

# 8331S-A Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A) MG Chemicals UK Limited

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Safety data sheet according to REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, as amended by UK REACH Regulations SI 2019/758

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#### SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

Product name	8331S-A	
Synonyms	SDS Code: 8331S-A; 8331S-15G, 8331S-50ML, 8331S-200ML   UFI:WYG0-1010-7004-FMUE	
Other means of identification	Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A)	

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses	Silver filled electrically conductive adhesive for repairing traces on circuit boards, cold soldering, and bonding		
Uses advised against	Not Applicable		

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Registered company name	MG Chemicals UK Limited	MG Chemicals (Head office)
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#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	Verisk 3E (Access code: 335388)	
Emergency telephone numbers	+(44) 20 35147487	
Other emergency telephone numbers	+(0) 800 680 0425	

# **SECTION 2 Hazards identification**

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classified according to GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567 [1]	H315 - Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, H319 - Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2, H317 - Sensitisation (Skin) Category 1, H410 - Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment Long-Term Hazard Category 1
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

#### 2.2. Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)





Signal word

Warning

# Hazard statement(s)

H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

## Supplementary statement(s)

Not Applicable

#### Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/fumes.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P264	Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Response

P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P333+P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

Not Applicable

#### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Inhalation may produce health damage\*.

Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.

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May produce discomfort of the respiratory system\*.

Possible respiratory sensitizer\*.

Possible cancer-causing agent\*.

May produce genetic damage\*.

phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl
ether copolymer

Listed in the Europe Regulation (EU) 2018/1881 Specific Requirements for Endocrine Disruptors

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

#### 3.1.Substances

See 'Composition on ingredients' in Section 3.2

#### 3.2.Mixtures

1.CAS No 2.EC No 3.Index No 4.REACH No	%[weight]	Name	Classified according to GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567	Nanoform Particle Characteristics
1.7440-22-4 2.231-131-3 3.Not Available 4.Not Available	67	silver	Not Applicable	Not Available
1.9003-36-5 2.500-006-8 3.Not Available 4.Not Available	31	phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer [e]	Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2, Sensitisation (Skin) Category 1, Reproductive Toxicity Category 2, Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment Long-Term Hazard Category 2; H315, H319, H317, H361fd, H411, EUH205 [1]	Not Available
1.17557-23-2 2.241-536-7 3.603-094-00-7 4.Not Available	2	neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Sensitisation (Skin) Category 1; H315, H317 [2]	Not Available
Legend:			ication drawn from GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567; 3. C	Classification drawn

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

## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

If this product comes in contact with the eves:

- Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
- Figure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids
- **Eye Contact** 
  - ▶ Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

	<ul> <li>DO NOT attempt to remove particles attached to or embedded in eye.</li> <li>Lay victim down, on stretcher if available and pad BOTH eyes, make sure dressing does not press on the injured eye by placing thick pads under dressing, above and below the eye.</li> <li>Seek urgent medical assistance, or transport to hospital.</li> </ul>
Skin Contact	If skin contact occurs:  Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.  Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).  Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	<ul> <li>If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Other measures are usually unnecessary.</li> </ul>
Ingestion	<ul> <li>Immediately give a glass of water.</li> <li>First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.</li> </ul>

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11

#### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

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Copper, magnesium, aluminium, antimony, iron, manganese, nickel, zinc (and their compounds) in welding, brazing, galvanising or smelting operations all give rise to thermally produced particulates of smaller dimension than may be produced if the metals are divided mechanically. Where insufficient ventilation or respiratory protection is available these particulates may produce 'metal fume fever' in workers from an acute or long term exposure.

- Onset occurs in 4-6 hours generally on the evening following exposure. Tolerance develops in workers but may be lost over the weekend. (Monday Morning Fever)
- Pulmonary function tests may indicate reduced lung volumes, small airway obstruction and decreased carbon monoxide diffusing capacity but these abnormalities resolve after
- ▶ Although mildly elevated urinary levels of heavy metal may occur they do not correlate with clinical effects.
- The general approach to treatment is recognition of the disease, supportive care and prevention of exposure.
- Seriously symptomatic patients should receive chest x-rays, have arterial blood gases determined and be observed for the development of tracheobronchitis and pulmonary

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

#### **SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

DO NOT use halogenated fire extinguishing agents.

Metal dust fires need to be smothered with sand, inert dry powders.

#### DO NOT USE WATER, CO2 or FOAM

- Use DRY sand, graphite powder, dry sodium chloride based extinguishers, G-1 or Met L-X to smother fire.
- Confining or smothering material is preferable to applying water as chemical reaction may produce flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.
- Chemical reaction with CO2 may produce flammable and explosive methane.
- If impossible to extinguish, withdraw, protect surroundings and allow fire to burn itself out.

#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	,
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Fire Fighting

- Reacts with acids producing flammable / explosive hydrogen (H2) gas
- Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- ▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area. DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

DO NOT disturb burning dust. Explosion may result if dust is stirred into a cloud, by providing oxygen to a large surface of hot metal. ▶ DO NOT use water or foam as generation of explosive hydrogen may result.

With the exception of the metals that burn in contact with air or water (for example, sodium), masses of combustible metals do not represent unusual fire risks because they have the ability to conduct heat away from hot spots so efficiently that the heat of combustion cannot be maintained - this means that it will require a lot of heat to ignite a mass of combustible metal. Generally, metal fire risks exist when sawdust, machine shavings and other metal 'fines' are present.

Metal powders, while generally regarded as non-combustible:

- May burn when metal is finely divided and energy input is high.
- ► May react explosively with water.
- May be ignited by friction, heat, sparks or flame.
- May REIGNITE after fire is extinguished.
- Will burn with intense heat.

Fire/Explosion Hazard

#### Note Metal dust fires are slow moving but intense and difficult to extinguish.

- Containers may explode on heating.
- Dusts or fumes may form explosive mixtures with air.
- ▶ Gases generated in fire may be poisonous, corrosive or irritating.
- Hot or burning metals may react violently upon contact with other materials, such as oxidising agents and extinguishing agents used on fires involving ordinary combustibles or flammable liquids.
- ▶ Temperatures produced by burning metals can be higher than temperatures generated by burning flammable liquids

Some metals can continue to burn in carbon dioxide, nitrogen, water, or steam atmospheres in which ordinary combustibles or flammable liquids would be incapable of burning.

Combustion products include:

carbon monoxide (CO)

carbon dioxide (CO2)

aldehydes

other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material

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

#### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

See section 12

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

· In the event of a spill of a reactive diluent, the focus is on containing the spill to prevent contamination of soil and surface or ground water.

· If irritating vapors are present, an approved air-purifying respirator with organic vapor canister is recommended for cleaning up spills and leaks.

For small spills, reactive diluents should be absorbed with sand.

Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

## Minor Spills

Clean up all spills immediately.Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

- Wear impervious gloves and safety glasses.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Do NOT use air hoses for cleaning
- Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labelled container.

#### Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

- Do not use compressed air to remove metal dusts from floors, beams or equipment
- · Vacuum cleaners, of flame-proof design, should be used to minimise dust accumulation
- Use non-sparking handling equipment, tools and natural bristle brushes.
- · Provide grounding and bonding where necessary to prevent accumulation of static charges during metal dust handling and transfer operations
- Cover and reseal partially empty containers.
- Do not allow chips, fines or dusts to contact water, particularly in enclosed areas.

#### If molten:

- ▶ Contain the flow using dry sand or salt flux as a dam.
- All tooling (e.g., shovels or hand tools) and containers which come in contact with molten metal must be preheated or specially coated, rust free and approved for such use.
- Major Spills Allow the spill to cool before remelting scrap.

Industrial spills or releases of reactive diluents are infrequent and generally contained. If a large spill does occur, the material should be captured, collected, and reprocessed or disposed of according to applicable governmental requirements.

An approved air-purifying respirator with organic-vapor canister is recommended for emergency work.

# Moderate hazard.

- CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- ▶ Alert Emergency Services and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.
- ▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- ► Recover product wherever possible.
- ▶ IF DRY: Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. IF WET: Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.
- ALWAYS: Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise Emergency Services.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

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

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

For molten metals:

# • Molten metal and water can be an explosive combination. The risk is greatest when there is sufficient molten metal to entrap or seal off water. Water and other forms of contamination on or contained in scrap or remelt ingot are known to have caused explosions in melting operations. While the products may have minimal surface roughness and internal voids, there remains the possibility of moisture contamination or entrapment. If confined, even a few drops can lead to violent explosions.

