



## SAFETY DATA SHEET

## LITHIUM CARBONATE

### 1. Identification of the Substance/Mixture and of the Company/Undertaking:

- 1.1 **Product Identifier:** Lithium carbonate
- 1.1.1 **Substances** Lithium carbonate
- Alternate names and trade name** Lithchips®
- 1.1.2 **Mixture name:** Not applicable
- 1.2 **Relevant Identified Uses of the Substance or Mixture and Uses Advised Against:**  
Formulation and chemical synthesis in industrial manufacturing operations;  
Additive for preparations and articles for industrial and consumer use;  
Active ingredient in pharmaceutical preparations.  
Do not use for private purposes (household).

1.3 **Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet**

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### 2. Hazards Identification

2.1 **Classification of the Substance or mixture:**

**2.1.1 GHS Classification [EC Regulation No 1272/2008 and US OSHA regulations]**

Acute Toxicity, Category 4

Eye Irritant, Category 2

**2.2.2 EC: Classification according to 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC [DSD/DPD]**

Xn, R22; Xi, R36

2.2 **Label Elements:**

**2.2.3 Hazard Pictograms**



**2.2.4 Signal Word:**

Warning

**Hazard Statement**

Harmful if swallowed

Causes serious eye irritation

H302

H319

**Precautionary Statement(s):**

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P280

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously w/ water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P305 + P351 + P338

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P337 + P313

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P301 + P312

Rinse mouth.

P330

Wash hands thoroughly after handling. P264  
**Additional Precautionary Statement(s):**  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. P270  
 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant. P501

**2.3 Other Hazards**  
 None.

### 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

**3.1 Substances**

**3.1.1 GHS Classification [EC: Regulation No 1272/2008; US: OSHA regulations]**

Chemical Name	CAS #	EC No	EC Index No	REACH Reg No	Wt. %	Classification, Hazard Statement Codes	
Lithium carbonate	554-13-2	209-062-5	not avail.	01-2119516034-53-0005	100	Acute Tox. 4 Eye Irrit. 2	H302 H319

**3.1.2 EC: Classification according to 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC [DSD/DPD]**

Chemical Name	CAS #	EC No	Wt. %	Symbols	R-phrases
Lithium carbonate	554-13-2	209-062-5	100	Xn Xi	R22 R36

**3.2 Mixtures** Not applicable.

(see Section 16 for abbreviations and R-phrases text)

### 4. First Aid Measures

**4.1 Description of First Aid Measures**

**EYES:** Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs and persists, contact a medical doctor.  
**SKIN:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.  
**INGESTION:** Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If any discomfort persists, obtain medical attention.  
**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing difficulty or discomfort occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

**4.2 Most Important Symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Lithium carbonate has low toxicity and may produce moderate irritation.

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed.**

**Notes to medical doctor:**

Lithium carbonate has low toxicity and may produce moderate irritation. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

### 5. Fire-Fighting Measures

**5.1 Extinguishing media** Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray or regular foam.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

**Hazardous combustion products** None  
**General Hazard** No known physical hazard, non-combustible.  
**Properties contributing to**  
**Flammability** None  
**Flashpoint** Not applicable  
**Flammable limits in air** Upper: Not available Lower: Not available.  
**Auto ignition temperature** Not applicable  
**Sensitivity to static discharge** Not applicable  
**Sensitivity to static impact** Not applicable

**5.3 Advice for fire-fighters**

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) approved for fire fighting. This is necessary to protect against the hazards of heat, products of combustion and oxygen deficiency. Do not breathe smoke, gases or vapors generated.

**COMMENTS:**

(See Section 10, Stability and Reactivity)

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**6. Accidental Release Measures**

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- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
 Before cleanup measures begin, review the entire SDS with particular attention to Section 2, Hazards Identification; and Section 8, Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions**  
 Do not wash into drains. Dispose of at qualified waste disposal facility.
- 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**  
 Sweep up and place in suitable container. Dispose of waste according to local and Federal laws and regulations.
- 6.4 Reference to other sections**  
 Before cleanup measures begin, review the entire SDS with particular attention to Section 2, Hazards Identification; and Section 8, Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.
- 6.5 Additional information**  
 Not specified.

