

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

## 1.1. Product identifier **Trade name** Zinc Product no. **REACH registration number** 01-2119467174-37-XXXX Other means of identification Synonyms: zinc, solid in massive state, zinc cathodes, SSHG, Z1, SHG (Special High Grade) 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture IU01: Zinc metal production RLE (GESZn 0) IU03: Storage of ingots-slabs in warehouses (GESZn 1) IU04: Production of chemicals (pyro) (GESZn 3) IU07: Melting, alloying and casting (GESZn 1) IU08: Cathodic protection - sacrifical anodes (GESZn 1) IU09: Downstream use of zinc-based sacrifical anodes (GESZn 8) IU10: Extraction of PM (Parkes process) (GESZn 5) IU11: Zinc casting / granules, pellets, prills, ... (GESZn 1, GESZn 6) IU12: Zinc sheet casting and rolling (GESZn 1, GESZn 6) IU13: Wire and rods manufacturing (GESZn 1, GESZn 6) IU14: Downstream use of Zn based wire for metal spraying (GESZn 8) IU15: Component for soldering/brazing/welding products (GESZn 1, GESZn 6) IU16: Downstream use of Zinc based brazing/soldering products (GESZn 8) IU17: Strips and coins manufacturing (GESZn 1, GESZn 6) IU18: Batteries calots, cans manufacturing (GESZn 1, GESZn 6) IU19: Zinc (pure or alloyed) powder manufacturing (GESZn 2) IU20: Passivated zinc powder manufacturing (pure or alloyed) (GESZn 2) IU30: Brass manufacturing (GESZn 1) IU31: Use of brass casts for transformation into semi-products (GESZn 6) IU32: Use of brass containing products (ESZn 8) IU33: Die-casting alloys manufacturing (GESZn 1) IU34: Use of die-casting ingots (GESZn 6) IU35: Manufacturing of Zinc containing AI-alloys (GESZn 1) IU36: Use of zinc containing AI alloys (GESZn 6) IU37: General hot dip galvanizing (GESZn 5) IU38: Continuous hot dip galvanizing (GESZn 5) IU39: Electrogalvanizing (GESZn 5) IU40: Electroplating (GESZn 5) IU41: Production of "targets by (EB) PVD or other sputtering techniques (GESZn 5) IU42: Use of galvanized goods Generic consumer/environment Uses advised against

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

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### **1.4. Emergency telephone number**

999 (or 111 for non-emergency medical advice). Emergency Action: In the event of a medical enquiry involving this product, please contact your doctor or local hospital accident and emergency department or the NHS enquiry service). See section 16.

## **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

**2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture** This product (zinc metal in massive form) is not classified as dangerous.

## 2.2. Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)

Signal word

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Hazard statement(s)

Safety statement(s)	General Prevention Response Storage	- - -
	Disposal	-

Identity of the substances primarily responsible for the major health hazards

## 2.3. Other hazards

**Additional labelling** 

Additional warnings

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

#### 3.1. Substances

NAME: IDENTIFICATION NOS.: CONTENT: CLP CLASSIFICATION: zinc CAS-no: 7440-66-6 EC-no: 231-175-3 REACH-no: 01-2119467174-37 Index-no: 030-001-00-1 >98,5%, typical concentration >=99,995% NA

(\*) See full text of H-phrases in chapter 16. Occupational exposure limits are listed in section 8, if these are available.

## 3.2. Mixtures

#### **Other informations**

Impurity: <=0,0030% Pb, EC 231-100-4 Lead can be as high as 1.5 % for secondary zinc grades



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

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

#### **General information**

Zinc in massive form is not hazardous. During production and use the following hazardous derivates may be formed: Respirable zinc-bearing particles and soluble zinc compounds.

General advice: Get medical attention if any discomfort develops. Show this sheet to doctor. General advice: Get medical attention if any discomfort develops.

