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**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**PRODUCT NAME:** 46% COBALT CARBONATE  
**PRODUCT CODE:** 00176

**MANUFACTURING LOCATION:**

OMG AMERICAS, INC.  
 TWO MILE RUN ROAD  
 VENANGO COUNTY, FRANKLIN, PA 16323

**DATE REVISED:** 11/20/2003

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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST): 440-899-2950  
 After 5:00 p.m.(EST): 814-432-2125

**CHEMICAL FAMILY/USE:** Inorganic salt

**CHEMICAL FORMULA:** NA

**HMIS: HEALTH:** 1\*  
**FLAMMABILITY:** 0  
**REACTIVITY:** 0  
**PERSONAL PROTECTION:** E

\*Chronic health hazard

**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component/CAS number	Percent	ACGIH TLV:	ACGIH Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL) value:	OSHA PEL:	OSHA Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL) value:	Units that the TWAs and STELs for ACGIH and OSHA are in:
Cobalt Carbonate 513-79-1	>99	0.02	NE	0.1+	NE	mg/m3

+For metal dust and fume, as Co

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

Pink powder. May cause sensitization by skin contact which may produce allergic contact dermatitis. May cause sensitization by inhalation which may produce occupational asthma. May cause eye and respiratory irritation.

**EYE CONTACT:**

May cause eye irritation.

**SKIN CONTACT:**

May cause allergic contact dermatitis if there is prior sensitization. Most rashes associated with cobalt occur on the hands and appear within the first year of occupational exposure to cobalt.

**INGESTION:**

May be harmful if swallowed.

**INHALATION:**

Cobalt is a known allergen that produces characteristic symptoms of asthma, such as wheezing, dry cough, and labored breathing.

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Usually the asthma symptoms appear 4-6 hours after exposure and often worsen again later in the same day. Even later asthma reactions to inhaled cobalt may occur up to 48 hours after exposure. Improvement typically occurs when cobalt exposure ceases, e.g. weekends, vacations. Other cobalt-containing compounds such as hard metal dust, but not cobalt powder itself, are associated with subacute fibrosis alveolitis and chronic diffuse interstitial pulmonary fibrosis.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**EYES:**

Flush immediately with large amounts of water and continue flushing for 15 minutes or until irritation subsides, whichever is longer.

**SKIN:**

Remove victim from contaminated area. Wash immediately and thoroughly with soap or mild detergent and water. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing, jewelry, and shoes. Gently brush away excess solid contaminant. Consult a physician if irritation persists.

**INHALATION:**

Remove from exposure. Provide ventilation assistance and oxygen as indicated. Physicians should administer usual asthma medications for acute attacks.

**INGESTION:**

Give large amounts of water to drink if person is completely conscious. Get medical attention as a precaution.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED:**

Individuals already sensitized to cobalt are at greater risk for asthma attacks. Risk factors for severe eczema include not only prior cobalt sensitization, but also prior nickel sensitization and irritant dermatitis. The sensitization to cobalt and nickel results from co-exposure rather than cross-reactivity.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:**

Toxic concentrations of cobalt in urine and blood are not well defined. In the general population, the 95th percentile for cobalt concentration was 8.3 ug/l in urine (National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III). Chelation treatments, for example, calcium disodium edetate or dimercaprol, are controversial. Contact a poison control center for current recommendations. Individuals with polymorphism in the HLA-DP gene (presence of glutamate 69 in the beta chain) may be more susceptible to cobalt toxicity.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT (° F)** .....Not Applicable

**OSHA FLAMMABILITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Not Applicable.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

Dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water.

**SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES:**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, when large quantities are involved.

**EXPLOSION LIMITS IN AIR - LOWER (%)** .....Unknown

**EXPLOSION LIMITS IN AIR - UPPER (%)** .....Unknown

**AUTOIGNITION TEMP (° F)** .....Unknown

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

Fine metal and metal oxide dust may occur during a fire. High concentrations of dust may present a dust explosion hazard.

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:**

The spill should first be contained and the area should be cleaned by wet-sweeping or vacuum cleaning (HEPA filter). Minimize the creation of dust. Approved NIOSH respirator for dust should be worn.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING:**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid breathing dust. Use only with adequate ventilation. Always use gloves and safety glasses when opening/emptying containers or processing this material. Do not eat or drink in work area. Wash in soap and water after exposure to any dust.

**STORAGE:**

This material should be stored in sealed containers to avoid dampness and dust. Partly used containers should be sealed. Otherwise, no special precautions are required.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Localized ventilation should be used to control dust levels. Proper ventilation should be installed in order to maintain cobalt dust concentration in the air below the occupational exposure limits.

### RESPIRATORY PROTECTION EQUIPMENT:

Dust masks (suitable for sub-micron particles). Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection where airborne level exceeds appropriate occupational exposure limit.

### PROTECTIVE GLOVES:

Rubber gloves. Gloves, rubber or impervious coating.

### EYE AND FACE PROTECTION:

Wear safety glasses or face shields in processes which scatter particles into the air. Wear safety glasses or face shield in operations that do scatter fine particles in the air.

### OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Coveralls are satisfactory to minimize skin contact. Coveralls should be used preferably for only one day if exposed to dust. Eye wash equipment. To prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact, wear impervious clothing and boots.

