

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier

SRM Number: 459
SRM Name: Beryllium-Copper Alloy
Other Means of Identification: Not applicable.

Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is in the form of chips sized between 0.50 mm and 1.18 mm sieve openings. It is intended primarily for use in chemical methods of analysis. A unit of SRM 459 consists of approximately 50 g of material.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Note: This material is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical (as determined under paragraph (d) of 1910.1200), and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees.

Classification

Physical Hazard: Not classified.
Health Hazard: Not classified.

Label Elements

Symbol
 No Symbol

Signal Word
 No Signal Word

Hazard Statement(s): Not applicable.

Precautionary Statement(s): Not applicable.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified: Not applicable.

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

3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Substance: Beryllium-Copper Alloy

Other Designations: Copper alloy base, BeCu

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Beryllium-Copper Alloy	11133-98-5	not applicable	100

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of First Aid Measures:

Inhalation: If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse.

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

Ingestion: If adverse effects occur after ingestion, seek medical treatment.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed: This material is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities.

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.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and Explosion Hazards: Negligible fire and explosion hazard in bulk form. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

Extinguishing Media:

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical: None listed.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters: Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. 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 = 0

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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: Do not touch spilled material. Notify safety personnel of spills. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Isolate hazard area and deny entry.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Safe Handling Precautions: Minimize dust generation and accumulation on surfaces. See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

Storage: Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (oxidizing materials).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits: No occupational exposure limits have been established for this alloy.

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

Personal Protection: In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (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: Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

Skin and Body Protection: Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Descriptive Properties:

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.):	Solid chips
Molecular Formula:	not applicable
Molar Mass (g/mol):	not applicable
Odor:	not available
Odor threshold:	not available
pH:	not available
Evaporation rate:	not applicable
Melting point/freezing point (°C):	not available
Relative Density (g/L):	not available
Vapor Pressure (mmHg):	not applicable
Vapor Density (air = 1):	not applicable
Viscosity (cP):	not applicable
Solubility(ies):	not available
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	not available
Particle Size	0.50 -1.18 mm

Thermal Stability Properties:

Autoignition Temperature (°C):	not available
Thermal Decomposition (°C):	not available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):	not available
Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):	not available
Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):	not available
Flash Point (°C)	not available
Flammability (solid, gas):	not available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Stability: X Stable Unstable

Possible Hazardous Reactions: None listed.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid generating dust.

Incompatible Materials: Acids, bases, halocarbons, oxidizing materials, halogens, metals, combustible materials, lithium, metal salts, peroxides, reducing agents, metal oxides.

Fire/Explosion Information: See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

Hazardous Decomposition: Miscellaneous decomposition products.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will Occur X Will Not Occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Exposure: X Inhalation X Skin X Ingestion

Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics: This material is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities. The material may cause coughing if dust is inhaled.

Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):

Inhalation:

Beryllium: Brief, intense exposure to pulmonary irritants may cause severe chemical pneumonitis. Symptoms may include bronchial spasm, nasopharyngitis, tracheobronchitis, cough, blood tinged sputum, dyspnea, cyanosis, nasal discharge, fever, anorexia, fatigue, tachycardia and possibly cor pulmonale. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause "berylliosis".

Copper: Metal dust may cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract and ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum, a feeling of illness similar to the common cold has been reported with symptoms of chills and stuffiness of the nose.

Nickel: May cause respiratory irritation, cough, pneumonitis and fever. Overexposure may cause headache, dizziness, and difficult breathing. Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause mucous membrane irritation and pulmonary sensitization.

Skin Contact: May cause irritation, sensitization and dermatitis.

Eye Contact: Contact with dust may cause conjunctival inflammation.

Ingestion: May cause coughing and shortness of breath.

Numerical Measures of Toxicity:

Acute Toxicity: Not classified; no data available.

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Not classified; no data available.

Serious Eye Damage/ Eye Irritation: Not classified; no data available.

Respiratory Sensitization: Not classified; no data available.

Skin Sensitization: Not classified; no data available.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Not classified; no data available.

Carcinogenicity: Not classified.

Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen X Yes No

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Beryllium: NTP lists beryllium compounds as *known to be human carcinogens*.

IARC lists beryllium-copper as Group 1 (Carcinogenic to humans), and notes that "the association of the elevated lung cancer risks with beryllium exposure is supported by a large number of lung cancer cases and stable rate ratios, a consistency in findings among plants, higher risks of lung cancer among workers hired before 1950 (when exposures were at their highest), a greater risk of lung cancer in the US Beryllium Case Registry cohort (especially among those highly exposed who were diagnosed with acute pneumonitis), and greatest risks for lung cancer in the plants with the highest risk for acute pneumonitis and other respiratory disease".

Nickel: NTP lists metallic nickel as *reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen*, and no test that studies of the carcinogenicity of metallic nickel in humans are inadequate for evaluation.

IARC (1990) found inadequate evidence of carcinogenicity in humans for metallic nickel and nickel alloys, and concluded that metallic nickel is possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B), on the basis of evidence in experimental animals. Overall, the epidemiologic studies evaluated by IARC (1990) involved either low levels of exposure to metallic nickel or nickel alloys or relatively few exposed workers. Moreover, exposure to metallic nickel was considered to be accompanied by exposure to other forms of nickel, including oxidic, sulfidic, and soluble nickel, or to other potential carcinogens, such as cadmium in the case of welders.

(see also the report of the International Committee on Nickel Carcinogenesis in Man [ICNCM 1990]). No study of nickel workers published since the IARC (1990) monograph includes workers exposed exclusively or even predominantly to metallic nickel or nickel alloys (see Section 3.2 for a review of these studies). Therefore, there are no epidemiological studies of exposed workers adequate for an evaluation of the carcinogenicity of metallic nickel or nickel alloys.

Reproductive Toxicity: Not classified; no data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure: Not classified; no data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure: Not classified; no data available.

Aspiration Hazard: Not classified; no data available.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data: No data available

Persistence and Degradability: No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential: No data available.

Mobility in Soil: No data available.

Other Adverse effects: No data available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal: Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. DOT and IATA: Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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: Not provided for this material.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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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 Transportation Agency	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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