#### Inhalation

Zinc metal is not acutely poisonous by inhalation. Large amounts of dust can cause irritation in respiratory ducts. In this case move the patient to fresh air. Get medical attention if discomfort persists. Welding and galvanizing (temperature >930°C) combined with poor industrial hygiene practice can expose to metal fume fever ("zinc fever") which is caused by zinc oxide fumes formed in high temperatures. Symptoms can be fever, nausea, rigor, vomiting, stomach pain, muscle pain and in some cases hallucinations or incoherence. Symptoms will pass within 24 hours causing no permanent effects. Treat symptomatically if needed: removal from exposure, bed rest, oral hydration, medication against fever (ibuprofen, salicylates). In severe cases seek for medical attention, show this sheet to doctor.

#### Skin contact

Zinc itself is not a skin irritant. Exposure to zinc oxide can cause eczema. Use general hygiene measure for contact with material: wash with soap and warm water. In case of contact with molten product cool rapidly with water and seek immediate medical attention. Never attempt to remove molten product from skin because skin will tear easily.

Cuts or abrasions should be treated promptly with thorough cleansing.

#### Eye contact

Rinse with water for 15 minutes, consult a doctor if pain persists. Do not rub eyes. Remove any contact lenses. If the patient get tile or splashes of melted metal in the eye, the patient must be taken to a doctor immediately.

#### Ingestion

Not a normal route of entry. Zinc is an essential nutrient. In case of significant oral intake rinse mouth and give water to drink if the patient is conscious. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention in case of any discomfort.

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

Metal fume fever (Zinc fever): fever, nausea, rigor, vomiting, stomach pain, muscle pain and in some cases hallucinations or incoherence Ingestion (acute): nausea, vomiting, lack of appetite, stomach pain, diarrhea, headache Ingestion (chronic): Ingesting doses of zinc >100 mg/day for prolonged periods interferes with copper metabolism causind low blood copper levels, RBC microctosis and impaired immunity.

Larger doses (200-800 mg/day) ingested for prolonged periods can cause anorexia, vomiting and diarrhea. **4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** 

Supportive care and removal from source is usually adequate treatment for zinc toxicosis. In case of severe metal fume fever ("zinc fever") intravenous steroid or inhalated bronchodilatators (for wheezing) might be required. Oxygen therapy in case of hypoxemia.

## Information to medics

Bring this safety data sheet.

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

## 5.1. Extinguishing media

Material is not flammable. Recommended: alcohol-resistant foam, carbonic acid, powder, water mist. Water jets should not be used, since they can spread the fire.

Never use water in presence of molten metal. Water expands explosively in contact with molten / liquid metal.

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

## Respirable dust.

## 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact. Prevent the water/foam from extinguishing the fire to reach ground water, waterways, water catchment,

surface water, conduit, or water treatment plant.



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

Zinc in massive form is not hazardous. During production and some uses hazardous material (*e g* zinc-containing respirable particles and soluble compounds) may be formed and accidental release of these is considered. **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** 

Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilt material. Avoid breathing dust. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Ch. 8)

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

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

In case of molten material: Allow to solidify before cleaning. Move containers from spill area. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labelled waste container. Avoid creating dusty conditions. **6.4. Reference to other sections** 

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See section on "Disposal considerations " with regard to the handling of waste. See section on 'Exposure controls/personal protection' for protective measures.

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

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

See section on 'Exposure controls/personal protection' for information on personal protection. Zinc is not classified in massive forms and no protective measures are needed for safe handling. Zinc ingots must not be allowed to get wet or damp, or be smeared with other substances, quality and identification marks must not be damaged and ingots must not be allowed to move during transportation.

Zinc ingots may contain water or moisture in hair cracks or hollows. To prevent splashes of molten metal or explosion, ingots must be carefully dried before being fed into the smelter. Persons working in the smelting process and at work stations in the immediate vicinity should use appropriate protective clothing. In case of smoke from melted product: Avoid inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

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

Always store in containers of the same material as the original.