#### All tooling, containers, molds and ladles, which come in contact with molten metal must be preheated or specially coated, rust free and approved for such use.

#### Safe handling

- Any surfaces that may contact molten metal (e.g. concrete) should be specially coated
- Drops of molten metal in water (e.g. from plasma arc cutting), while not normally an explosion hazard, can generate enough flammable hydrogen gas to present an explosion hazard. Vigorous circulation of the water and removal of the particles minimise the hazard.
   During melting operations, the following minimum guidelines should be observed:
- Inspect all materials prior to furnace charging and completely remove surface contamination such as water, ice, snow, deposits of grease and oil or other surface contamination resulting from weather exposure, shipment, or storage.
  - Store materials in dry, heated areas with any cracks or cavities pointed downwards.

Preheat and dry large objects adequately before charging in to a furnace containing molten metal. This is typically done by the use of a drying oven or homogenising furnace. The dry cycle should bring the metal temperature of the coldest item of the batch to 200 degree C (400 deg F) and then hold at that temperature for 6 hours.

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- ▶ When handling, **DO NOT** eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.
- Organic powders when finely divided over a range of concentrations regardless of particulate size or shape and suspended in air or some other oxidizing medium may form explosive dust-air mixtures and result in a fire or dust explosion (including secondary explosions)
- Minimise airborne dust and eliminate all ignition sources. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, and flame.
- Establish good housekeeping practices.
- ▶ Remove dust accumulations on a regular basis by vacuuming or gentle sweeping to avoid creating dust clouds.
- Use continuous suction at points of dust generation to capture and minimise the accumulation of dusts. Particular attention should be given to overhead and hidden horizontal surfaces to minimise the probability of a 'secondary' explosion. According to NFPA Standard 654, dust layers 1/32 in.(0.8 mm) thick can be sufficient to warrant immediate cleaning of the area.
- Do not use air hoses for cleaning.
- Minimise dry sweeping to avoid generation of dust clouds. Vacuum dust-accumulating surfaces and remove to a chemical disposal area. Vacuums with explosion-proof motors should be used.
- Control sources of static electricity. Dusts or their packages may accumulate static charges, and static discharge can be a source of ignition.
- Solids handling systems must be designed in accordance with applicable standards (e.g. NFPA including 654 and 77) and other national guidance.
- ▶ Do not empty directly into flammable solvents or in the presence of flammable vapors.
- The operator, the packaging container and all equipment must be grounded with electrical bonding and grounding systems. Plastic bags and plastics cannot be grounded, and antistatic bags do not completely protect against development of static charges.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

#### Fire and explosion protection

#### See section 5

- ► Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry area protected from environmental extremes
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.

#### Other information

▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.

#### For major quantities:

- Consider storage in bunded areas ensure storage areas are isolated from sources of community water (including stormwater, ground water, lakes and streams).
- Ensure that accidental discharge to air or water is the subject of a contingency disaster management plan; this may require consultation with local authorities.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Suitable container

Storage incompatibility

- ▶ Bulk bags: Reinforced bags required for dense materials.
- ▶ Glass container is suitable for laboratory quantities
- ▶ CARE: Packing of high density product in light weight metal or plastic packages may result in container collapse with product release
- ▶ Heavy gauge metal packages / Heavy gauge metal drums
- WARNING: Avoid or control reaction with peroxides. All transition metal peroxides should be considered as potentially explosive. For example transition metal complexes of alkyl hydroperoxides may decompose explosively.
- The pi-complexes formed between chromium(0), vanadium(0) and other transition metals (haloarene-metal complexes) and mono-or poly-fluorobenzene show extreme sensitivity to heat and are explosive.
- Avoid reaction with borohydrides or cyanoborohydrides
- Silver or silver salts readily form explosive silver fulminate in the presence of both nitric acid and ethanol. The resulting fulminate is much more sensitive and a more powerful detonator than mercuric fulminate.
- Silver and its compounds and salts may also form explosive compounds in the presence of acetylene and nitromethane.
- Many metals may incandesce, react violently, ignite or react explosively upon addition of concentrated nitric acid.
- Phenols are incompatible with strong reducing substances such as hydrides, nitrides, alkali metals, and sulfides.
- $\mbox{\ }\mbox{\ }\mbox{\ }$  Avoid use of aluminium, copper and brass alloys in storage and process equipment.
- Heat is generated by the acid-base reaction between phenols and bases
- Phenols are sulfonated very readily (for example, by concentrated sulfuric acid at room temperature), these reactions generate heat.
- Phenols are nitrated very rapidly, even by dilute nitric acid.
- ▶ Nitrated phenols often explode when heated. Many of them form metal salts that tend toward detonation by rather mild shock.
- Avoid strong acids, bases.

#### Glycidyl ethers:

- may form unstable peroxides on storage in air ,light, sunlight, UV light or other ionising radiation, trace metals inhibitor should be maintained at adequate levels
- may polymerise in contact with heat, organic and inorganic free radical producing initiators
- may polymerise with evolution of heat in contact with oxidisers, strong acids, bases and amines
- react violently with strong oxidisers, permanganates, peroxides, acyl halides, alkalis, ammonium persulfate, bromine dioxide
- attack some forms of plastics, coatings, and rubber

Metals exhibit varying degrees of activity. Reaction is reduced in the massive form (sheet, rod, or drop), compared with finely divided forms. The less active metals will not burn in air but:

- ▶ can react exothermically with oxidising acids to form noxious gases.
- catalyse polymerisation and other reactions, particularly when finely divided
- react with halogenated hydrocarbons (for example, copper dissolves when heated in carbon tetrachloride), sometimes forming explosive compounds.
- Finely divided metal powders develop pyrophoricity when a critical specific surface area is exceeded; this is ascribed to high heat of oxide formation on exposure to air.
- Safe handling is possible in relatively low concentrations of oxygen in an inert gas.
- Several pyrophoric metals, stored in glass bottles have ignited when the container is broken on impact. Storage of these materials moist and in metal containers is recommended.
- The reaction residues from various metal syntheses (involving vacuum evaporation and co-deposition with a ligand) are often pyrophoric. Factors influencing the pyrophoricity of metals are particle size, presence of moisture, nature of the surface of the particle, heat of formation of the oxide, or nitride, mass, hydrogen content, stress, purity and presence of oxide, among others.
- Many metals in elemental form react exothermically with compounds having active hydrogen atoms (such as acids and water) to form flammable hydrogen gas and caustic products.
- ▶ Elemental metals may react with azo/diazo compounds to form explosive products.
- ▶ Some elemental metals form explosive products with halogenated hydrocarbons.

Reactive diluents are stable under recommended storage conditions, but can decompose at elevated temperatures. In some cases, decomposition can cause pressure build-up in closed systems.

- Avoid cross contamination between the two liquid parts of product (kit).
- If two part products are mixed or allowed to mix in proportions other than manufacturer's recommendation, polymerisation with gelation and evolution of heat (exotherm) may occur.
- This excess heat may generate toxic vapour
- Avoid reaction with amines, mercaptans, strong acids and oxidising agents

#### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2

#### SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

Ingredient	DNELs Exposure Pattern Worker	PNECs Compartment
silver	Inhalation 0.1 mg/m³ (Systemic, Chronic) Inhalation 0.04 mg/m³ (Systemic, Chronic) * Oral 1.2 mg/kg bw/day (Systemic, Chronic) *	0.04 µg/L (Water (Fresh)) 0.86 µg/L (Water - Intermittent release) 438.13 mg/kg sediment dw (Sediment (Fresh Water)) 438.13 mg/kg sediment dw (Sediment (Marine)) 1.41 mg/kg soil dw (Soil) 0.025 mg/L (STP)

<sup>\*</sup> Values for General Population

#### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

#### **INGREDIENT DATA**

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
UK Workplace Exposure Limits (WELs)	silver	Silver, metallic	0.1 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

#### Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
silver	0.3 mg/m3	170 mg/m3	990 mg/m3

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
silver	10 mg/m3	Not Available
phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer	Not Available	Not Available
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	Not Available	Not Available

#### Occupational Exposure Banding

Ingredient	Occupational Exposure Band Rating	Occupational Exposure Band Limit	
phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer	E	≤ 0.1 ppm	
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	E	≤ 0.1 ppm	
Notes:	Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.		

