

SHOWA DENKO K.K.



GPS/JIPS Safety Summary

1. SUBSTANCE NAME

Silicon carbide (CAS No. 409-21-2)

2. GENERAL STATEMENT

Compared to Si (silicon)-based power semiconductors, which are currently mainstream, SiC (Silicon carbide)-based power semiconductors are superior in high temperature resistance, high voltage resistance, and large current characteristics. As a result, demand is rapidly increasing for a wide range of applications such as electric vehicles, railways, and industrial equipment, as it contributes to energy saving, high efficiency, and miniaturization of power modules. Appropriate protective equipment should be wear during use to protect eyes, skin and avoid inhalation.

3. CHEMICAL IDENTITY

Item	Description
Chemical or generic name	Silicon carbide
Trade name	4H-SiC epitaxial wafer
Other No.	Japan: Chemical Substances Control Law:(1)-174
Chemical Formula	SiC
Source/References	Section 3 of the SDS issued by SHOWA DENKO K.K.

4. USES AND APPLICATIONS

Main uses	DC/AC converter for solar power generation, High efficiency inverter for EV, Power inverters for railways and industrial equipment, etc.
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5. PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

The product is light green crystals. In normal conditions, this product is an extremely stable substance and is stable against heating, water, air/oxygen, and many chemicals such as acids, but it reacts when mixed with strong oxidizing agents. So, it should be stored away from contact with strong oxidizing agents.

Appearance	Solid
Colour	Light green
Odour	odourless
Melting point/Boiling point	No data applicable/ No data applicable
Decomposition temperature	2700°C
Density	3.2 g/cm ³
Sources/references	Section 9 and 10 of the SDS issued by SHOWA DENKO K.K.

6. HEALTH EFFECTS

Effect assessment	Results (GHS Hazard Classification)
Acute toxicity (oral)	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Acute toxicity (dermal)	Classification not possible (Lack of data)

Acute toxicity (inhalation: gas)	Not applicable
Acute toxicity (inhalation: vapours)	Classification not possible (No data available)
Acute toxicity (inhalation: dust, mist)	Classification not possible (No data available)
Skin corrosion/irritation	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Serious eye damage/eye irritation,	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Respiratory sensitisation	Classification not possible (No data available)
Skin sensitisation	Classification not possible (No data available)
Germ cell mutagenicity	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Carcinogenicity	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Reproductive toxicity	Classification not possible (No data available)
Specific target organ toxicity – Single exposure,	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Aspiration hazard	Classification not possible (No data available)
Sources/references	Section 2 and 11 of SDS issued by SHOWA DENKO K.K.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals): A system that classifies chemicals according to the type and degree of hazards, labels the information, and provides safety data sheets according to globally harmonized rules. · Not classified: Sufficient information has been obtained to implement the GHS classification, and as a result of the classification, it does not fall under any of the hazard categories specified in the GHS. It is considered to be a lower hazard. · Not applicable: Since the priority of physical state, chemical structure, chemical property, and hazard items used in the GHS classification procedures does not fall under the category, it is not subject to the classification for the category. · Classification not possible (No data available): Classification is not possible because there is no sufficiently reliable data to make judgment on GHS classification after examining various information sources and in-house data, etc. · Classification not possible (Lack of data): There is not enough information for GHS classification, and classification is not possible. 	

7. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Effect assessment	Results (GHS Hazard Classification)
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	Classification not possible (Lack of data)
Hazardous to the ozone layer	Classification not possible (No data available)
Sources/references	Section 2 and 12 of SDS issued by SHOWA DENKO K.K.

Environmental fate/dynamics	
Mobility in soil	No data available
Persistence/degradability	No data available
Bioaccumulation potential	No data available
Conclusion about PBT/vPvB	The criteria for persistent bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT; remaining persistently in the environment and possessing high bioaccumulation potential and toxicity) and very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB; remaining very persistently in the environment and possessing very high bioaccumulation potential) chemicals are believed to be inapplicable.
Sources/references	Sections 12 of the SDS issued by SHOWA DENKO K.K.