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**7. Handling and Storage**

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- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling**  
 Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Use with adequate ventilation. Wear safety glasses or goggles and rubber gloves. Wash thoroughly after handling.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**  
 Keep away from strong acids. Keep container closed.
- 7.3 Specific end use(s)**  
 Defined in Exposure scenarios. Industrial and professional use only

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**8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection**

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**8.1 Control parameters**

**DNEL**

Long-term exposure, systemic, inhalation 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
 Long-term exposure, systemic, dermal 64 mg/kg/day

**PNEC**

PNEC aqua (freshwater, intermittent) 0.9 mg/l  
 PNEC STP 122 mg/l

**EXPOSURE LIMITS**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>EU</u>		<u>EH40 (UK WEL)</u>		<u>USA (ACGIH)</u>		<u>USA (OSHA)</u>	
	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL</u>	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL</u>	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL/Ceiling</u>	<u>PEL</u>	<u>STEL/Ceiling</u>
Lithium carbonate	none*		none*		none*		none*	

\* No occupational exposure limit value

**8.2 Exposure controls**

**Engineering controls:**

Use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eyes and Face:**

Safety glasses or goggles

**Respiratory:**

When engineering controls are not adequate, wear a respirator approved for protection against inorganic dusts.

US: NIOSH or MSHA approved

Europe: CEN Class P type

**Protective Clothing:**

**Gloves:** Nitrile/Neoprene/PVC/Natural Rubber (permeation breakthrough not detected during 6 hr test)

These glove recommendations should not be used as the absolute basis for glove selection. Actual in-use conditions may vary glove performance from the controlled conditions of laboratory tests. Factors such as concentration and temperature, glove thickness and glove reuse, may affect performance. Other

glove requirements, such as length, dexterity, cut, abrasion, puncture and snag resistance, or glove grip need to be considered in making your final selection.

**Other:** Not specified.

**Work Hygienic Practices:**

Quick-drench eyewash and safety shower.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

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### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b><u>Appearance:</u></b>	Solid, white granular or powder
<b><u>Odor:</u></b>	Odorless
<b><u>Odor threshold:</u></b>	None
<b><u>pH:</u></b>	(1% Slurry) @ 25°C: 11.2
<b><u>Melting point:</u></b>	Decomposes at 1310°C (2390°F)
<b><u>Boiling point:</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Flash point:</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Evaporation rate(butyl acetate = 1):</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Flammability:</u></b>	Not combustible
<b><u>Flammable limits:</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Vapor pressure:</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Vapor density (air = 1):</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Specific gravity:</u></b>	2.1 g/ml
<b><u>Solubility in water:</u></b>	1.3 g/100 cc @ 20°C
<b><u>Partition coefficient n-octanol/ water:</u></b>	Not available
<b><u>Autoignition temperature:</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Decomposition temperature:</u></b>	Decomposes at 1310°C (2390°F)
<b><u>Viscosity:</u></b>	Not applicable
<b><u>Explosive properties:</u></b>	Not explosive
<b><u>Oxidizing properties:</u></b>	Not an oxidizer

### 9.2 Other information

<b><u>Self-reactive properties</u></b>	Does not meet classification criteria.
<b><u>Pyrophoric properties</u></b>	Does not meet classification criteria.
<b><u>Self-heating properties</u></b>	Does not meet classification criteria.
<b><u>Water reactive properties</u></b>	Does not meet classification criteria.
<b><u>Corrosive to metals</u></b>	Does not meet classification criteria.
<b><u>Molecular weight:</u></b>	73.89

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

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10.1 <b><u>Reactivity</u></b>	Reacts with acids
10.2 <b><u>Chemical stability</u></b>	Stable
10.3 <b><u>Possibility of hazardous reaction</u></b>	Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
10.4 <b><u>Conditions to avoid</u></b>	Contact with acids
10.5 <b><u>Incompatible materials</u></b>	Acids
10.6 <b><u>Hazardous decomposition products</u></b>	None

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## 11. Toxicological Information

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### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

