking. Do not eat, drink, and smoke in the handling area.
- Regular physical checkups are recommended.

Storage
- Avoid sudden changes of temperature and high humidity for storage.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Provide local exhaust ventilation so that dusts in the air may not exceed the exposure limits in the following table. If it is possible that a concentration may exceed the permissible level, use a dust-proof respirator or respiratory protection.

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*OSHA : Occupational Safety & Health Administration U.S. Department
*PEL : Permissible Exposure Limit
*ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Inc.
*TLV : Threshold Limit Value
*N/A : Not Applicable

Protective Equipment
- Respiratory Protection: Dust-proof respirators and respiratory protective equipment are recommended.
- Hand Protection: Protective gloves for dusts are recommended.
- Eye Protection: Protective glasses for dusts are recommended.
- Skin/Body Protection: Avoid direct skin contact. Clean up deposited dust on clothing, rags, etc. by washing or absorbing with suitable filters but not by whisking off. Change the contaminated clothing into clean one. Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.
9. **Physical and Chemical Properties**

   - **Appearance:** Dark gray solid
   - **Odor:** Odorless
   - **pH:** No data available
   - **Melting Point:** No data available
   - **Boiling Point:** No data available
   - **Flash Point:** No data available
   - **Vapor Pressure:** No data available
   - **Specific Gravity:** 11.0 - 15.5
   - **Solubility:** Insoluble

10. **Stability and Reactivity**

    **Reactivity**
    - Can be a possible cause to produce harmful gases in contact with chemical such as acid.

    **Chemical Stability**
    - This product is in solid form and therefore chemically stable as it is and not explosive, flammable, combustible, pyrophoric, water-reactive, and oxidizing in normal environment.

    **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**
    - Not applicable

    **Conditions to Avoid**
    - Contact with the following 'Incompatible Materials'

    **Incompatible Materials**
    - Oxidizing substances (Hydrogen peroxide, Nitric acid, Ammonium nitrate, Nitrogen dioxide, etc.)
    - Other substances (Hydrazine nitrate, Acetylene, etc.)

    **Hazardous Decomposition Products**
    - None

11. **Toxicological Information**

    **Acute Toxicity**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Skin Corrosion/Irritation**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Respiratory or Skin Sensitization**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Germ Cell Mutagenicity**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Carcinogenicity**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Reproductive Toxicity**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Specific Target Organ Toxicity/Systemic Toxicity (Single Exposure)**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Specific Target Organ Toxicity/Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure)**
    - Data on this product: No data available

    **Aspiration Hazard**
    - Data on this product: No data available
12. Ecological Information

Mobility
- Although dusts in the air are mobile, they are likely to be deposited due to the great specific gravity.

Persistence
- Not reported on Cemented Carbide

Bioaccumulative Potential
- Not reported on Cemented Carbide

Environmental Effects
- Not reported on Cemented Carbide

13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal Method
- The main ingredients such as tungsten carbide, cobalt, nickel are rare metal. It is desirable to collect and recycle them.
- For disposal, conform to the applicable laws regarding industrial wastes such as ‘Waste Disposal and Public Cleansing Law’ and relevant local by laws.

14. Transport Information

UN Number: Not applicable
UN Hazard Class: Not applicable
Marine Pollutant: Not applicable

15. Regulatory Information

As this product is an article, laws and regulations prescribed for chemical substances are not applied.

16. Other Information

Other Hazardous Information
The following attention should be paid for dusts resulting from cutting and grinding Cemented Carbide.
- Dusts resulting from cutting and grinding irritates the mucous membranes of the nose, mouth, throat, and eyes; they also irritate the respiratory organs and lungs. Symptoms include allergic skin rash, and coughs, asthma, shortness of breath, chest pressure and tightness in the chest.
- If a large amount of dust containing cobalt is inhaled, blood, heart, thyroid gland, and spleen disorders may result. (References 1)
- It is reported that repeated or prolonged contact with cobalt, nickel, or chromium may affect skin, respiratory organs, heart, etc. (References 2 – 5)

Although it is not reported that Cemented Carbide is carcinogenic, the following is reported on raw material powders and metal ingredients.

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Occupational Health possibly carcinogenic to humans (with relatively insufficient evidence).

Nickel metal

ACGIH A5: Not suspected as a human carcinogen.
IARC 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans.
Japan Society for Occupational Health 2B: The substance has been determined to be possibly carcinogenic to humans (with relatively insufficient evidence).

Chromium metal

IARC 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

*ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Inc.

*IARC : International Agency for Research on Cancer

Although Cemented Carbide is unknown about environmental effects, the following is reported on metal ingredients.
- Cobalt and chromium may be harmful to the environment. Special attention should be paid for the effect on aquatic life.

Disclaimer
The contents of this MSDS are based on material and information available as of today and may be revised due to knowledge newly obtained. The values of concentration, physical/chemical properties are not guaranteed. In addition, the precautions described herein apply only to normal uses, and thus safety cannot be guaranteed.

References
(1) Food & Drug Research Laboratories, study No.8005B (4.11.84).
(2) T. Shirakawa et al., Chest. 95, 29 (1989).
(3) International Chemical Safety Cards (cobalt, chromium, nickel).
(4) The Guide to Chemical Hazards (edited by Japan Industrial Safety & Health Association)