

# Material Safety Data Sheet

Zinc



## 1. Product and company identification

**Common name** : Zinc  
**Code** : 3025/26  
**Product type** : Pure Metal  
**Synonym** : Zinc Anode ; Zinc (SHG Zinc) ; Zinc Ball round; Zinc ball, Flat Top  
**Trade name** : Zinc  
**Material uses** : Alloying. casting  
**Validation date** : 1/22/2010.  
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## 2. Hazards identification

**Physical state** : Solid.  
**OSHA/HCS status** : This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).  
**Emergency overview** : WARNING!  
CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. CAN CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE.  
Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not ingest.  
**Routes of entry** : Inhalation.  
**Potential acute health effects**  
**Eyes** : Irritating to eyes.  
**Skin** : Irritating to skin.  
**Inhalation** : Irritating to respiratory system.  
**Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure** : Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.  
**See toxicological information (section 11)**

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Name	CAS number	%
Zinc	7440-66-6	100

### 4. First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : May be combustible at high temperature.
- Products of combustion** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
metal oxide/oxides
- Extinguishing media**
- Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Not suitable** : None known.
- Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.  
No specific fire or explosion hazard.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.
- Special remarks on fire hazards** : Massive metal is nonflammable. Dust and powders may be flammable.
- Special remarks on explosion hazards** : Dust and powders may form an explosive mixture with air.

### 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Methods for cleaning up** : Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated, labeled waste container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep container closed. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not ingest.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

### Personal protection

- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.
- Skin** : 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.
- Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
- Gloves** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
- Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

- Physical state** : Solid.
- Molecular formula** : Zn
- Dispersibility properties** : Not dispersible in the following materials: cold water and hot water.
- Solubility** : Insoluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

- Stability and reactivity** : The product is stable.
- Conditions of instability** : Stable in normal conditions. Over melting point, will emit toxic metallic oxides.
- Incompatibility with various substances** : Highly reactive or incompatible with the following materials: acids and alkalis.  
 Incompatibilities : ACIDS, STRONG BASES, CHLORINE, BROMINE. Acids, Ammonium nitrate, Barium dioxide, Barium nitrate, Bromine pentafluoride, Bromine trifluoride, Cadmium, Carbon disulfide, Chlorates, Chlorine, Chlorine trifluoride, Chromic anhydride, Ethyl acetoacetate and Tribromoneopentyl alcohol, Fluorine, Hydrazine mononitrate, Hydroxylamine, Lead azide; Magnesium, Barium nitrate and Barium dioxide; Magnesium chloride, Nitric acid, Performic acid, Potassium chlorate, Potassium nitrate, Potassium peroxide, Selenium, Sodium chlorate, Sodium peroxide, Sulfur, Tellurium, Water, Zinc peroxide--NFWPA 491M  
 Reactions with other materials :  
 Reactions with common materials : No data

## 10 . Stability and reactivity

- Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
- Hazardous polymerization** : Will not occur.
- Conditions of reactivity** : Non-flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat, shocks and mechanical impacts and oxidizing materials.  
Massive metal is nonflammable. Dust and powders may be flammable.  
Slightly explosive in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge.  
Dust and powders may form an explosive mixture with air.

## 11 . Toxicological information

- Chronic effects on humans** : **CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Classified A5 (Not suspected for humans.) by ACGIH, 4 (Probably not for humans.) by IARC, None. by NIOSH.  
Causes damage to the following organs: skin.
- Other toxic effects on humans** : This product may cause serious illness in case of inhalation.  
Fumes and/or dusts produced by this product may be hazardous in case of ingestion.  
This product may be hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, sensitizer), of eye contact (irritant).
- Special remarks on toxicity to animals** : No additional remark.
- Special remarks on chronic effects on humans** : Repeated and prolonged contact may cause skin irritation or dermatitis.  
Massive metal is not harmful. Overexposure to fumes may cause irritation to the respiratory tract, digestive system and to the eyes.
- Special remarks on other toxic effects on humans** : Prolonged and repeated contact may cause skin irritation or dermatitis. **MOLTEN METAL can cause severe BURNS!** Fumes may irritate eyes, digestive system and respiratory tract.

### Specific effects

- Carcinogenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Mutagenic effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Teratogenicity / Reproductive toxicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Sensitization

- Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Inhalation** : Irritating to respiratory system.
- Eyes** : Irritating to eyes.
- Skin** : Irritating to skin.