#### MATERIAL DATA

For epichlorohydrin

Odour Threshold Value: 0.08 ppm

NOTE: Detector tubes for epichlorohydrin, measuring in excess of 5 ppm, are commercially available.

Exposure at or below the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to minimise the potential for adverse respiratory, liver, kidney effects. Epichlorohydrin has been implicated as a human skin sensitiser, hence individuals who are hypersusceptible or otherwise unusually responsive to certain chemicals may NOT be adequately protected from adverse health effects. Odour Safety Factor (OSF)

OSF=0.54 (EPICHLOROHYDRIN)

The adopted TLV-TWA for silver dust and fumes is 0.1 mg/m3 and for the more toxic soluble silver compounds the adopted value is 0.01 mg/m3. Cases of argyria (a slate to blue-grey discolouration of epithelial tissues) have been recorded when workers were exposed to silver nitrate at concentrations of 0.1 mg/m3 (as silver). Exposure to very high concentrations of silver fume has caused diffuse pulmonary fibrosis. Percutaneous absorption of silver compounds is reported to have resulted in allergy. Based on a 25% retention upon inhalation and a 10 m3/day respiratory volume, exposure to 0.1 mg/m3 (TWA) would result in total deposition of no more than 1.5 gms in 25 years.

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

Metal dusts must be collected at the source of generation as they are potentially explosive.

- Avoid ignition sources.
- Good housekeeping practices must be maintained.
- ▶ Dust accumulation on the floor, ledges and beams can present a risk of ignition, flame propagation and secondary explosions.
- ▶ Do not use compressed air to remove settled materials from floors, beams or equipment
- Vacuum cleaners, of flame-proof design, should be used to minimise dust accumulation.
- Use non-sparking handling equipment, tools and natural bristle brushes. Cover and reseal partially empty containers. Provide grounding and bonding where necessary to prevent accumulation of static charges during metal dust handling and transfer operations.
- Do not allow chips, fines or dusts to contact water, particularly in enclosed areas.
- Metal spraying and blasting should, where possible, be conducted in separate rooms. This minimises the risk of supplying oxygen, in the form of metal oxides, to potentially reactive finely divided metals such as aluminium, zinc, magnesium or titanium.
- Work-shops designed for metal spraying should possess smooth walls and a minimum of obstructions, such as ledges, on which dust accumulation is possible.
- Wet scrubbers are preferable to dry dust collectors.
- ▶ Bag or filter-type collectors should be sited outside the workrooms and be fitted with explosion relief doors.
- Cyclones should be protected against entry of moisture as reactive metal dusts are capable of spontaneous combustion in humid or partially wetted states.
- Local exhaust systems must be designed to provide a minimum capture velocity at the fume source, away from the worker, of 0.5 metre/sec.
- Local ventilation and vacuum systems must be designed to handle explosive dusts. Dry vacuum and electrostatic precipitators must not be used, unless specifically approved for use with flammable/ explosive dusts.

# 8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying 'escape' velocities which, in turn, determine the 'capture velocities' of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
welding, brazing fumes (released at relatively low velocity into moderately still air)	0.5-1.0 m/s (100-200 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.) for extraction of gases discharged 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

#### 8.2.2. Personal protection











# Eye and face protection

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]

#### Skin protection

See Hand protection below

#### NOTE:

- The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.
- Contaminated leather items, such as shoes, belts and watch-bands should be removed and destroyed.

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

#### Hands/feet protection

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:

- frequency and duration of contact.
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- · When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.
- · Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.
- · Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:

- · Excellent when breakthrough time > 480 min
- Good when breakthrough time > 20 min
- · Fair when breakthrough time < 20 min
- · Poor when glove material degrades

For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.

It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.

Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers' technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.

Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:

- Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.
- Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

▶ Protective gloves eg. Leather gloves or gloves with Leather facing

When handling liquid-grade epoxy resins wear chemically protective gloves, boots and aprons.

The performance, based on breakthrough times ,of:

- · Ethyl Vinyl Alcohol (EVAL laminate) is generally excellent
- · Butyl Rubber ranges from excellent to good
- · Nitrile Butyl Rubber (NBR) from excellent to fair.
- · Neoprene from excellent to fair
- Polyvinyl (PVC) from excellent to poor

As defined in ASTM F-739-96

- · Excellent breakthrough time > 480 min
- Good breakthrough time > 20 min
- · Fair breakthrough time < 20 min
- Poor glove material degradation

Gloves should be tested against each resin system prior to making a selection of the most suitable type. Systems include both the resin and any hardener, individually and collectively)

- DO NOT use cotton or leather (which absorb and concentrate the resin), natural rubber (latex), medical or polyethylene gloves (which absorb the resin).
- **DO NOT** use barrier creams containing emulsified fats and oils as these may absorb the resin; silicone-based barrier creams should be reviewed prior to use.

chemical resistance but which is replaced frequently than to select a more resistant glove which is reused many times

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

Replacement time should be considered when selecting the most appropriate glove. It may be more effective to select a glove with lower

- polychloroprene.
- nitrile rubber.
- butyl rubber.
- fluorocaoutchouc
- polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

#### **Body protection**

See Other protection below

# Other protection

- Overalls.
- P.V.C apron.
- Barrier cream.Skin cleansing cream.
- ► Eye wash unit.

#### Respiratory protection

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	P1 Air-line*	-	PAPR-P1
up to 50 x ES	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
up to 100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- · Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.

- · Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

#### 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

See section 12

#### **SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties**

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Silver Grey		
Physical state	Solid	Relative density (Water = 1)	2.55
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Available
pH (as supplied)	Not Available	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	Viscosity (cSt)	>20.5
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Available	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Available
Flash point (°C)	127	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available BuAC = 1	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water	Immiscible	pH as a solution (%)	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available
Nanoform Solubility	Not Available	Nanoform Particle Characteristics	Not Available
Particle Size	Not Available		

#### 9.2. Other information

Not Available

#### **SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity**

10.1.Reactivity	See section 7.2
10.2. Chemical stability	Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials. Product is considered stable. Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7.2
10.4. Conditions to avoid	See section 7.2
10.5. Incompatible materials	See section 7.2
10.6. Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5.3

## **SECTION 11 Toxicological information**

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Inhaled

The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

In animal testing, exposure to aerosols of some reactive diluents (notably o-cresol glycidyl ether, CAS RN: 2210-79-9) has been reported to affect the adrenal gland, central nervous system, kidney, liver, ovaries, spleen, testes, thymus, and respiratory tract.

Not normally a hazard due to non-volatile nature of product

Inhalation of freshly formed metal oxide particles sized below 1.5 microns and generally between 0.02 to 0.05 microns may result in 'metal fume fever'. Symptoms may be delayed for up to 12 hours and begin with the sudden onset of thirst, and a sweet, metallic or foul taste in the mouth. Other symptoms include upper respiratory tract irritation accompanied by coughing and a dryness of the mucous membranes, lassitude and a generalised feeling of malaise. Mild to severe headache, nausea, occasional vomiting, fever or chills, exaggerated mental activity, profuse sweating, diarrhoea, excessive urination and prostration may also occur. Tolerance to the fumes develops rapidly, but is quickly lost. All symptoms usually subside within 24-36 hours following removal from exposure.

Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

# Ingestion

Skin Contact

Reactive diluents exhibit a range of ingestion hazards. Small amounts swallowed incidental to normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury. However, swallowing larger amounts may cause injury.

At sufficiently high doses the material may be hepatotoxic (i.e. poisonous to the liver). Signs may include nausea, stomach pains, low fever, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-coloured stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes)

At sufficiently high doses the material may be nephrotoxic (i.e. poisonous to the kidney).

The material has NOT been classified by EC Directives or other classification systems as 'harmful by ingestion'. This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence. The material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where pre-existing organ (e.g liver, kidney) damage is evident. Present definitions of harmful or toxic substances are generally based on doses producing mortality rather than those producing morbidity (disease, ill-health). Gastrointestinal tract discomfort may produce nausea and vomiting. In an occupational setting however, ingestion of insignificant quantities is not thought to be cause for concern. Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.

The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition

Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives); the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.

Skin contact with reactive diluents may cause slight to moderate irritation with local redness. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause burns.

Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material

Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

The material produces moderate skin irritation, evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either

- produces moderate inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or
- produces significant, but moderate, inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals (for up to four hours), such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period.

Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis.