8. EXPOSURE

Details	Exposure potentials through main uses
Occupational exposures	During batch and other process operations, there is a potential for dermal and inhalation exposure to operators during maintenance, sampling, filling, emptying, and equipment failure (PROC 4). There is a potential for dermal or inhalation exposure in operators due to dust generation, etc. in the manufacturing operation of formulation products or articles by tableting, compressing, squeezing, and pelletizing this product (PROC 14).
Consumer exposures	This product is not used directly by general consumers.
Environmental exposures	Although emission to the environment is limited because the product is typically manufactured and used in a closed process, the product can be released primarily into the atmospheric and water environment during the manufacturing process (ERC 1).
Precautions	If there is a possibility of exposure in other uses, take appropriate measures with reference to recommended risk management measures.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended risk management measures can minimize risks to workers, consumers, and the environment from Section 8 exposure scenarios.

Details	Risk management recommendations
Worker	<p>Technical measures</p> <p>To protect workers from dust, this product has been handled in a place with forced general ventilation using a local exhaust system and wear appropriate protective equipment. Install facilities for eye and body washing near the handling place.</p>
	<p>Local exhaust and general ventilation</p> <p>In order to protect from dust generated by processing this product, handle this product in an area where forced general ventilation is possible and use local exhaust ventilation. Since there is a possibility of exposure during transfer work to a container, etc., should be handled in a place with and forced general ventilation and use local exhaust ventilation. When to transfer of this product to containers in dedicated equipment, should be handled in a place with and forced general ventilation and use local exhaust ventilation. For molding work that does not generate dust, handle in a well-ventilated room with a local exhaust system.</p>
	<p>Permissible concentration</p> <p>The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) has published the time-weighted average (TLV-TWA) of 0.1 f/cc (F), TLV-TWA 10 mg/m³ (I,E), 3 mg/m³ (R,E). Manage and control the concentration below these values.</p>
	<p>Protective equipment</p> <p>For work that generates dust by processing this product, wear respiratory protection (dust mask with a collection efficiency 90% or higher) and chemical-resistant rubber gloves (APF5 [protection efficiency 80%]) to avoid contact with the skin.</p>

	<p>【Examples of protective equipment】 Respiratory protection : dust mask with a collection efficiency 90% or higher Skin protection: chemical-resistant rubber gloves (APF5 [protection efficiency 80%]) Eye protection: safety eyewear/face protection Otherskin and body protection : appropriate safety clothing</p> <p>Precautions The operation manager should educate operators about the selection of appropriate protective equipment, proper usage method, and control method of the work site.</p>
Consumer	This product is not used directly by general consumers.
Environment	Install appropriate wastewater treatment facilities and exhaust gas treatment facilities. In addition, take measures to prevent leakage, and pay attention to periodic confirmation of discharge volume, daily control, and handling.
Special notes (emergency measures in case of leakage, etc.)	<p>Precautions to human body, protective equipment, and emergency measures In case of a leakage, wear appropriate protective equipment to prevent inhalation, eye and face contact, and skin contact of this product.</p> <p>Environmental precautions Avoid release of leaked product into the environment.</p>
Precautions	For normal handling, emergency response, disposal, and transportation control measures, refer to sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14 of the SDS issued by Showa Denko K.K.

10. STATE AGENCY REVIEW

Hazard assessment	Situations of review
International Chemical Safety Cards	ICSC: 1061 https://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.display?p_lang=en&p_card_id=1061&p_version=2
OECD HPV	None
REACH	https://echa.europa.eu/substance-information/-/substanceinfo/100.006.357

11. REGULATORY INFORMATION / GHS CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING INFORMATION

When using the product outside Japan, it must be handled in accordance with applied laws and regulations in that country or territory.

Hazards

For all items, it does not fall under the GHS Classification criteria.

Labelling Information

Hazard pictograms (GHS): No labelling applicable

Signal word (GHS): No labelling applicable

Hazard statements (GHS): No labelling applicable

12. CONTACT INFORMATION

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13. DATE OF ISSUE / REVISION, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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14. DISCLAIMER

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