## 12 . Ecological information

- Environmental precautions** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Toxicity of the products of biodegradation** : The products of degradation are more toxic than the product itself.

## 13 . Disposal considerations

- Waste disposal** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## 13 . Disposal considerations

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements.

The information presented below only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

## 14 . Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	Not regulated.	-	-	-		<b>Reportable quantity</b> 1000 lbs. (454 kg)
TDG Classification	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-
ADR/RID Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-		-
IMDG Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-		-
IATA-DGR Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-		-

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## 15 . Regulatory information

### United States

- HCS Classification** : Irritating material  
Target organ effects
- U.S. Federal regulations** : **United States inventory (TSCA 8b):** This material is listed or exempted.  
**SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances:** No products were found.  
**SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification:** No products were found.  
**SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals:** ZINC  
**SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification:**  
 ZINC: Fire hazard, Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard  
**Clean Water Act (CWA) 307:** ZINC  
**Clean Water Act (CWA) 311:** No products were found.  
**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention:** No products were found.  
**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances:** No products were found.  
**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances:** No products were found.
- State regulations** : **Connecticut Carcinogen Reporting:** This material is not listed.  
**Connecticut Hazardous Material Survey:** This material is not listed.  
**Florida substances:** This material is listed.  
**Illinois Chemical Safety Act:** This material is not listed.  
**Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employee Act:** This material is not listed.  
**Louisiana Reporting:** This material is not listed.  
**Louisiana Spill:** This material is not listed.  
**Massachusetts Spill:** This material is not listed.  
**Massachusetts Substances:** This material is listed.  
**Michigan Critical Material:** This material is listed.  
**Minnesota Hazardous Substances:** This material is not listed.

## 15 . Regulatory information

**New Jersey Hazardous Substances:** This material is listed.  
**New Jersey Spill:** This material is not listed.  
**New Jersey Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act:** This material is not listed.  
**New York Acutely Hazardous Substances:** This material is not listed.  
**New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting:** This material is not listed.  
**Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances:** This material is listed.  
**Rhode Island Hazardous Substances:** This material is not listed.

### Canada

**WHMIS (Canada)** : Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).  
**CEPA Toxic substances:** This material is not listed.  
**Canadian ARET:** This material is not listed.  
**Canadian NPRI:** This material is not listed.  
**Alberta Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.  
**Ontario Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.  
**Quebec Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

### EU regulations

**Risk phrases** : This product is not classified according to EU legislation.

### International regulations

**International lists** : **Australia inventory (AICS):** This material is listed or exempted.  
**China inventory (IECSC):** Not determined.  
**Japan inventory:** Not determined.  
**Korea inventory:** This material is listed or exempted.  
**New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):** Not determined.  
**Philippines inventory (PICCS):** This material is listed or exempted.

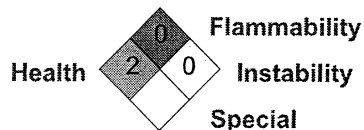
## 16 . Other information

**Label requirements** : CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. CAN CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE.

**Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)** :

Health	2
Fire hazard	0
Reactivity	0
Personal protection	

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)** :



**References** : -ACGIH, Threshold Limit Values, 1994-1995. -Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 122, No. 2 Registration SOR/88-64 31 December, 1987 Hazardous Products Act "Ingredient Disclosure List". -CFR29, OSHA's Permissible Exposure Limits, revision July, 1993. -CFR29, part 1910.1200, Hazard Communication. -CHEMTOX database -Components' manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet. -CRC Handbook of chemistry and physics, 67 th edition, CRC Press inc., Boca Raton, Florida. -CSST (Comission de Santé et Sécurité au Travail), document #RT-12: Classification of Certain Chemical Substances. -IATA, Dangerous Goods Regulations, 37th edition (January 1, 1996) -NFPA, Fire Protection Guide to Chemical Hazards, 11th edition. -NIOSH, Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards, revision June 1994. Sigma-Alrich handbook of fine chemicals, 1998 -TSCA (Toxic Substance Contral Act), Chemical Substance Inventory List, 1985.

**Other special considerations** : -ALL COMPONENTS WITH SUSCEPTIBLE HAZARDS THAT ARE PRESENT IN A CONCENTRATION GREATER THAN 1 % (GREATER THAN 0.1 % FOR CARCINOGENS) HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED IN THIS SAFETY DOCUMENT.

## 16 . Other information

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