Zinc ingots must be stored in a clean, dry, well-ventilated space so that they do not become smeared with other substances and are not contaminated by water. Storage in close proximity to acids, alkalis or oxidants should be avoided. Avoid storing with acids, bases and oxidizers. Finely pulverized substance mixed with air may cause dust explosion.

## Storage temperature

## No data available.

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

This product should only be used for applications described in Section 1.2

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

#### 8.1. Control parameters

## OEL

Zinc oxide, fume or respirable dust Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA reference period): - ppm | 5 mg/m3 Short-term exposure limit (15-minute reference period): - ppm | 10 mg/m3 DNEL / PNEC

DNEL (zinc): 0.83 mg Zn/kg bw/day - Exposure: Oral - Remarks: soluble Zn DNEL (zinc): 0.83 mg Zn/kg bw/day - Exposure: Oral - Remarks: insoluble Zn DNEL (zinc): 8.3 mg Zn/kg bw/day - Exposure: Dermal - Remarks: soluble Zn DNEL (zinc): 83 mg Zn/kg bw/day - Exposure: Dermal - Remarks: insoluble Zn DNEL (zinc): 1 mg Zn/m3 - Exposure: Inhalation - Remarks: soluble Zn, worker DNEL (zinc): 5 mg Zn/m3 - Exposure: Inhalation - Remarks: insoluble Zn, worker DNEL (zinc): 1.3 mg Zn/m3 - Exposure: Inhalation - Remarks: soluble Zn, consumer DNEL (zinc): 2.5 mg Zn/m3 - Exposure: Inhalation - Remarks: insoluble Zn, consumer

PNEC (zinc): 21  $\mu$ g/L - Exposure: Freshwater - Remarks: added value, Zn ion PNEC (zinc): 6  $\mu$ g/L - Exposure: Marine water - Remarks: added value, Zn ion



PNEC (zinc): 52 µg/L - Exposure: Sewage Treatment Plant - Remarks: Zn ion PNEC (zinc): 118 mg/kg d.w. - Exposure: Freshwater sediment - Remarks: added value, Zn ion PNEC (zinc): 57 mg/kg d.w. - Exposure: Marine water sediment - Remarks: added value, Zn ion PNEC (zinc): 36 mg/kg d.w. - Exposure: Soil - Remarks: added value, Zn ion

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

Avoid raising dust. Keep away from naked flames/heat.

#### **General recommendations**

Observe general occupational hygiene.

#### Exposure scenarios

If there is an appendix to this safety data sheet, the indicated exposure scenarios must be complied.

## **Exposure limits**

Trade users are covered by the rules of the working environment legislation on maximum concentrations for exposure. See work hygiene threshold values above.

#### **Appropriate technical measures**

Take ordinary precautions when using the product. Avoid inhalation of gas or dust. Process enclosure where applicable. Local exhaustion ventilation on furnaces and other work areas with potential dust generation, dust capturing and removal techniques.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Whenever you take a break in using this product and when you have finished using it, all exposed areas of the body must be washed. Always wash hands, forearms and face.

#### Measures to avoid environmental exposure

No specific requirements.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

## Generally

Only CE-marked personal protection equipment should be used.

#### **Respiratory Equipment**

With normal handling no respiratory personal protection is necessary. If risk for exceedance of OEL/ DNEL use dust filter mask.

Dust filter-halfmask:

P1 (efficiency 75%) P2 (efficiency 90%) P3 (efficiency 95%)

Dust filter - full mask:

P1 (efficiency 75%)

P2 (efficiency 90%)

P3 (efficiency 97,5%)

#### Skin protection

Protective clothing. On heating: heatproof clothing, protective clothing against molten metal splash. Protective clothing for workers exposed to heat. Safety shoes.

#### Hand protection

Wearing gloves is compulsory. On heating: insulated gloves.

Eye protection

Safety glasses are optional. On melting: face shield.

