

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Cobalt, powder  
**Cat No. :** C363-100  
**Synonyms** Color Index No. 77320.  
**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable solids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 1
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Respiratory Sensitization	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Liver, Kidney.	
Combustible dust	Yes

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Flammable solid  
May form combustible dust concentrations in air  
Harmful if swallowed  
May cause an allergic skin reaction

Causes serious eye irritation  
Fatal if inhaled  
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness  
May cause cancer by inhalation  
May damage fertility or the unborn child  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Use personal protective equipment as required  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear respiratory protection  
In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection  
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

#### Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### Ingestion

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

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Storage

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
WARNING! This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause cancer.

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Cobalt, powder	7440-48-4	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause allergic skin reaction. . Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** No information available

**Flash Point** Not applicable  
**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature**

**Explosion Limits**

**Upper** No data available  
**Lower** No data available  
**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available  
**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Dust can form an explosive mixture in air. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Cobalt oxides.

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**NFPA**

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
4	3	0	N/A

### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Avoid dust formation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Do not ingest.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Cobalt, powder	TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 20 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.
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### Personal Protective Equipment

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166. Tightly fitting safety goggles.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Long sleeved clothing.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Grey
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	1495 °C / 2723 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	2870 °C / 5198 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable

Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	No information available
Solubility	Insoluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	Co
Molecular Weight	58.93

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Cobalt oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Cobalt, powder	LD50 = 6171 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	10 mg/L ( Rat ) 1 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** Cobalt has not been shown to be carcinogenic to humans. The National Toxicology Program (NTP) does not recognize cobalt as an animal or human carcinogen. This product is a cobalt containing compound. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies cobalt as "possibly carcinogenic" to human (IARC 2B) based on animal studies. Refer to IARC website ([www.iarc.fr](http://www.iarc.fr)) for most recent information. ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist) has given Cobalt and Cobalt Inorganic Compounds a rating of A3, animal carcinogen. ACGIH states that available epidemiologic studies do not confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans. The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Cobalt, powder	7440-48-4	Group 2B	Reasonably	A3	X	A3

	Anticipated	A2
IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)	IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer) Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans	
ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	A1 - Known Human Carcinogen A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen A3 - Animal Carcinogen	
Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens	ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists) Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen	

<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	In vitro tests have shown mutagenic effects
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS)
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	Liver Kidney
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Cobalt, powder	Not listed	LC50: > 100 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	Not listed	Not listed

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Insoluble in water May persist
<b>Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation</b>	No information available.
<b>Mobility</b>	Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3089
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	METAL POWDERS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.

Proper technical name	(Cobalt)
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	III
<b>TDG</b>	
UN-No	UN3089
Proper Shipping Name	METAL POWDERS, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	III
<b>IATA</b>	
UN-No	UN3089
Proper Shipping Name	METAL POWDER, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	II
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	
UN-No	UN3089
Proper Shipping Name	METAL POWDER, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.
Hazard Class	4.1
Packing Group	II

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Cobalt, powder	X	X	-	231-158-0	-		X	-	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

### U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

#### SARA 313

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Cobalt, powder	7440-48-4	>95	0.1

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	Yes

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

#### Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Cobalt, powder	X		-

**OSHA** Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Not applicable

**CERCLA**  
Not applicable

**California Proposition 65** This product contains the following proposition 65 chemicals

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Cobalt, powder	7440-48-4	Carcinogen	-	Carcinogen

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Cobalt, powder	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

## 16. Other information

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**End of SDS**