#### Eye

Eye contact with reactive diluents may cause slight to severe irritation with the possibility of chemical burns or moderate to severe corneal injury. Evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals and/or may produce significant ocular lesions which are present twenty-four hours or more after instillation into the eye(s) of experimental animals. Repeated or prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterised by a temporary redness (similar to windburn) of the conjunctiva (conjunctivitis); temporary impairment of vision and/or other transient eye damage/ulceration may occur.

Practical experience shows that skin contact with the material is capable either of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a substantial number of individuals, and/or of producing a positive response in experimental animals.

Substances that can cause occupational asthma (also known as asthmagens and respiratory sensitisers) can induce a state of specific airway hyper-responsiveness via an immunological, irritant or other mechanism. Once the airways have become hyper-responsive, further exposure to the substance, sometimes even to tiny quantities, may cause respiratory symptoms. These symptoms can range in severity from a runny nose to asthma. Not all workers who are exposed to a sensitiser will become hyper-responsive and it is impossible to identify in advance who are likely to become hyper-responsive.

Substances than can cuase occupational asthma should be distinguished from substances which may trigger the symptoms of asthma in people with pre-existing air-way hyper-responsiveness. The latter substances are not classified as asthmagens or respiratory sensitisers. Wherever it is reasonably practicable, exposure to substances that can cuase occupational asthma should be prevented. Where this is not possible the primary aim is to apply adequate standards of control to prevent workers from becoming hyper-responsive.

Activities giving rise to short-term peak concentrations should receive particular attention when risk management is being considered. Health surveillance is appropriate for all employees exposed or liable to be exposed to a substance which may cause occupational asthma and there should be appropriate consultation with an occupational health professional over the degree of risk and level of surveillance.

Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Serious damage (clear functional disturbance or morphological change which may have toxicological significance) is likely to be caused by repeated or prolonged exposure. As a rule the material produces, or contains a substance which produces severe lesions. Such damage may become apparent following direct application in subchronic (90 day) toxicity studies or following sub-acute (28 day) or chronic (two-year) toxicity

#### Chronic

Exposure to the material may cause concerns for human fertility, generally on the basis that results in animal studies provide sufficient evidence to cause a strong suspicion of impaired fertility in the absence of toxic effects, or evidence of impaired fertility occurring at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects, but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of other toxic effects.

Exposure to the material may cause concerns for humans owing to possible developmental toxic effects, generally on the basis that results in appropriate animal studies provide strong suspicion of developmental toxicity in the absence of signs of marked maternal toxicity, or at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of other toxic effects.

All glycidyl ethers show genotoxic potential due their alkylating properties. Those glycidyl ethers that have been investigated in long term studies exhibit more or less marked carcinogenic potential. Alkylating agents may damage the stem cell which acts as the precursor to components of the blood. Loss of the stem cell may result in pancytopenia (a reduction in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets) with a latency period corresponding to the lifetime of the individual blood cells. Granulocytopenia (a reduction in granular leukocytes) develops within days and thrombocytopenia (a disorder involving platelets), within 1-2 weeks, whilst loss of erythrocytes (red blood cells) need months to become clinically manifest. Aplastic anaemia develops due to complete destruction of the stem cells.

Reported adverse effects in laboratory animals include sensitization, and skin and eye irritation, as well as mutagenic and tumorigenic activity. Testicular abnormalities (including testicular atrophy with decreased spermatogenic activity) following exposure to glycidyl ethers have been reported. Haemopoietic abnormalities following exposure to glycidyl ethers, including alteration of the leukocyte count, atrophy of lymphoid tissue, and bone marrow cytotoxicity have also been reported. These abnormalities were usually observed along with pneumonia and/or toxemia, and therefore may be secondary effects. However, especially in light of the generalized reduction in leukocytes and the atrophy of lymphoid tissues, the observed haemopoietic abnormalities may have been predisposing factors to pneumonia. While none of the individual research reports are

conclusive with respect to the ability of glycidyl ethers to produce permanent changes to the testes or haemopoietic system in laboratory animals, the pattern of displayed effects is reason for concern

Glycidyl ethers have been shown to cause allergic contact dermatitis in humans. Glycidyl ethers generally cause skin sensitization in experimental animals. Necrosis of the mucous membranes of the nasal cavities was induced in mice exposed to allyl glycidyl ether. A study of workers with mixed exposures was inconclusive with regard to the effects of specific glycidyl ethers. Phenyl glycidyl ether, but not n-butyl glycidyl ether, induced morphological transformation in mammalian cells in vitro. n-Butyl glycidyl ether induced micronuclei in mice in vivo following intraperitoneal but not oral administration. Phenyl glycidyl ether did not induce micronuclei or chromosomal aberrations in vivo or chromosomal aberrations in animal cells in vitro. Alkyl C12 or C14 glycidyl ether did not induce DNA damage in cultured human cells or mutation in cultured animal cells. Allyl glycidyl ether induced mutation in Drosophila. The glycidyl ethers were generally mutagenic to bacteria. For some reactive diluents, prolonged or repeated skin contact may result in absorption of potentially harmful amounts or allergic skin reactions Exposure to some reactive diluents (notably neopentylglycol diglycidyl ether, CAS RN:17557-23-2) has caused cancer in some animal testing. Silver is one of the most physically and physiologically cumulative of the elements. Chronic exposure to silver salts may cause argyria, a permanent ashen-grey discolouration of the skin, conjunctiva and internal organs (due to the deposit of an insoluble albuminate of silver). The respiratory tract may also be a site of local argyria (following chronic inhalation exposures) with a mild chronic bronchitis being the only obvious symptom.

On the basis, primarily, of animal experiments, concern has been expressed by at least one classification body that the material may produce carcinogenic or mutagenic effects; in respect of the available information, however, there presently exists inadequate data for making a satisfactory assessment.

Bisphenol F, bisphenol A, fluorine-containing bisphenol A (bisphenol AF), and other diphenylalkanes were found to be oestrogenic in a bioassay with MCF7 human breast cancer cells in culture Bisphenol F (4,4'-dihydroxydiphenylmethane) has been reported to exhibit oestrogen agonistic properties in the uterotrophic assay. Bisphenol F (BPF) is present in the environment and as a contaminant of food. Humans may, therefore, be exposed to BP. BPF has been shown to have genotoxic and endocrine-disruptor properties in a human hepatoma cell line (HepG2), which is a model system for studies of xenobiotic toxicity. BPF was largely metabolised into the corresponding sulfate by the HepG2 cell line. BPF was metabolised into both sulfate and glucuronide by human hepatocytes, but with differences between individuals. The metabolism of BPF in both HepG2 cells and human hepatocytes suggests the existence of a detoxification pathway

Bisphenol F was orally administered at doses 0, 20, 100 and 500 mg/kg per day for at least 28 days, but no clear endocrine-mediated changes were detected, and it was concluded to have no endocrine-mediated effects in young adult rats. On the other hand, the main effect of bisphenol F was concluded to be liver toxicity based on clinical biochemical parameters and liver weight, but without histopathological changes. The no-observed-effect level for bisphenol F is concluded to be under 20 mg/kg per day since decreased body weight accompanied by decreased serum total cholesterol, glucose, and albumin values were observed in the female rats given 20 mg/kg per day or higher doses of bisphenol F. Bisphenol A exhibits hormone-like properties that raise concern about its suitability in consumer products and food containers. Bisphenol A is thought to be an endocrine disruptor which can mimic oestrogen and may lead to negative health effects. More specifically, bisphenol A closely mimics the structure and function of the hormone oestradiol with the ability to bind to and activate the same oestrogen receptor as the natural hormone. The presence of the p-hydroxy group on the benzene rings is though to be responsible for the oestradiol mimicry.

. Early developmental stages appear to be the period of greatest sensitivity to its effects and some studies have linked prenatal exposure to later physical and neurological difficulties. Regulatory bodies have determined safety levels for humans, but those safety levels are being questioned or are under review.

A 2009 study on Chinese workers in bisphenol A factories found that workers were four times more likely to report erectile dysfunction, reduced sexual desire and overall dissatisfaction with their sex life than workers with no heightened bisphenol A exposure. Bisphenol A workers were also seven times more likely to have ejaculation difficulties. They were also more likely to report reduced sexual function within one year of beginning employment at the factory, and the higher the exposure, the more likely they were to have sexual difficulties.

