
1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name CHROMIC ACID
Synonyms CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE • CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Uses METAL TREATMENT

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name DUBOIS CHEMICALS AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED
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Telephone (03) 9768 3860
Email sales@duboischchemicals.com.au
Website <http://duboischchemicals.com.au/>

1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

Emergency 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

Physical Hazards

Oxidizing Solids: Category 1

Health Hazards

Acute Toxicity: Oral: Category 3
Acute Toxicity: Skin: Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 1A
Skin Sensitisation: Category 1
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation: Category 1
Acute Toxicity: Inhalation: Category 1
Respiratory Sensitisation: Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity: Category 1B
Carcinogenicity: Category 1A
Toxic to Reproduction: Category 1B
Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): Category 1

Environmental Hazards

Aquatic Toxicity (Acute): Category 1
Aquatic Toxicity (Chronic): Category 1

2.2 GHS Label elements

Signal word DANGER

Pictograms

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Hazard statements

H271	May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H360FD	May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Prevention statements

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P220	Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection.
P283	Wear fire resistant or flame retardant clothing.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.

Response statements

P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P306 + P360	IF ON CLOTHING: Rinse immediately contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing clothes.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician.
P320	Specific treatment is urgent - see first aid instructions.
P361 + P364	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P362 + P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.
P371 + P380 + P375	In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.
P391	Collect spillage.

Storage statements

P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P420	Store separately.

Disposal statements

P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.
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2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE	1333-82-0	215-607-8	100%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye	If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
Inhalation	If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. To protect rescuer, use a Full-face Class P3 (Particulate) respirator where an inhalation risk exists. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.
Skin	If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
Ingestion	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once).
First aid facilities	Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

DO NOT use dry chemical, CO₂, foam or halogenated-type extinguishers.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable. May evolve toxic hexavalent chromium oxides when heated to decomposition. Oxidising agent - supports combustion.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

5.4 Hazchem code

2W

2 Fine Water Spray.

W Risk of violent reaction or explosion. Wear liquid-tight chemical protective clothing and breathing apparatus. Contain spill and run-off.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Ventilate area where possible. Contact emergency services where appropriate.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Contain spillage, then cover / absorb spill with non-combustible absorbent material (vermiculite, sand, or similar), collect and place in suitable containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from incompatible substances and foodstuffs. Contamination with incompatibles may cause fire or explosion. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

7.3 Specific end uses

No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Chromium (VI) (as Cr)	SWA [Proposed]	--	7E-6	--	--
Chromium (VI) compounds (as Cr)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.05	--	--

Biological limits

Ingredient	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE	Total chromium in urine	End of shift at end of workweek	25 µg/L
	Total chromium in urine	Increase during shift	10 µg/L
	Total chromium in urine	Post shift	10 µmol chromium/mol creatinine in urine
	Total chromium in urine	End of shift at end of workweek	30 µg/L
	Total chromium in urine	End of shift at end of workweek	25 µg/L

Reference: ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls

Avoid inhalation. In a laboratory situation use under a fume cupboard or other localised extraction ventilation equipment.

PPE

- Eye / Face** Wear a faceshield and dust-proof goggles.
- Hands** Wear rubber or butyl gloves.
- Body** Wear coveralls.
- Respiratory** Where an inhalation risk exists, wear an Air-line respirator or a Full-face Class P3 (Particulate) respirator.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	DARK RED TO PURPLE CRYSTALLINE SOLID
Odour	SLIGHT ODOUR
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	NOT AVAILABLE
Melting point	196°C
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Relative density	NOT AVAILABLE
Solubility (water)	SOLUBLE
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	OXIDISING SOLID
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

9.2 Other information

Specific gravity	2.7
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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Oxidising agent. Incompatible with combustible materials, reducing agents (e.g. sulphites), acids (e.g. nitric acid), alkalis (e.g. sodium hydroxide), metals, heat and ignition sources.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic hexavalent chromium oxides when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Fatal if inhaled. Toxic in contact with skin and/or if swallowed.

Information available for the ingredients:

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE	80 mg/kg (rat)	--	--

Skin	Causes burns. Contact may result in irritation, redness, pain, rash, dermatitis and possible severe burns.
Eye	Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain, redness, corneal burns and possible serious eye damage.
Sensitisation	May cause an allergic skin reaction. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
Mutagenicity	There is some evidence that hexavalent chromium compounds may have genetic effects.
Carcinogenicity	Hexavalent chromium compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1), resulting in an increased risk of lung cancer.
Reproductive	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
STOT - single exposure	Over exposure to chromium dust may result in upper respiratory irritation. Ingestion may effect the gastrointestinal tract, kidneys, and the haematopoetic system.
STOT - repeated exposure	Repeated exposure to hexavalent chromium via inhalation may result in ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum, bronchitis, decreased pulmonary function and pneumonia. Repeated exposure may also result in effects on the liver, kidney, gastrointestinal and immune systems, and possibly the blood.
Aspiration	Not classified as causing aspiration.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

PRODUCT NAME CHROMIC ACID**12.1 Toxicity**

Very toxic to aquatic life. Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

WATER: Chromium (VI) may be reduced to Chromium (III) by organic matter present in water, and may eventually deposit in sediments. SOIL: Chromium in the soil may be transported from soil through runoff and leaching of water. ATMOSPHERE: Chromium is primarily removed from the atmosphere by fallout and precipitation and may enter surface water or soil.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Expected to have a low bioconcentration potential in aquatic organisms.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Soluble in water.

12.5 Other adverse effects

Avoid release to the environment.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**13.1 Waste treatment methods****Waste disposal**

Wearing personal protective equipment, cover with a WEAK reducing agent (e.g. sodium bisulphite, thiosulphate, or ferrous salt; but NOT sulphur, carbon or strong reducing agent). Mix well and spray with water. Add 3M sulphuric acid if sulphite or ferrous salt is used. Add to container of water and neutralise with soda ash. Collect and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information (if required).

Legislation

Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE



	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	1463	1463	1463
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS	CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS	CHROMIUM TRIOXIDE, ANHYDROUS
14.3 Transport hazard classes	5.1 (6.1, 8)	5.1 (6.1, 8)	5.1 (6.1, 8)
14.4 Packing Group	II	II	II

14.5 Environmental hazards

Marine Pollutant.

14.6 Special precautions for user

Hazchem code	2W
GTEPG	5C2
EmS	F-A, S-Q

Other information

The environmentally hazardous substance mark is not required when transported in packages of less than 5 kg/L (UN Model Regulations: Special Provision 375; IATA: Special Provision A197; IMDG: Special Provision 969) or less than 500 kg/L by Australian Road and Rail.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Poison schedule Classified as a Schedule 6 (S6) Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

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Classifications	Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).
Inventory listings	AUSTRALIA: AIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals) All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information IARC GROUP 1 - CONFIRMED HUMAN CARCINOGEN. This product contains an ingredient for which there is sufficient evidence to have been classified by the International Agency for Research into Cancer as a human carcinogen. The use of products known to be human carcinogens should be strictly monitored and controlled.

CHROMATES - CHROMIUM PRODUCTS: Asthma sufferers, respiratory impaired or previously sensitised (respiratory or skin) individuals are advised to avoid all exposure to chromium or chromate based products.

CHROMIUM: The most common form of chromium found in nature and in biological materials is trivalent (III) chromium which is poorly absorbed into the body. Chromium (VI) is readily absorbed where it is converted intracellularly to the carcinogenic chromium (III) form. Chromium (VI) compounds are classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1). Chromium (III) is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity in humans (IARC Group 3).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m ³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

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