(a) acute toxicity	Lithium carbonate acute oral toxicity > 525 mg/kg (rat) Lithium carbonate acute inhalation toxicity LC <sub>50</sub> : >0.80 mg/L (4 hr. rat); No mortality at maximum attainable concentration Lithium carbonate acute dermal toxicity LD <sub>50</sub> : >2000 mg/kg (rat),
(b) skin corrosion/irritation	Classified as not irritating to skin on the basis of lithium carbonate
(c) serious eye damage/irritation	Classified as irritant to eyes on the basis of lithium carbonate
(d) respiratory/skin sensitisation	Classed as not sensitizing to skin on the basis of lithium carbonate
(e) germ cell mutagenicity	Classified as not mutagenic based on lithium carbonate.
(f) carcinogenicity	Classified as not carcinogenic based on lithium carbonate.
(g) reproductive toxicity	Classified as not a reproductive toxin based on lithium carbonate.
(h) STOT-single exposure	Classified as not causing organ damage based on lithium carbonate
(i) STOT-repeated exposure	Classified as not causing organ damage on repeat exposure based on

- lithium carbonate.  
(j) aspiration hazard Lithium carbonate, a solid, does not present an aspiration hazard.

Lithium carbonate has been extensively tested for REACH registration

**Acute Effects From Overexposure:**

No data available for the formulation.  
No envisaged effects other than acute effects from local irritation

**Chronic Effects From Overexposure:**

No data available for product.

**Carcinogenicity Listings**

EH40: Not listed.  
IARC: Not listed.  
NTP: Not listed.  
OSHA: Not considered a carcinogen under OSHA.  
ACGIH: Not listed.

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## 12. Ecological Information

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- 12.1 **Toxicity:** No classification  
Lithium carbonate Daphnia magna: 48 hr. EC<sub>50</sub> = 33.2 mg/L  
Rainbow trout: 96 hr. LC<sub>50</sub> = 30.3 mg/L
- 12.2 **Persistence and degradability**  
Inorganic salt.
- 12.3 **Bioaccumulative potential**  
Inorganic. Lithium salts are not bioaccumulative
- 12.4 **Mobility in soil**  
No data available for the product.
- 12.5 **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**  
Based on the available test results, lithium carbonate was considered as a non PBT and a non vPvB substance
- 12.6 **Other adverse effects**  
None

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

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- 13.1 **Waste treatment methods**  
Use a qualified industrial waste disposal facility. Dispose of waste according to local and Federal laws and regulations.

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## 14. Transport Information

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- 14.1 **UN Number** None
- 14.2 **UN proper shipping name (IMDG, ICAO, ADR, DOT)** None
- 14.3 **Transport hazard class(es) (IMDG, ICAO, ADR, DOT)** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- 14.4 **Packing group (IMDG, ICAO, ADR, DOT)** None
- 14.5 **Environmental hazards** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- 14.6 **Special precautions for user** None
- 14.7 **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** None

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## 15. Regulatory Information

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- 15.1 **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**EUROPEAN UNION:**

**German Wassergefährdungsklasse (water hazard class)**

Lithium carbonate

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**UNITED STATES:**

**Section 311 Hazard Category (40 CFR 370):**

**Section 313 Reportable Ingredients (40 CFR 372):**

Immediate (acute) health hazard,

This product contains lithium carbonate which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Right-To-Know Act of 1986.

This information must be included in all SDS's that are copied and distributed for this material.

Not listed

**Section 302 Extremely Hazardous**

**Substances (40 CFR 355):**

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 302.4):**

Not listed

**TSCA Sec 12b Export Notification:**

This product is not subject to TSCA 12 (b) Export Notification Requirements.

**NFPA Rating:**

**Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0 Special: None**

**INTERNATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS:**

**Inventory/Country**

**Product Status**

EINECS (EU)

Listed

TSCA (US)

Listed

ECL (Korea)

Listed

DSL (Canada)

Listed

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment**

The Chemical Safety Assessment has been completed for lithium carbonate.

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## **16. Other Information**

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**European Union:**

**R Phrases:**

Harmful if swallowed

R22

Irritating to eyes

R36

**List of Abbreviations used in this SDS:**

PBT Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

PEC Predicted environmental concentration

PNEC Predicted no effect concentration

DNEL Derived no effect level

**REVISION SUMMARY:** Revision # 2. Sections 2, 3 12 and 16 modified. Aquatic toxicity classification revised to show no classification. Exposure scenarios added.

This SDS has been prepared to meet U. S. OSHA Hazard Communication Standard requirements.

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**Specific uses identified for Exposure Scenarios**

ES1 Industrial use Formulation

ES2 Industrial use Chemical processing

ES3 Consumer use Consumer products