Bisphenol A in weak concentrations is sufficient to produce a negative reaction on the human testicle. The researchers found that a concentration equal to 2 ug/ litre of bisphenol A in the culture medium, a concentration equal to the average concentration generally found in the blood, urine and amniotic fluid of the population, was sufficient to produce the effects. The researchers believe that exposure of pregnant women to bisphenol A may be one of the causes of congenital masculinisation defects of the hypospadia and cryptorchidism types the frequency of which has doubled overall since the 70's. They also suggested that 'it is also possible that bisphenol A contributes to a reduction in the production of sperm and the increase in the incidence of testicular cancer in adults that have been observed in recent decades'

One review has concluded that obesity may be increased as a function of bisphenol A exposure, which '...merits concern among scientists and public health officials'

One study demonstrated that adverse neurological effects occur in non-human primates regularly exposed to bisphenol A at levels equal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) maximum safe dose of 50 ug/kg/day This research found a connection between bisphenol A and interference with brain cell connections vital to memory, learning, and mood.

A further review concluded that bisphenol-A has been shown to bind to thyroid hormone receptor and perhaps have selective effects on its functions. Carcinogenicity studies have shown increases in leukaemia and testicular interstitial cell tumours in male rats. However, 'these studies have not been considered as convincing evidence of a potential cancer risk because of the doubtful statistical significance of the small differences in incidences from controls'. Another in vitro study has concluded that bisphenol A is able to induce neoplastic transformation in human breast epithelial cells. [whilst a further study concluded that maternal oral exposure to low concentrations of bisphenol A, during lactation, increases mammary carcinogenesis in a rodent model. In vitro studies have suggested that bisphenol A can promote the growth of neuroblastoma cells and potently promotes invasion and metastasis of neuroblastoma cells. Newborn rats exposed to a low-dose of bisphenol A (10 ug/kg) showed increased prostate cancer susceptibility when adults. At least one study has suggested that bisphenol A suppresses DNA methylation which is involved in epigenetic changes.

Bisphenol A is the isopropyl adduct of 4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl oxide (DHDPO). A series of DHDPO analogues have been investigated as potential oestrogen receptor/anti-tumour drug carriers in the development of a class of therapeutic drugs called 'cytostatic hormones'. Oestrogenic activity is induced with 1 to 100 mg/kg body weight in animal models. Bisphenol A sealants are frequently used in dentistry for treatment of dental pits and fissures. Samples of saliva collected from dental patients during a 1-hour period following application contain the monomer. A bisphenol-A sealant has been shown to be oestrogenic in vitro; such sealants may represent an additional source of xenoestrogens in humans and may be the cause of additional concerns in children.

Concerns have been raised about the possible developmental effects on the foetus/embryo or neonate resulting from the leaching of bisphenol A from epoxy linings in metal cans which come in contact with food-stuffs.

Many drugs, including naproxen, salicylic acid, carbamazepine and mefenamic acid can, in vitro, significantly inhibit bisphenol A glucuronidation (detoxification).

BPA belongs to the list of compounds having this property as the rodent models have shown that BPA exposure is linked with increased body weigh (obesogens)t. Several mechanisms can help explain the effect of BPA on body weight increase. A possible mechanism leading to triglyceride accumulation is the decreased production of the hormone adiponectin from all human adipose tissue tested when exposed to very low levels (below nanomolar range) of BPA in cell or explant culture settings. The expression of leptin as well as several enzymes and transcription factors is also affected by BPA exposure in vivo as well as in vitro. Together, the altered expression and activity of these important mediators of fat metabolism could explain the increase in weight following BPA exposure in rodent models. These results also suggest that, together with other obesogens, low, environmentally relevant levels of BPA may contribute to the human obesity phenomenon.

#### 8331S-A Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A)

TOXICITY	IRRITATION
Not Available	Not Available

#### silver

TOXICITY	IRRITATION
dermal (rat) LD50: >2000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>

	Inhalation(Rat) LC50; >5.16 mg/l4h <sup>[1]</sup>	Sk	in: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	Oral(Rat) LD50; >2000 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>		
	TOXICITY	IRRITA	ATION
phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl	dermal (rat) LD50: >400 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>		o adverse effect observed (not irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
ether copolymer	Oral(Rat) LD50; >2000 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>		dverse effect observed (irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
	TOXICITY		IRRITATION
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: 2150 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>		Eye: adverse effect observed (irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
ether	Oral(Rat) LD50; 4500 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>		Skin (human): Sensitiser [Shell]
			Skin: adverse effect observed (irritating) <sup>[1]</sup>
Legend:			te toxicity 2.* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise
	specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of	OF TOXIC Effect of CI	iernicai Substances
8331S-A Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A)	appear to bind estrogens or other tested steroid heretabolism and mitochondrial biogenesis, while explacenta, macrophages, and demonstrated additionable. Bear bind enhancers throughout the genome whealthough their overall functions remain uncertain, estrogen receptors ERalpha and ERbeta and mare ERR-alpha has wide tissue distribution but as kidney, heart, brown adipose tissue, cerebellut tissues, in which its expression is possibly related dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEAS) production in a adrenal androgens such as androstenedione, allt as early pubic and axillary hair growth, adult-type ERR-beta is a nuclear receptor. Its function development ERR-gamma is a nuclear receptor that behan endocrine disruptor by binding strongly to ERF ERR-gamma (dissociation constant = 5.5 nM), bu activity. Different expression of ERR-gamma in dif	nding agent: ted receptors) are ted receptors) are tormones. The ER effecting mammalia onal roles in diabe here they exert effe they also share D y function to modu it is most highly ex m, intestine, and a to adrenal develo adrenarche, and al hough relatively we body odor, increas on is unknown; how haves as a constitu Rgamma BPA as v t not to the estrogr ferent parts of the	cts on gene regulation  NA-binding sites, co-regulators, and target genes with the conventional late estrogen signaling pathways.   cpressed in tissues that preferentially use fatty acids as energy sources such  celetal muscle. ERRalpha has been detected in normal adrenal cortex  pment, with a possible role in fetal adrenal function, in  so in steroid production of post-adrenarche/adult life. DHEA and other  cak androgens, are responsible for the androgenic effects of adrenarche, such
PHENOL/ FORMALDEHYDE GLYCIDYL ETHER COPOLYMER	conjunctivitis.  The material may cause skin irritation after prolor	nged or repeated e (erythema) and sw	nation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce exposure and may produce a contact dermatitis (nonallergic). This form of elling the epidermis. Histologically there may be intercellular oedema of the s.
NEOPENTYL GLYCOL DIGLYCIDYL ETHER	in nasal papillary adenomas and combined alveolethyloxirane via inhalation for 103 weeks. There wand carcinomas. Nasal papillary adenomas were In mice exposed chronically via inhalation, one m tumours were not observed. Tumours were not ol 0.8% ethyloxirane was administered orally to mice forestomach occurred in 3/49 males (p=0.029, ag	lar/bronchiolar ade was also a significa also observed in 2 tale mouse develop bserved in mice ex e for up to 35 weel pe-adjusted) and 1/ htrol animals . Two	ystem in male and female rats exposed via inhalation. Significant increases nomas and carcinomas were observed in male rats exposed to 1200 mg/m3 ant positive trend in the incidence of combined alveolar/bronchiolar adenomas /50 high-dose female rats with none occurring in control or low-dose animals. bed a squamous cell papilloma in the nasal cavity (300 mg/m3) but other posed chronically via dermal exposure. When trichloroethylene containing us, followed by 0.4% from weeks 40 to 69, squamous-cell carcinomas of the 48 females at week 106. Trichloroethylene administered alone did not induce structurally related substances, oxirane (ethylene oxide) and methyloxirane we been classified as carcinogenic
8331S-A Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A) & PHENOL/ FORMALDEHYDE GLYCIDYL ETHER COPOLYMER & NEOPENTYL GLYCOL DIGLYCIDYL ETHER	eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The distribution of the substance and the opportunities distributed can be a more important allergen than	contact eczema, n ) immune reaction e significance of th s for contact with it n one with stronger	may not be specific to this product.  nore rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, e contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested.
8331S-A Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A) & PHENOL/ FORMALDEHYDE GLYCIDYL ETHER COPOLYMER	This class of endocrine disruptors that mimic oest Bisphenol A (BPA) and some related compounds differences in activity. Several derivatives of BPA growth hormone in a thyroid hormone-dependent suggest that the 4-hydroxyl group of the A-phenyl substituents at the 3,5-positions of the phenyl ring Bisphenols promoted cell proliferation and increase potency, the longer the alkyl substituent at the bric compound contained two propyl chains at the bric configuration are suitable for appropriate hydroge In vitro cell models were used to evaluate the abil Bisphenol AF (BPAF), bisphenol Z (BPZ), bisphenol 4.4-bisphenol F (4,4-BPF), bisphenol AP (BPAP),	trogens is widely u exhibit oestrogeni exhibited significa manner. However I ring and the B-ph gs and the bridging sed the synthesis idging carbon, the Idging carbon. Big no bonding to the a lity of 22 bispheno nol C (BPC), tetrar, bisphenol B (BPB)	c activity in human breast cancer cell line MCF-7, but there were remarkable in thyroid hormonal activity towards rat pituitary cell line GH3, which releases BPA and several other derivatives did not show such activity. Results enyl ring of BPA derivatives are required for these hormonal activities, and a lakyl moiety markedly influence the activities.  and secretion of cell type-specific proteins. When ranked by proliferative ower the concentration needed for maximal cell yield; the most active henols with two hydroxyl groups in the para position and an angular

