

**MATERION****1. Chemical and company identification**

Name of chemical (Product name)	Beryllium Oxide Powder
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Reference number	M02

**2. Hazards identification**

GHS classification		
Physical hazards	Not classified	
Health hazards	Sensitization, skin Carcinogenicity Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1 Category 1A Category 1 (respiratory system)
Environmental hazards	Not classified	

**GHS label elements****Symbols****Signal words**

Danger

**Hazard statement**

May cause cancer by inhalation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes damage to organs (respiratory system) through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation.

**Precautionary statement****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not breathe dust/fume. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wear respiratory protection.

**Response**

If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center/doctor. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Storage**

Store locked up.

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

None known.

**Supplemental information**

None.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients**

Substance or mixture	Substance
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Components	CAS Number	Gazette notification		Concentration (%)
		ENCS no.	ISHL no.	
Beryllium Oxide Powder	1304-56-9	(1)-94	(1)-94	100
Synonyms: Beryllium Oxide BeO UOX GCHF				
<b>Synonym(s)</b>	Beryllium Oxide * BeO * UOX * GCHF			
<b>Chemical formula</b>	Be-O (1304-56-9)			

#### 4. First aid measures

<b>If inhaled</b>	If symptoms develop move victim to fresh air. For breathing difficulties, oxygen may be necessary. Breathing difficulty caused by inhalation of particulate requires immediate removal to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration and obtain medical help.
<b>If on skin</b>	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Thoroughly wash skin cuts or wounds to remove all particulate debris from the wound. Seek medical attention for wounds that cannot be thoroughly cleansed. Treat skin cuts and wounds with standard first aid practices such as cleansing, disinfecting and covering to prevent wound infection and contamination before continuing work. Obtain medical help for persistent irritation. Material accidentally implanted or lodged under the skin must be removed.
<b>If in eyes</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.
<b>If swallowed</b>	If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label. Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	May cause allergic skin reaction. May cause allergic respiratory reaction. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
<b>Protection of first-aid responders</b>	If exposed or concerned: get medical attention/advice. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
<b>Notes to physician</b>	<p>Treatment of Chronic Beryllium Disease: There is no known treatment which will cure chronic beryllium disease. Prednisone or other corticosteroids are the most specific treatment currently available. They are directed at suppressing the immunological reaction and can be effective in diminishing signs and symptoms of chronic beryllium disease. In cases where steroid therapy has had only partial or minimal effectiveness, other immunosuppressive agents, such as cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, or methotrexate, have been used. These latter agents remain investigational. Further, in view of the potential side effects of all the immunosuppressive medications, including steroids such as prednisone, they should be used only under the direct care of a physician. In general, these medications should be reserved for cases with significant symptoms and/or significant loss of lung function. Other symptomatic treatment, such as oxygen, inhaled steroids or bronchodilators, may be prescribed by some physicians and can be effective in selected cases.</p> <p>The decision about when and with what medication to treat is a judgment situation for individual physicians. For the most part, treatment is reserved for those persons with symptoms and measurable loss of lung function. The value of starting oral steroid treatment, before signs or symptoms are evident, remains a medically unresolved issue.</p> <p>The effects of continued low exposure to beryllium are unknown for individuals who are sensitized to beryllium or who have a diagnosis of chronic beryllium disease. It is generally recommended that persons who are sensitized to beryllium or who have CBD terminate their occupational exposure to beryllium.</p>

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Extinguishing media</b>	The product is non-combustible. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Extinguishing media to avoid</b>	Do not use water to extinguish fires around operations involving molten metal due to the potential for steam explosions.

<b>Special fire fighting procedures</b>	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Water runoff can cause environmental damage.
<b>Protection of fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear full protective clothing including self contained breathing apparatus. Wear suitable protective equipment.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Pressure-demand self-contained breathing apparatus must be worn by firefighters or any other persons potentially exposed to the particulate released during or after a fire.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency measures</b>	In solid form this material poses no special clean-up problems. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid release to the environment. In the event of a spill or accidental release, notify relevant authorities in accordance with all applicable regulations. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.
<b>Methods or materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Handling

<b>Technical measures (e.g. Local and general ventilation)</b>	No specific recommendations.
<b>Safe handling advice</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not breathe dust/fume. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wear respiratory protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
<b>Contact avoidance measures</b>	For further information, please refer to section 10 of the SDS.
<b>Hygiene measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### Storage