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

9.1. Information on	basic physical	l and chemical properties			
Form	Colour	Odour	pН	Viscosity	Density (g/cm3)
Solid	Silver	None	-	-	7,1
Phase changes					
Melting point	(°C)	Boiling point (°C)		Vapour press	sure (mm Hg)
416				-	
Data on fire and	l explosion haz	ards			
Flashpoint (°C	C)	Ignition (°C)		Self ignition (	°C)
-		-		-	
Explosion limi	its (Vol %)	Oxidizing properties			
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Solubility	
Solubility in water	n-octanol/water coefficient
Zinc in massive form has very limited solubility. 9.2. Other information	-
	Additional information
Solubility in fat	
-	N/A

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

#### 10.1. Reactivity

React with oxidants e.g. ammoniumnitrate, nitric acid, pottasium chlorate. Zinc dust liberates hydrogen gas in contact with oxygen and water. Forms "white rust" in humid air

#### 10.2. Chemical stability

The product is stable under the conditions, noted in the section on "Handling and storage".

# 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

In molten state: violent to explosive reaction with water (moisture). Oxidizes slowly in moist air.

## **10.4. Conditions to avoid**

To avoid white rust on galvanized steel the new pieces of galvanized equipment should be kept dry and well ventilated until the surface has passivated.

## **10.5. Incompatible materials**

Strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidizing agents, and strong reductants agents.

## **10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

The product is not degraded when used as specified in section 1. Reacts with some acids forming hydrogen.On burning: zinc oxide fumes.

## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

Acute toxicity				
Substance	Species	Test	Route of exposure	
zinc	Rat	LD50	Oral	>2000 mg/kg
zinc Claim compositor (invitation	Rat	LC50	Inhalation	>5.4 mg/L/4i
Skin corrosion/irritation				
Data on substance: zinc				
Result: Not irritant				
Serious eye damage/irritation				
Data on substance: zinc				
Result: Not irritant				
Respiratory or skin sensitisation				
Data on substance: zinc				
Result: Not sensitizing				
Germ cell mutagenicity				
Data on substance: zinc				
No adverse effect observed.				
Carcinogenicity				
Data on substance: zinc				
No adverse effect observed.				
Reproductive toxicity				
Data on substance: zinc				
No adverse effect observed.				
STOT-single exposure				
Data on substance: zinc				
Result: No evidence				
STOT-repeated exposure				
Data on substance: zinc				
Result: No evidence				
Aspiration hazard				
No data available.				



#### Long term effects

No special

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

12.1. Toxicity				
Substance	Species	Test	Test duration	Result
zinc	Daphnia	EC50	48 h	0.413 mg Zn++/l, pH <7
zinc	Algae	EC50	72 h	0.136 mg Zn++/l, pH >7-8.5
zinc	Daphnia	EC50	48 h	11.5 mg Zn/l, pH <7
zinc	Algae	EC50	72 h	15.1 mg Zn/l, pH >7-8.5
12.2. Persistence and degradability				
Substance	Biodegradability		Test	Result
zinc	not applicable		No data available	No data available
12.3. Bioaccumulative potential				
Substance	Potential bioaccur	nulation	LogPow	BFC
zinc	No		No data available	No data available

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

In the CSR a solids-water partitioning coefficient of 158,5 kl/l (log value 2,2) was applied for zinc in soils (CSR zinc 2010)

# 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

The PBT and vPvB criteria do not apply to inorganic substances.

# 12.6. Other adverse effects

No special

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

## 13.1. Waste treatment methods

This product is not covered by the regulations on dangerous waste.

Waste

EWC code 17 04 04 Specific labelling

#### opcomo labelling

## **Contaminated packing**

Packaging which contains leftovers from the product must be disposed of in the same way as the product.

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

Not listed as dangerous goods under ADR and IMDG regulations.