activity and 4-(4-phenylmethoxyphenyl)sulfonylphenol (BPS-MPE) and 2.4-bisphenol S (2.4-BPS) selectively inhibited ERalpha-mediated activity. None of the BPs induced AR-mediated activity. 8331S-A Silver Conductive Epoxy Adhesive (Part A) & Oxiranes (including glycidyl ethers and alkyl oxides, and epoxides) exhibit many common characteristics with respect to animal toxicology. One

NEOPENTYL GLYCOL DIGLYCIDYL ETHER

such oxirane is ethyloxirane; data presented here may be taken as representative.

androgen receptor (AR) antagonists. Only 3 BPs were found to be ER antagonists. Bisphenol P (BPP) selectively inhibited ERbeta-mediated

Acute Toxicity	×	Carcinogenicity	X
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	<b>✓</b>	Reproductivity	×
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	<b>→</b>	STOT - Single Exposure	X
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	<b>~</b>	STOT - Repeated Exposure	×
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	X

Legend:

X - Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification

– Data available to make classification

#### 11.2.1. Endocrine Disruption Properties

Many chemicals may mimic or interfere with the body's hormones, known as the endocrine system. Endocrine disruptors are chemicals that can interfere with endocrine (or hormonal) systems. Endocrine disruptors interfere with the synthesis, secretion, transport, binding, action, or elimination of natural hormones in the body. Any system in the body controlled by hormones can be derailed by hormone disruptors. Specifically, endocrine disruptors may be associated with the development of learning disabilities, deformations of the body various cancers and sexual development problems. Endocrine disrupting chemicals cause adverse effects in animals. But limited scientific information exists on potential health problems in humans. Because people are typically exposed to multiple endocrine disruptors at the same time, assessing public health effects is difficult.

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

#### 12.1. Toxicity

331S-A Silver Conductive	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)		Species	Value	S	ource
Epoxy Adhesive (Part A)	Not Available	Not Available		Not Available	Not Available	N	ot Available
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Speci	es		Value	Source
	NOEC(ECx)	120h	Fish			<0.001mg/L	4
.9	EC50	72h	Algae	or other aquatic plan	ts	11.89mg/l	2
silver	LC50	96h	Fish			0.006mg/l	2
	EC50	48h	Crusta	icea		0.001mg/l	2
	EC50	96h	Algae	or other aquatic plan	ts	0.002mg/L	4
	-	<u>'</u>	·				'
ol/ formaldehyde glycidyl	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)		Species	Value	S	ource
ether copolymer	Not Available	Not Available		Not Available	Not Available	N	ot Available
eopentyl glycol diglycidyl	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)		Species	Value	s	ource
ether	Not Available	Not Available		Not Available	Not Available	e N	ot Available
Legend:		ICLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe Luatic Toxicity Data (Estimated)			•	,	,

Metal-containing inorganic substances generally have negligible vapour pressure and are not expected to partition to air. Once released to surface waters and moist soils their fate depends on solubility and dissociation in water. Environmental processes (such as oxidation and the presence of acids or bases) may transform insoluble metals to more soluble ionic forms. Microbiological processes may also transform insoluble metals to more soluble forms. Such ionic species may bind to dissolved ligands or sorb to solid particles in aquatic or aqueous media. A significant proportion of dissolved/ sorbed metals will end up in sediments through the settling of suspended particles. The remaining metal ions can then be taken up by aquatic organisms

When released to dry soil most metals will exhibit limited mobility and remain in the upper layer; some will leach locally into ground water and/ or surface water ecosystems when soaked by rain or melt ice. Environmental processes may also be important in changing solubilities.

Even though many metals show few toxic effects at physiological pHs, transformation may introduce new or magnified effects.

A metal ion is considered infinitely persistent because it cannot degrade further.

The current state of science does not allow for an unambiguous interpretation of various measures of bioaccumulation.

The counter-ion may also create health and environmental concerns once isolated from the metal. Under normal physiological conditions the counter-ion may be essentially insoluble and may not be bioavailable.

Environmental processes may enhance bioavailability.

For bisphenol A and related bisphenols

Environmental fate

Biodegradability (28 d) 89% - Easily biodegradable

Bioconcentration factor (BCF) 7.8 mg/l

Bisphenol A, its derivatives and analogues, can be released from polymers, resins and certain substances by metabolic products

Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII

As an environmental contaminant, bisphenol A interferes with nitrogen fixation at the roots of leguminous plants associated with the bacterial symbiont Sinorhizobium meliloti. Despite a half-life in the soil of only 1-10 days, its ubiquity makes it an important pollutant. According to Environment Canada, 'initial assessment shows that at low levels, bisphenol A can harm fish and organisms over time. Studies also indicate that it can currently be found in municipal wastewater.' However, a study conducted in the United States found that 91-98% of bisphenol A may be removed from water during treatment at municipal water treatment plants.

**Ecotoxicity** 

Fish LC50 (96 h): 4.6 mg/l (freshwater fish); 11 mg/l (saltwater fish): NOEC 0.016 mg/l (freshwater fish- 144 d); 0.064 mg/l (saltwater fish 164 d)

Fresh water invertebrates EC50 (48 h): 10.2 mg/l: NOEC 0.025 mg/l - 328 d) Marine water invertebrate EC50 (96 h): 1.1 mg/l; NOEC 0.17 mg/l (28 d)

Freshwater algae (96 h): 2.73 mg/l Marine water algae (96 h): 1.1 mg/l

Fresh water plant EC50 (7 d): 20 mg/l: NOEC 7.8 mg/l

In general, studies have shown that bisphenol A can affect growth, reproduction and development in aquatic organisms.

Among freshwater organisms, fish appear to be the most sensitive species. Evidence of endocrine-related effects in fish, aquatic invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles has been reported at environmentally relevant exposure levels lower than those required for acute toxicity. There is a widespread variation in reported values for endocrine-related effects, but many fall in the range of 1 ug/L to 1 mg/L

A 2009 review of the biological impacts of plasticisers on wildlife published by the Royal Society with a focus on annelids (both aquatic and terrestrial), molluscs, crustaceans, insects, fish and amphibians concluded that bisphenol A has been shown to affect reproduction in all studied animal groups, to impair development in crustaceans and amphibians and to induce genetic aberrations.

A large 2010 study of two rivers in Canada found that areas contaminated with hormone-like chemicals including bisphenol A showed females made up 85 per cent of the population of a certain fish, while females made up only 55 per cent in uncontaminated areas.

Although abundant data are available on the toxicity of bisphenol-A (2,2-bis (4-hydroxydiphenyl)propane;(BPA) A variety of BPs were examined for their acute toxicity against Daphnia magna, mutagenicity, and oestrogenic activity using the Daphtoxkit (Creasel Ltd.), the umu test system, and the yeast two-hybrid system, respectively, in comparison with BPA. BPA was moderately toxic to D. magna (48-h EC50 was 10 mg/l) according to the current U.S. EPA acute toxicity evaluation standard, and it was weakly oestrogenic with 5 orders of magnitude lower activity than that of the natural estrogen 17 beta-oestradiol in the yeast screen, while no mutagenicity was observed. All seven BPs tested here showed moderate to slight acute toxicity, no mutagenicity, and weak oestrogenic activity as well as BPA. Some of the BPs showed considerably higher oestrogenic activity than BPA, and others exhibited much lower activity. Bisphenol S (bis(4-hydroxydiphenyl)sulfone) and bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfide) showed oestrogenic activity.