<b>Safe storage conditions</b>	Avoid contact with acids and alkalies. Avoid contact with oxidizing agents.
<b>Safe packaging materials</b>	Keep in original container.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### Japan. OELs - ISHL. (Workplace Environment Assessment Standards)

Material	Type	Value
Beryllium Oxide Powder (CAS 1304-56-9)	TLV	0.001 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Japan. OELs - JSOH (Japan Society of Occupational Health: Recommendation of Occupational Exposure Limits)

Material	Type	Value
Beryllium Oxide Powder (CAS 1304-56-9)	TWA	0.002 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## Engineering measures

**VENTILATION:** Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

Whenever possible, the use of local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls is the preferred method of controlling exposure to airborne particulate. Where utilized, exhaust inlets to the ventilation system must be positioned as close as possible to the source of airborne generation. Avoid disruption of the airflow in the area of a local exhaust inlet by equipment such as a man-cooling fan. Check ventilation equipment regularly to ensure it is functioning properly. Provide training on the use and operation of ventilation to all users. Use qualified professionals to design and install ventilation systems.

**WET METHODS:** Machining operations are usually performed under a liquid lubricant/coolant flood which assists in reducing airborne particulate. However, the cycling through of machine coolant containing finely divided particulate in suspension can result in the concentration building to a point where the particulate may become airborne during use. Certain processes such as sanding and grinding may require complete hooded containment and local exhaust ventilation. Prevent coolant from splashing onto floor areas, external structures or operators' clothing. Utilize a coolant filtering system to remove particulate from the coolant.

**WORK PRACTICES:** Develop work practices and procedures that prevent particulate from coming in contact with worker skin, hair, or personal clothing. If work practices and/or procedures are ineffective in controlling airborne exposure or visual particulate from deposition on skin, hair, or clothing, provide appropriate cleaning/washing facilities. Procedures should be written that clearly communicate the facility's requirements for protective clothing and personal hygiene. These clothing and personal hygiene requirements help keep particulate from being spread to non-production areas or from being taken home by the worker. Never use compressed air to clean work clothing or other surfaces.

Fabrication processes may leave a residue of particulate on the surface of parts, products or equipment that could result in employee exposure during subsequent material handling activities. As necessary, clean loose particulate from parts between processing steps. As a standard hygiene practice, wash hands before eating or smoking.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Use vacuum and wet cleaning methods for particulate removal from surfaces. Be certain to de-energize electrical systems, as necessary, before beginning wet cleaning. Use vacuum cleaners with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA). Do not use compressed air, brooms, or conventional vacuum cleaners to remove particulate from surfaces as this activity can result in elevated exposures to airborne particulate. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when performing maintenance on HEPA filtered vacuums used to clean hazardous materials.

## Personal protective equipment

### Respiratory protection

When airborne exposures exceed or have the potential to exceed the occupational exposure limits, approved respirators must be used as specified by an Industrial Hygienist or other qualified professional. Respirator users must be medically evaluated to determine if they are physically capable of wearing a respirator. Quantitative and/or qualitative fit testing and respirator training must be satisfactorily completed by all personnel prior to respirator use. Users of tight fitting respirators must be clean shaven on those areas of the face where the respirator seal contacts the face. Use pressure-demand airline respirators when performing jobs with high potential exposures such as changing filters in a baghouse air cleaning device.

### Hand protection

Wear gloves to prevent contact with particulate or solutions. Wear gloves to prevent metal cuts and skin abrasions during handling.

### Eye protection

Wear approved safety glasses, goggles, face shield and/or welder's helmet when risk of eye injury is present, particularly during operations that generate dust, mist or fume.

### Skin and body protection

Personal protection equipment should be chosen according to the CEN standards and in discussion with the supplier of the personal protective equipment. Protective overgarments or work clothing must be worn by persons who may become contaminated with particulate during activities. Skin contact with this material may cause, in some sensitive individuals, an allergic dermal response. Particulate that becomes lodged under the skin has the potential to induce sensitization and skin lesions.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
Color	Clear. Off-white.

Odor Not applicable.

Odor threshold Not applicable.

pH Not applicable.

Melting point/Freezing point 4586 °F (2530 °C)

Boiling point, initial boiling point, and boiling range 7052 °F (3900 °C)

Flash point Not applicable.

Combustion characteristics (solid, gas) Not applicable.

### Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%) Not applicable.