#### 14.1 – 14.4 ADR/RID

14.1. UN number 14.2. UN proper shipping name 14.3. Transport hazard class(es) 14.4. Packing group Notes Tunnel restriction code

IMDG

UN-no. Proper Shipping Name Class PG\* EmS MP\*\* Hazardous constituent



- IATA/ICAO
  - UN-no.
  - Proper Shipping Name
  - Class
  - PG\*
- 14.5. Environmental hazards
- 14.6. Special precautions for user
- 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code
- No data available
- (\*) Packing group
- (\*\*) Marine pollutant

## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

## **Restrictions for application**

## **Demands for specific education**

## **Additional information**

## Sources

EC regulation 1907/2006 (REACH) Directive 2000/532/EC EC Regulation 1272/2008 (CLP)

15.2. Chemical safety assessment No

## **SECTION 16: Other information**

## Full text of H-phrases as mentioned in section 3

## The full text of identified uses as mentioned in section 1

## Other symbols mentioned in section 2

# Other

It is recommended to hand over this safety data sheet to the actual user of the product. Information in this safety data sheet cannot be used as a product specification.

The information in this safety data sheet applies only to this specific product (mentioned in section 1) and is not necessarily correct for use with other chemicals/products.

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List of uses for which a Generic Exposure Scenario (GES) is provided as Annex



Number	Sector	Uses	Code
0	Zinc metal production	Manufacture Substance	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 0
1	Formulation step: melting, alloying and casting in massive pieces	Formulation general	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 1
2	Formulation step: melting, alloying manufacture of powders		GES <sub>Zn</sub> 2
3	First tier applications	Manufacturing of other zinc compounds	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 3
4		Laboratory reagent	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 4
5		Use of molten zinc	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 5
6		Transformation of massive zinc	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 6
7	1	Use of zinc powders	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 7
8	Second tier applications	DU of massive pieces of zinc	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 8
9		DU of preparations containing zinc powder	GES <sub>Zn</sub> 9

# Emergency numbers

Belgium: 070 - 245 245 Austria: Poison Control Centre Emergency helpline +43 1 406 43 43, 112 Portugal: Em caso de intoxicacao, ligue 808 250 143 Czech Republic: Toxikologické informační středisko Telefon: +420 224 919 293, +420 224 915 402 Estonia: 112, 16662, ((+372) 626 93 90) Lithuania: Visuomenės sveikatos centrams +370 5 236 20 52 arba +370 687 53378 Italy: Centro antiveleni di Roma - Policlinico Umberto I tel. 06-49978000 Spain: Servicio de Información Toxicológica Teléfono: + 34 91 562 04 20 (solo emergencias toxicológicas) . Información en español (24h/365 días) Sweden: 112, 08-331231 (vardagar kl 9-17) United Kingdom: 999 (or 111 for non-emergency medical advice). Emergency Action: In the event of a medical enquiry involving this product, please contact your doctor or local hospital accident and emergency department or the NHS enquiry service) Denmark: Kontakt Giftlinien på tlf.nr.: 82 12 12 12 (åbent 24 timer i døgnet). Germany: Giftnotruf Berlin, Emergency telephone: +49 30 19240 (Tag und Nacht) Finland: 09-4711/Myrkytystietokeskus tai suora numero 09-471977 Myrkytystietokeskus/HUS, Tukholmankatu 17, 00029 HUS (Helsinki) 112 Norway: Giftinformasjonssentralen på tlf.nr.: 22 59 13 00, 113 France: ORFILA (INRS) : + 33 (0)1 45 42 59 59. 24 heures sur 24 et 7 jours sur 7 Hungary: Telefon: 06-80-20-11-99 Iceland: Neyðarlínan: Sími 112. Eitrunarmiðstöð Landsspítalans. Sími: 543 2222. Netherlands: 30-2748888 Bulgaria: +359 2 9154 409 Greece: +30 10 779 3777 Ireland: +353 1 8379964 Latvia: +371 704 2468 Malta: 2425 0000 Poland: +48 58301 65 16 / +48 58 349 2831 Romania: +40 21 3183606 Slovakia: +421 2 54 77 4166 Slovenia: + 386 41 650500 Date of last essential change (First cipher in SDS version) Date of last minor change (Last cipher in SDS version)