Biodegradation is a major mechanism for eliminating various environmental pollutants. Studies on the biodegradation of bisphenols have mainly focused on bisphenol A. A number of BPA-degrading bacteria have been isolated from enrichments of sludge from wastewater treatment plants. The first step in the biodegradation of BPA is the hydroxylation of the carbon atom of a methyl group or the quaternary carbon in the BPA molecule. Judging from these features of the biodegradation mechanisms, it is possible that the same mechanism used for BPA is used to biodegrade all bisphenols that have at least one methyl or methylene group bonded at the carbon atom between the two phenol groups. However, bisphenol F ([bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)methane; BPF), which has no substituent at the bridging carbon, is unlikely to be metabolised by such a mechanism. Nevertheless BPF is readily degraded by river water microorganisms under aerobic conditions. From this evidence, it was clear that a specific mechanism for biodegradation of BPF does exist in the natural ecosystem, Algae can enhance the photodegradation of bisphenols. The photodegradation rate of BPF increased with increasing algae concentration. Humic acid and Fe3+ ions also enhanced the photodegradation of BPF. The effect of pH value on the BPF photodegradation was also important.

Reactive diluents generally have a low to moderate potential for bioconcentration (tendency to accumulate in the food chain) and a high to very high potential for mobility in soil. Small amounts that escape to the atmosphere will photodegrade.

They would not be expected to persist in the environment.

Most reactive diluents should be considered slightly to moderately toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis while some might also be considered harmful to the environment. Environmental toxicity is a function of the n-octanol/water partition coefficient (log Pow, log Kow). Compounds with log Pow >5 act as neutral organics, but at a lower log Pow, the toxicity of epoxide-containing polymers is greater than that predicted for simple narcotics.

Significant environmental findings are limited. Oxiranes (including glycidyl ethers and alkyl oxides, and epoxides) exhibit common characteristics with respect to environmental fate and ecotoxicology. One such oxirane is ethyloxirane and data presented here may be taken as representative. for 1,2-butylene oxide (ethyloxirane):

Environmental fate: Ethyloxirane is highly soluble in water and has a very low soil-adsorption coefficient, which suggests that if released to water, adsorption of ethyloxirane to sediment and suspended solids is not expected. Volatilisation of ethyloxirane from water surfaces would be expected based on the moderate estimated Henry's Law constant. If ethyloxirane is released to soil, it is expected to have low adsorption and thus very high mobility. Volatilisation from moist soil and dry soil surfaces is expected, based on its vapour pressure. It is expected that ethyloxirane exists solely as a vapour in ambient atmosphere, based on its very high vapour pressure. Ethyloxirane may also be removed from the atmosphere by wet deposition processes, considering its relatively high water solubility.

Persistence: The half-life in air is about 5.6 days from the reaction of ethyloxirane with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals which indicates that this chemical meets the persistence criterion in air (half-life of = 2 days)\*.

Ethyloxirane is hydrolysable, with a half-life of 6.5 days, and biodegradable up to 100% degradation and is not expected to persist in water. A further model-predicted biodegradation half-life of 15 days in water was obtained and used to predict the half-life of this chemical in soil and sediment by applying Boethling's extrapolation factors (t1/2water:t1/2 soil:t1/2sediment = 1:1:4) (Boethling 1995). According to these values, it can be concluded that ethyloxirane does not meet the persistence criteria in water and soil (half-lives = 182 days) and sediments (half-life = 365 days).

Experimental and modelled log Kow values of 0.68 and 0.86, respectively, indicate that the potential for bioaccumulation of ethyloxirane in organisms is likely to be low. Modelled bioaccumulation -factor (BAF) and bioconcentration -factor (BCF) values of 1 to 17 L/kg indicate that ethyloxirane does not meet the bioaccumulation criteria (BCF/BAF = 5000)\*

Fcotoxicity:

Experimental ecotoxicological data for ethyloxirane (OECD 2001) indicate low to moderate toxicity to aquatic organisms. For fish and water flea, acute LC50/EC50 values vary within a narrow range of 70-215 mg/L; for algae, toxicity values exceed 500 mg/L, while for bacteria they are close to 5000 mg/L

\* Persistence and Bioaccumulation Regulations (Canada 2000).

Reactive diluents which are only slightly soluble in water and do not evaporate quickly are expected to sink to the bottom or float to the top, depending on the density, where they would be expected to biodegrade slowly.

Environmental toxicity is a function of the n-octanol/ water partition coefficient (log Pow, log Kow). Phenols with log Pow >7.4 are expected to exhibit low toxicity to aquatic organisms. However the toxicity of phenols with a lower log Pow is variable, ranging from low toxicity (LC50 values >100 mg/l) to highly toxic (LC50 values <1 mg/l) dependent on log Pow, molecular weight and substitutions on the aromatic ring. Dinitrophenols are more toxic than predicted from QSAR estimates. Hazard information for these groups is not generally available.

For silver and its compounds

#### Environmental fate:

Silver is a rare but naturally occurring metal, often found deposited as a mineral ore in association with other elements. Emissions from smelting operations, manufacture and disposal of certain photographic and electrical supplies, coal combustion, and cloud seeding are some of the anthropogenic sources of silver in the biosphere. The global biogeochemical movements of silver are characterized by releases to the atmosphere, water, and land by natural and anthropogenic sources, long-range transport of fine particles in the atmosphere, wet and dry deposition, and sorption to soils and sediments.

In general, accumulation of silver by terrestrial plants from soils is low, even if the soil is amended with silver-containing sewage sludge or the plants are grown on tailings from silver mines, where silver accumulates mainly in the root systems.

The ability to accumulate dissolved silver varies widely between species. Some reported bioconcentration factors for marine organisms (calculated as milligrams of silver per kilogram fresh weight organism divided by milligrams of silver per litre of medium) are 210 in diatoms, 240 in brown algae, 330 in mussels, 2300 in scallops, and 18 700 in oysters, whereas bioconcentration factors for freshwater organisms have been reported to range from negligible in bluegills (*Lepomis macrochirus*) to 60 in daphnids; these values represent uptake of bioavailable silver in laboratory experiments. Laboratory studies with the less toxic silver compounds, such as silver sulfide and silver chloride, reveal that accumulation of silver does not necessarily lead to adverse effects. At concentrations normally encountered in the environment, food-chain biomagnification of silver in aquatic systems is unlikely. Elevated silver concentrations in biota occur in the vicinities of sewage outfalls, electroplating plants, mine waste sites, and silver iodide-seeded areas. Maximum concentrations recorded in field collections, in milligrams total silver per kilogram dry weight (tissue), were 1.5 in marine mammals (liver) (except Alaskan beluga whales *Delphinapterus leucas*, which had concentrations 2 orders of magnitude higher than those of other marine mammals), 6 in fish (bone), 14 in plants (whole), 30 in annelid worms (whole), 44 in birds (liver), 110 in mushrooms (whole), 185 in bivalve molluscs (soft parts), and 320 in gastropods (whole).

#### Ecotoxicity:

In general, silver ion was less toxic to freshwater aquatic organisms under conditions of low dissolved silver ion concentration and increasing water pH, hardness, sulfides, and dissolved and particulate organic loadings; under static test conditions, compared with flow-through regimens; and when animals were adequately nourished instead of being starved. Silver ions are very toxic to microorganisms. However, there is generally no strong inhibitory effect on microbial activity in sewage treatment plants because of reduced bioavailability due to rapid complexation and adsorption. Free silver ion was lethal to representative species of sensitive aquatic plants, invertebrates, and teleosts at nominal water concentrations of 1-5 ug/litre. Adverse effects occur on development of trout at concentrations as low as 0.17 ug/litre and on phytoplankton species composition and succession at 0.3-0.6 ug/litre.

A knowledge of the speciation of silver and its consequent bioavailability is crucial to understanding the potential risk of the metal. Measurement of free ionic silver is the only direct method that can be used to assess the likely effects of the metal on organisms. Speciation models can be used to assess the likely proportion of the total silver measured that is

bioavailable to organisms. Unlike some other metals, background freshwater concentrations in pristine and most urban areas are well below concentrations causing toxic effects. Levels in most industrialized areas border on the effect concentration, assuming that conditions favour bioavailability. On the basis of available toxicity test results, it is unlikely that bioavailable free silver ions would ever be at sufficiently high concentrations to cause toxicity in marine environments.