Flammability limit - upper (%) Not applicable.

Explosive limit - lower (%) Not applicable.

Explosive limit - upper (%) Not applicable.

Vapor pressure < 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C

Vapor density Not applicable.

Evaporation rate Not applicable.

Specific gravity 3.01

### Solubility(ies)

Solubility (water) Not applicable.

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) Not available.

Auto-ignition temperature Not applicable.

Decomposition temperature Not applicable.

Viscosity (Coefficient of viscosity) Not applicable.

### Other information

Density 3.01 g/cm<sup>3</sup> estimated

Explosive properties Not explosive.

Molecular formula Be-O

Molecular weight 25.01 g/mol

Oxidizing properties Not oxidizing.

Relative density Not applicable.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

Chemical stability Material is stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to avoid Avoid dust formation. Contact with acids. Contact with alkalis.

Incompatible materials Strong acids, alkalies and oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. Toxicological information

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause allergic skin reaction.
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	May cause allergic skin reaction.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Harmful in contact with eyes.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	
<b>Japan Society for Occupational Health: Respiratory sensitizer</b>	
Beryllium Oxide Powder (CAS 1304-56-9)	1 Known respiratory sensitizer.
<b>Japan Society for Occupational Health: Skin sensitizer</b>	
Beryllium Oxide Powder (CAS 1304-56-9)	2 Probable skin sensitizer.
<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Cancer hazard.
<b>IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity</b>	
Beryllium Oxide Powder (CAS 1304-56-9)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.
<b>Japan Society for Occupational Health: Carcinogen</b>	
Beryllium Oxide Powder (CAS 1304-56-9)	2A Probably carcinogenic to humans.
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	Not classified.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	May cause damage to organs (respiratory system) through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
<b>Other information</b>	Symptoms may be delayed.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Not available.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
<b>Bioaccumulation</b>	Not available.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	Not available.
<b>Hazardous to the ozone layer</b>	Not available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Residual waste</b>	Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Material should be recycled if possible. Disposal recommendations are based on material as supplied. Disposal must be in accordance with current applicable laws and regulations, and material characteristics at time of disposal.

## 14. Transport information

<b>IATA</b>	
<b>UN number</b>	1566
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Beryllium compound, n.o.s.
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	6.1(PGI, II)
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No.
<b>ERG Code</b>	6L

Special precautions for user Not available.

Other information

Passenger and cargo aircraft Allowed.

Cargo aircraft only Allowed.

IMDG

UN number 1566

UN proper shipping name BERYLLIUM COMPOUND, N.O.S.

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 6.1(PGI, II)

Subsidiary risk -

Packing group II

Environmental hazards

Marine pollutant No.

EmS F-A, S-A

Special precautions for user Not available.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not available.

IATA; IMDG



National regulations Follow regulation in section 15 for domestic transportation.

Emergency Response Guide Number 154

## 15. Regulatory information

### Industrial Safety and Health Act

#### Specified substances regulation

Class 1 designated chemical substances  
BERYLLIUM AND ITS COMPOUNDS

#### Notifiable substances

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Table 9 Ordinance No. VI

#### Labeling substances

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Table 3-1 Ordinance No. 6

### Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Act

#### Specified poisonous substances

Not regulated.

#### Poisonous substances

Not regulated.

#### Deleterious substances

Not regulated.

### Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.

#### Class I specified chemical substances

Not regulated.

#### Class II specified chemical substances

Not regulated.

#### Monitoring chemical substances

Not regulated.

**Priority Assessment Chemical Substances (PACs)**

Not regulated.

**Reporting Exempted Substances**

Not regulated.

**Law concerning Pollutant Release and Transfer Register**

**Specified class 1 substances (substance name, ordinance number and content)**

BERYLLIUM AND ITS COMPOUNDS                      Ordinance No. 394                      (Beryllium Oxide Powder)

**Class 1 substances (substance name, ordinance number and content)**

Not regulated.

**Class 2 substances (substance name, ordinance number and content)**

Not regulated.

**Ship Safety Law, Dangerous Goods Marine Transport and Storage Rule**                      Miscellaneous dangerous substances

**Air Law, Enforcement Rule**                      Miscellaneous dangerous goods

**Explosives Control Act**

Not regulated.

**16. Other information**

**Further information**                      Transportation Emergency  
Call Chemtrec at:  
Domestic: 800.424.9300  
International: 703.527.3887

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