### VENTILATION:

Adequate ventilation should be provided to keep dust concentrations below acceptable exposure limits. Discharge from the ventilation system should comply with the applicable air pollution control regulations. Eliminate ignition sources. Use local exhaust ventilation directed towards the source of dust and which is adequate to limit personal exposure to levels which do not exceed the PEL or TLV. If such equipment is not available use respirators as specified above.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Range/Point .....	Not Applicable
Vapor Pressure .....	Not Applicable
Vapor Density (AIR=1) .....	Not Applicable
Freezing Point .....	Unknown
Melting Point .....	Unknown
Physical State .....	Powder
Color .....	Pink
% Volatile by Weight .....	Not Applicable
% Volatile by Volume .....	Not Applicable
Evaporation Rate ( Butyl Acetate=1) .....	Not Applicable
Specific Gravity @ 25° C .....	0.7
Weight per gallon .....	6 lbs.

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### STABILITY:

Stable.

### HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:

Will not occur.

### HAZARDOUS THERMAL DECOMPOSITION/COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:

Toxic fumes of cobalt oxide and nickel oxide.

### INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID):

Contact with acids can cause foaming.

### CONDITIONS TO AVOID:

Avoid dust generation.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### TOXICITY DATA:

Cobalt has not been shown to be carcinogenic to humans. The National Toxicological Program (NTP) does not recognize cobalt as an animal or human carcinogen. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies cobalt as "possibly carcinogenic" to humans (Class 2B) based on animal studies. Refer to the IARC website ([www.iarc.fr](http://www.iarc.fr)) for most recent information. ACGIH has given Cobalt and Cobalt Inorganic Compounds a rating of A3, animal carcinogen. They state that available epidemiologic studies do not confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans.

Workers with occupational asthma arising from cobalt powder are sensitized as may be demonstrated by a positive bronchoprovocation challenge test with cobalt chloride. However, this test is not widely available and should only be performed by physicians experienced in the procedure. This latter test is not widely available. Cobalt-related asthma may include early, late and dual reactions. The late reaction may appear up to 48 hours after exposure. Improvement typically occurs with cessation of exposure, such as weekends and vacations. Patch test and intradermal skin tests do not discriminate patients with cobalt-related asthma from controls in the general population.

Cobalt-induced allergic contact dermatitis is characterized by erythematous papules occurring commonly on the hands. The prevalence of this condition in the workplace may be 10-15%. Most cobalt-related rashes begin in the first year of employment where cobalt is used. Risk factors include prior nickel sensitization and irritant dermatitis. 25% of nickel-sensitive individuals develop cobalt allergy compared with 5% of the general population. Sensitization to nickel and cobalt result from co-exposure rather than cross-reactivity. The diagnosis of cobalt sensitivity may be made by patch testing. However, the diagnosis of cobalt sensitivity is complicated by the fact that nickel contamination of cobalt patch tests may produce false positive skin tests for cobalt in patients who are highly sensitive to nickel.

**ACUTE ORAL LD50:** No data at this time.

**ACUTE DERMAL LD50:** No data at this time.

**ACUTE INHALATION LC50:** No data at this time.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

No data at this time

### CHEMICAL FATE INFORMATION:

No data at this time.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### DISPOSAL METHOD:

Disposal should be made in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. Cobalt spills can be swept up and, if uncontaminated, re-used. Cobalt can be recycled and consideration of this route should be given. This product is not regulated as a hazardous waste under RCRA but may be regulated in certain states. Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State and Local laws.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT SHIPPING NAME:** Not Regulated

**DOT HAZARD CLASS:** None

**UN/NA NUMBER:** None

**DOT PACKING GROUP:** None

**AIR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION:** Not Regulated

**OCEAN TRANSPORTATION:** Not Regulated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### TSCA STATUS:

All components of this product are on the US TSCA Inventory.

### TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION:

No components of this product are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

### CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:

This material contains the following chemicals in trace amounts (less than 0.1%) which are known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects and are subject to the requirements of California Proposition 65:

Nickel Carbonate (3333-67-3) Cancer

### CLEAN AIR ACT S112 HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS:

Cobalt Compounds. Nickel Compounds.

### SARA 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES LIST:

This product does not contain greater than 1.0% of any chemical substance on the SARA Extremely Hazardous Substance List.

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**SARA (311, 312) HAZARD CLASS:**

Acute health hazard. Chronic health hazard.

**SARA SECTION 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS:**

Cobalt Compounds >99%

**AUSTRALIAN INVENTORY CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES:**

All components are listed on the Australian Core Inventory of Chemical Substances (ACoin).

**CANADIAN INVENTORY:**

All components are on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

**EINECS REGULATIONS:**

All components are on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS).

**JAPAN:**

All components are listed on the Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS).

**KOREAN CHEMICAL INVENTORY:**

All components are on the Korean List of Existing Chemical Substances.

**PHILIPPINE INVENTORY:**

All components are listed on the Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS).

**CHINESE INVENTORY:**

All components are listed on the Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**DISCLAIMER OF EXPRESSED AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES:**

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**SIGNAL WORD:**

CAUTION

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