No data were found on effects of silver on wild birds or mammals. Silver was harmful to poultry (tested as silver nitrate) at concentrations as low as 100 mg total silver/litre in drinking-water or 200 mg total silver/kg in diets. Sensitive laboratory mammals were adversely affected at total silver concentrations (added as silver nitrate) as low as 250 ug/litre in drinking-water (brain histopathology), 6 mg/kg in diet (high accumulations in kidneys and liver), or 13.9 mg/kg body weight (lethality).

Silver and Silver Compounds; Concise International Chemical Assessment Document (CICAD) 44 IPCS InChem (WHO)

'The transport of silver through estuarine and coastal marine systems is dependent on biological uptake and incorporation. Uptake by phytoplankton is rapid, in proportion to silver concentration and inversely proportional to salinity. In contrast to studies performed with other toxic metals, sliver availability appears to be controlled by both the free silver ion concentration and the concentration of other silver complexes. Silver incorporated by phytoplankton is not lost as salinity increase; as a result silver associated with cellular material is largely retained within the estuary. Phytoplankton exhibit a variable sensitivity to silver. Sensitive species exhibit a marked delay in the onset of growth in response to silver at low concentrations, even though maximum growth rates are similar to controls. A delay in the onset of growth reduces the ability of a population to respond to short-term favourable conditions and to succeed within th community.

James G. Saunders and George R Abbe: Aquatic Toxicology and Environmental Fate; ASTM STP 1007, 1989, pp 5-18

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	HIGH	HIGH

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	LOW (LogKOW = 0.2342)

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	LOW (KOC = 10)

#### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

	P	В	Т
Relevant available data	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
PBT	×	×	×
vPvB	X	X	×
PBT Criteria fulfilled?			No
vPvB			No

#### 12.6. Endocrine Disruption Properties

The evidence linking adverse effects to endocrine disruptors is more compelling in the environment than it is in humans. Endocrine distruptors profoundly alter reproductive physiology of ecosystems and ultimately impact entire populations. Some endocrine-disrupting chemicals are slow to break-down in the environment. That characteristic makes them potentially hazardous over long periods of time. Some well established adverse effects of endocrine disruptors in various wildlife species include; eggshell-thinning, displayed of characteristics of the opposite sex and impaired reproductive development. Other adverse changes in wildlife species that have been suggested, but not proven include; reproductive abnormalities, immune dysfunction and skeletal deformaties.

#### 12.7. Other adverse effects

Not Available

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

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- ▶ Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible

Otherwise

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- ▶ Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

Removal of bisphenol A (BPA) from aqueous solutions was accomplished by adsorption of enzymatically generated quinone derivatives on chitosan beads. The use of chitosan in the form of beads was found to be more effective because heterogeneous removal of BPA with chitosan beads was much faster than homogeneous removal of BPA with chitosan solutions, and the removal efficiency was enhanced by increasing the amount of chitosan beads dispersed in the BPA solutions and BPA was completely removed by quinone adsorption in the presence of chitosan beads more than 0.10 cm3/cm3. In addition, a variety of bisphenol derivatives were completely or effectively removed by the procedure constructed in this study, although the enzyme dose or the amount of chitosan beads was further increased as necessary for some of the bisphenol derivatives used

M. Suzuki, and E Musashi J Appl Polym Sci, 118(2):721 - 732; October 2010

- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- ▶ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.

Waste treatment options Not Available Sewage disposal options Not Available

#### **SECTION 14 Transport information**

#### **Labels Required**

NOT REGULATED by Ground ADR Special Provision 375
NOT REGULATED by Air IATA Special Provision A197
NOT REGULATED by Sea IMDG per 2.10.2.7
NOT REGULATED by ADN Special Provision 274 (The provision of 3.1.2.8 apply)

#### Land transport (ADR-RID)

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14.1. UN number	3077		
14.2. UN proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDO	SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains silver)	
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	Class 9 Subrisk Not Applicable		
14.4. Packing group	III		
14.5. Environmental hazard	Environmentally hazardous		
	Hazard identification (Kemler)	90	
	Classification code	M7	
14.6. Special precautions for	Hazard Label	9	
user	Special provisions	274 335 375 601	
	Limited quantity	5 kg	
	Tunnel Restriction Code	3 (-)	

#### Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

14.1. UN number	3077		
14.2. UN proper shipping name	Environmentally hazardo	ous substance, solid, n.o.s. * (contains s	ilver)
	ICAO/IATA Class	9	
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO / IATA Subrisk	Not Applicable	
0.000(00)	ERG Code	9L	
14.4. Packing group	Ш		
14.5. Environmental hazard	Environmentally hazardo	ous	
	Special provisions		A97 A158 A179 A197 A215
	Cargo Only Packing Ir	structions	956
	Cargo Only Maximum	Qty / Pack	400 kg
14.6. Special precautions for user	Passenger and Cargo	Packing Instructions	956
usu	Passenger and Cargo	Maximum Qty / Pack	400 kg
	Passenger and Cargo	Limited Quantity Packing Instructions	Y956
	Passenger and Cargo	Limited Maximum Qty / Pack	30 kg G

#### Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

3077	
ENVIRONMENTALLY	HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains silver)
IMDG Class 9	
IMDG Subrisk N	lot Applicable
III	
Marine Pollutant	
EMS Number	F-A , S-F
Special provisions	274 335 966 967 969
Limited Quantities	5 kg
	ENVIRONMENTALLY  IMDG Class 9  IMDG Subrisk N  III  Marine Pollutant  EMS Number  Special provisions

#### Inland waterways transport (ADN)

14.1. UN number	3077
14.2. UN proper shipping name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains silver)
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	9 Not Applicable

14.4. Packing group	Ш	
14.5. Environmental hazard	Environmentally hazard	ous
14.6. Special precautions for user	Classification code Special provisions Limited quantity Equipment required Fire cones number	M7 274; 335; 375; 601 5 kg PP, A*** 0

#### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

#### 14.8. Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
silver	Not Available
phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer	Not Available
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	Not Available

#### 14.9. Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
silver	Not Available
phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer	Not Available
neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether	Not Available

#### **SECTION 15 Regulatory information**

#### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### silver is found on the following regulatory lists

EU European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Community Rolling Action Plan (CoRAP) List of Substances

Europe EC Inventory

European Union - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)

International WHO List of Proposed Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) Values for Manufactured Nanomaterials (MNMS)

# phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer is found on the following regulatory lists

Europe EC Inventory

# neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether is found on the following regulatory lists

Chemical Footprint Project - Chemicals of High Concern List
Europe EC Inventory

European Union - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)

European Union (EU) Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures - Annex VI

This safety data sheet is in compliance with the following EU legislation and its adaptations - as far as applicable - : Directives 98/24/EC, - 92/85/EEC, - 94/33/EC, - 2008/98/EC, - 2010/75/EU; Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/878; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as updated through ATPs.

#### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance/mixture by the supplier.

# National Inventory Status

national inventory datas		
National Inventory	Status	
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes	
Canada - DSL	Yes	
Canada - NDSL	No (silver; phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer; neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether)	
China - IECSC	Yes	
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes	
Japan - ENCS	No (silver; phenol/ formaldehyde glycidyl ether copolymer)	
Korea - KECI	Yes	
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes	
Philippines - PICCS	Yes	
USA - TSCA	Yes	
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes	
Mexico - INSQ	No (neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether)	
Vietnam - NCI	Yes	
Russia - FBEPH	No (neopentyl glycol diglycidyl ether)	

National Inventory	Status
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory  No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

#### **SECTION 16 Other information**

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Initial Date	10/08/2017

#### Full text Risk and Hazard codes

H361fd	Suspected of damaging fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

#### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment, Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered. For detailed advice on Personal Protective Equipment, refer to the following EU CEN Standards:

EN 166 Personal eye-protection

EN 340 Protective clothing

EN 374 Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms

EN 13832 Footwear protecting against chemicals

EN 133 Respiratory protective devices

#### **Definitions and abbreviations**

PC-TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC-STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancel

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

ES: Exposure Standard

OSF: Odour Safety Factor

NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level

LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

LOD: Limit Of Detection OTV: Odour Threshold Value

BCF: BioConcentration Factors

BEI: Biological Exposure Index

AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List

NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China

EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers

ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory

NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory

INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory

FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

#### Reason For Change

A-2 00 - Modifications to the SDS format