

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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**1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

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**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 2451  
**SRM Name:** Fine Carbon (Activated) – From Cyanide Ore Leaching  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in the evaluation of chemical methods of analysis and in calibration of instrumental methods of analysis. A unit of SRM 2451 consists of a bottle containing 100 g of fine-powder carbon (activated) obtained after use in the leaching of ore with cyanide solution.

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

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**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Not classified.  
**OSHA Defined Hazard:** Combustible dust.

**Label Elements****Symbol**

No Symbol/No Pictogram.

**Signal Word**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s):** May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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**3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS**

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**Substance:** Carbon (activated)

**Other Designations:** Fine carbon (activated with cyanide and metal compounds)

The mercury and cyanide contained in this material are present in trace amounts as metal cyanide and mercury compounds. Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Carbon, activated	7440-44-0	231-153-3	>95

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### Description of First Aid Measures:

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. Get immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Generated dust may cause mechanical irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek medical attention if needed.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Slight fire hazard. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode. Avoid generating dust. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

### Extinguishing Media

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, regular foam.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Not applicable.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without personal risk. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 1                  Fire = 1                  Reactivity = 1

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Any accumulated material on surfaces should be removed and properly disposed of. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Avoid generating dust.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Use suitable personal protection equipment (PPE). See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Storage and Incompatible Materials:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity").

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** No occupational exposure limits have been established for carbon (activated). This material is a particulate matter and adequate inhalation/respiratory protection should be used to minimize exposure. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL):      15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, total particulates)  
                          5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, respirable particulates)

NIOSH (REL):     10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, total particulates)  
                          5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, respirable particulates)

ACGIH (TLV):     No occupational exposure limits established.

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection Measures:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate PPE to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Eye and face protection is required when dust is generated. Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Standard PPE is recommended to avoid irritation.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Descriptive Properties	Carbon (activated)
Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	black amorphous powder
Molecular Formula	not applicable
Molar Mass (g/mol)	not applicable
Odor	odorless
Odor threshold	not available
pH	not available
Evaporation rate	not available
Melting point/freezing point	>3500 °C (>6332 °F) <sup>(a)</sup>
Density	0.08 g/mL to 0.6 g/mL
Vapor Pressure	0.4
Vapor Density (air = 1)	not available
Viscosity	not available
Solubilities	insoluble in water, acids, and alkali
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	not available
Particle Size	not available
<b>Thermal Stability Properties</b>	
Autoignition Temperature	≈460 °C (≈860 °F) <sup>(a)</sup>
Thermal Decomposition	not available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	4200 °C (7592 °F)
Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)	not available
Explosive Limits, UEL	0.14 g/L <sup>(a)</sup>
Flash Point	not flammable
Flammability (solid, gas)	not applicable

<sup>(a)</sup> Vendor supplied health and safety information.

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**   X   Stable        Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** Activated carbon, especially when wet, may deplete oxygen from surrounding air. This may cause a dangerously low oxygen level in confined or enclosed spaces. Use appropriate confined space entry precautions and monitor oxygen levels.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Avoid generating dust, moisture, and incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Metals, oxidizing materials, halogens, combustible materials, peroxides, acids, reducing agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Oxides of carbon.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**        Will Occur   X   Will Not Occur



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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.  
SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.  
SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.  
SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.  
OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.  
SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21)

ACUTE HEALTH: No  
CHRONIC HEALTH: No  
FIRE: No  
REACTIVE: No  
PRESSURE: No

### State Regulations

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Sources:** ChemAdvisor, Inc., SDS *Carbon, Activated*, 09 December 2015.

Newmont Mining Corporation, Vendor MSDS *Fine Carbon (Activated) - with cyanide and metal compounds*, May 2002.

CDC; NIOSH; *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Safety and Health; *Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated*, 29 November 2018; available at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Aug 2019).

### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transport Association	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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Users of this SRM should ensure that the SDS in their possession is current. This can be accomplished by contacting the SRM Program: telephone (301) 975-2200; fax (301) 948-3730; e-mail [srmmsds@nist.gov](mailto:srmmsds@nist.gov); or via the Internet at <https://www.nist.gov/srm>.