

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 64c  
**SRM Name:** Ferrochromium High Carbon (powder form)  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

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

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in checking chemical methods of analysis and in calibration with instrumental methods of analysis. A unit of SRM 64c consists of fine powder (<150 µm; -100 mesh).

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Skin Sensitization Category 1  
 Carcinogenic Category 2

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**



**Signal Word**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s)**

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
 H351 Suspected of causing cancer (lung) via inhalation.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
 P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
 P260 Avoid breathing dust.  
 P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.  
 P280 Wear eye protection, protective gloves and clothing.  
 P302+P352 If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.  
 P333+P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical attention.  
 P308+P313 If exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.  
 P364 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
 P405 Store locked up.  
 P501 Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.

**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:** High-Carbon Ferrochromium

**Other Designations:** Chromium alloy, base, Cr, C, Fe, N, Si (Ferrochromium); CrFe

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200. The material contains trace amounts of other metals; for the actual values see the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Chromium	7440-47-3	231-157-5	68
Iron	7439-89-6	231-096-4	25
Carbon	7440-44-0	231-153-3	4.7
Silicon	7440-21-3	231-130-8	1.22
Nickel	7440-02-0	231-111-4	0.43

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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. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water.

**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:** May aggravate respiratory disorders. Prolonged exposure to nickel compounds may cause cancer.

**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:** Negligible fire hazard in bulk form. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode. Avoid generating dust. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Dolomite, dry powder from metal fires, dry sand, graphite, soda ash, sodium chloride.

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 = 1

Fire = 3

Reactivity = 0

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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. Keep out of water supplies and sewers. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation on surfaces. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dust does not accumulate on surfaces. See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”. Avoid contact with incompatible materials (see Section 10, “Stability and Reactivity”).

**Storage:** Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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Exposure Limits			
Components	OSHA (PEL)	ACGIH (TLV)	NIOSH (REL)
Chromium	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 250 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nickel	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (inhalable fraction)	TWA: 0.015 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Silicon	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction) TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust)	no occupation exposure limits established.	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction) TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust)

No occupational exposure limits available for iron and carbon.

**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.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### Descriptive Properties

**Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)**  
**Molecular Formula**  
**Molar Mass (g/mol)**  
**Odor**  
**Odor threshold**  
**pH**  
**Evaporation rate**  
**Melting point/freezing point**  
**Density (specific gravity, water = 1)**  
**Vapor Pressure**  
**Vapor Density (air = 1)**  
**Viscosity (cP)**  
**Solubility(ies)**  
**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)**  
**Nominal Particle Size**

### Ferrochromium

fine powder  
not available  
not available  
not available  
not available  
not available  
not available  
1458 °C (2656 °F)  
6.9  
not available  
not available  
not available  
insoluble in water  
not available  
<150 µm

**Thermal Stability Properties****Autoignition Temperature****Thermal Decomposition****Initial boiling point and boiling range****Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)****Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)****Flash Point****Flammability (solid, gas)****Ferrochromium**

not available

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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:** None listed.**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid generating dust. Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignitions. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.**Incompatible Materials:** Combustible materials, acids, bases, metals, oxidizing materials, halogens, and peroxides.**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce oxides of iron, chromium compounds.**Hazardous Polymerization:**        Will Occur   X   Will Not Occur

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Route of Exposure:**   X   Inhalation   X   Skin        Ingestion**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** May aggravate respiratory disorders.**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)****Inhalation:** Acute exposure may result in mechanical irritation. Kidney cancer, lung cancer, and prostate cancer have occurred in ferrochromium workers. Repeat exposure to carbon may cause pulmonary disorders and lung damage. Repeated exposure to various chromium compounds have resulted in ulceration, perforation of nasal septum, throat and respiratory tract irritation, and pulmonary sensitization. Repeat exposure to iron may cause mottling of the lungs (siderosis) with bronchitis.**Skin Contact:** Acute exposure may cause mechanical irritation. Chronic exposure may cause dermatitis and "chrome holes", sensitization to chromium, and kidney damage.**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation or conjunctivitis.**Ingestion:** May cause irritation. Ingestion of sufficient amounts of chromium may result in dizziness, thirst, abdominal pain, vomiting, shock, and uremia, which may be fatal.**Numerical Measures of Toxicity****Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

Iron, Rat, Oral LD50: 984 mg/kg; 750 mg/kg.

Carbon, Rat, Oral LD50: &gt;10000 mg/kg.

Nickel, Rat, Oral LD50: &gt;9000 mg/kg.

Silicon, Rat, Oral LD50: 3160 mg/kg.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified.**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:** Not classified.**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified.**Skin Sensitization:** Category 1.

Repeat exposure to nickel may cause sensitization dermatitis.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified.

**Carcinogenicity:** Category 2.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**  X  **Yes**   **No**

Ferrocromium and components iron, carbon, and silicon are not listed by OSHA, IARC, or NTP as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

Chromium is listed by IARC as Group 3 (*not classifiable*), and not listed by OSHA and NTP.

Nickel alloys are listed as Group 2B (*possibly carcinogenic to humans*) by IARC; nickel alloys are not evaluated by NTP or listed by OSHA.

**Tumorigenic**

Iron, Rat, intratracheal, TDLo: 450 mg/kg (15 week).

Chromium, Rabbit, implant, TDLo: 75 mg/kg; 1200 µg/kg (6 week).

Nickel, Rat, intramuscular, TD: 125 mg/kg (13 week); subcutaneous TDLo: 3000 mg/kg (6 week).

**Mutagenic**

Chromium, Human, 5 µmol/L (1 h).

Nickel, Hamster, 400 mg/L.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

Carbon, Rat, subcutaneous TDLo: 167 mg/kg (pregnant 8 days).

Nickel, Rat, oral, TDLo: 158 mg/kg (multigeneration).

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** No data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** No data available.

**Aspiration hazard:** Not applicable.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available for this high-carbon ferrocromium material.

Nickel: Fish, carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) LC50 (96 h): 1.3 mg/L [semi-static]; 10.4 mg/L [static].

Algae, (*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*) EC50 (72 h): 0.175 mg/L to 0.311 mg/L [static].

Invertebrate, water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50 (48 h): 1 mg/L [static].

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: US EPA 40 CFR 262 Hazardous waste: D001, D007. Dispose of in accordance with U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262 for concentrations at or above the regulatory limit, 5 mg/L for chromium.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. Regulations:**

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4):

Chromium, 5000 lbs (2270 kg) final RQ (no reporting required if solid pieces >100 µm).

Nickel, 100 lb (45.5 kg) final RQ (no reporting required if solid pieces >100 µm).

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):

Chromium, 1 % de minimis concentration.

Nickel, 0.1 % de minimis concentration.

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: Yes  
FIRE: Yes  
REACTIVE: No  
PRESSURE: No

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: Warning! This product contains a chemical (nickel) known to the state of California to cause cancer.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** The components (chromium, iron, carbon, silicon, and nickel) are 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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**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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