

## LEAD METAL MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identity:** Lead Metal

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**Product Use:** Used as a construction material for tank linings, piping, and equipment used in the manufacture of sulfuric acid and the refining and processing of petroleum; used in x-ray and atomic radiation shielding; used in the manufacture of tetraethyl lead, paint pigments, organic and inorganic lead compounds, lead shot, lead wire for bullets, ballast, and lead solders; used as a bearing metal or alloy; used in the manufacture of storage batteries, ceramics, plastics, and electronic devices; used in the metallurgy of steel and other metals; and used in the form of lead oxide for batteries.

### SECTION 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Ingredient	Approximate Percent by Weight	CAS Number	Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs)	LD 50 / LC 50 Species and Route
Lead	99+%	7439-92-1	OSHA PEL 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ACGIH TLV 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> NIOSH REL 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	No Data

NOTE: OELs for individual jurisdictions may differ from OSHA PELs. Check with local authorities for the applicable OELs in your jurisdiction. OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. OEL – Occupational Exposure Limit, PEL – Permissible Exposure Limit, TLV – Threshold Limit Value, REL – Recommended Exposure Limit.

**Trade Names and Synonyms:** Lead; Pb; Plumbum; Metallic Lead; Inorganic Lead; ASTM B29; TADANAC Lead, Low-Alpha Lead.

### SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:** A bluish-white to silvery-grey, heavy, soft metal that does not burn in bulk. Finely-divided lead dust clouds are a moderate fire and explosion hazard, however. When heated strongly in air, highly toxic lead oxide fumes can be generated. Inhalation or ingestion of lead may produce both acute and chronic health effects. Possible cancer and reproductive hazard. SCBA and full protective clothing are required for fire emergency response personnel.

**Potential Health Effects:** Inhalation or ingestion of lead may result in headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal spasms, fatigue, sleep disturbances, weight loss, anemia and leg, arm, and joint pain. Prolonged exposure may also cause central nervous system damage, hypertension, gastrointestinal disturbances, anemia, kidney dysfunction and possible reproductive effects. Pregnant women should be protected from excessive exposure in order to prevent lead crossing the placental barrier and causing infant neurological disorders. Lead and inorganic lead compounds are listed as an *A3 Carcinogen (Confirmed Animal Carcinogen with Unknown Relevance to Humans)* by the ACGIH. IARC has listed lead compounds as *Group 2A Carcinogens (Probably Carcinogenic to Humans)* while lead metal is listed as *Group 2B (Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans)*. The NTP has recently listed lead and lead compounds as *Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen*. OSHA and the EU does not currently list lead as a human carcinogen. (See Toxicological Information, Section 11)

**Potential Environmental Effects:** Lead metal has relatively low bioavailability; however, compounds which it forms with other elements can be toxic to both aquatic and terrestrial organisms at low concentrations. These compounds can be particularly toxic in the aquatic environment. Lead bioaccumulates in plants and animals in both aquatic and terrestrial environments (see Ecological Information, Section 12).

**EU Risk Phrase(s):** R61 - May cause harm to unborn child; R62 – Risk of impaired fertility; R20/22 - Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed; R33 - Danger of cumulative effects.

#### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Eye Contact:** Do not allow victim to rub eye(s). Let the eye(s) water naturally for a few minutes. If particle/dust does not dislodge, flush with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until particle/dust is removed, while holding eyelid(s) open. If irritation persists, immediately obtain medical attention. DO NOT attempt to manually remove anything stuck to the eye.

**Skin Contact:** *Dust:* Remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g., watchbands, belts). Quickly and gently blot or brush away excess chemical. Wash gently and thoroughly with lukewarm gently flowing water and non-abrasive soap for 5 minutes. If irritation persists, repeat flushing. Obtain medical advice. Completely decontaminate clothing, shoes and leather goods before reuse or else discard. *Molten Metal:* Flush contact area to solidify and cool but do not attempt to remove encrusted material or clothing. Cover burns and seek medical attention immediately.

**Inhalation:** Remove source of contamination or move victim from exposure area to fresh air. Obtain medical advice. If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should begin artificial respiration. Medical oxygen may be administered by trained personnel, where breathing is difficult. If the heart has stopped, immediately start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), or automated external defibrillation (AED). If either of the above adverse circumstances occur, quickly transport victim to an emergency care facility.

**Ingestion:** Never give anything by mouth if victim is rapidly losing consciousness, or is unconscious or convulsing. Have victim rinse mouth thoroughly with water. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Have victim drink 2 – 8 oz. (60 – 240 ml) of water. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim rinse mouth with water again. Obtain medical advice and bring a copy of this MSDS.

#### **SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Massive metal is not flammable or combustible. Finely-divided lead dust or powder is a moderate fire hazard and moderate explosion hazard when dispersed in the air at high concentrations and exposed to heat, flame, or other ignition sources. Explosions may also occur upon contact with certain incompatible materials (see Stability and Reactivity, Section 10).

**Extinguishing Media:** Use any means of extinction appropriate for surrounding fire conditions such as water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or foam.

**Fire Fighting:** Do not use direct water streams on fires where molten metal is present, due to the risk of a steam explosion that could potentially eject molten metal uncontrollably. Use a fine water mist on the front-running edge of the spill and on the top of the molten metal to cool and solidify it. If possible, move solid material from fire area or cool material exposed to flame. Highly toxic lead oxide fumes may evolve in fires. Fire fighters must be fully trained and wear full protective clothing including an approved, self-contained breathing apparatus which supplies a positive air pressure within a full face-piece mask.

**Flashpoint and Method:** Not Applicable.

**Upper and Lower Flammable Limit:** Not Applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not Applicable.

#### **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Procedures for Cleanup:** Control source of spillage if possible to do so safely. Restrict access to the area until completion of clean-up. Clean up spilled material immediately, observing precautions outlined below. Molten metal should be allowed to solidify before cleanup. If solid metal, wear gloves, pick up and return to process. If dust, wear recommended personal protective equipment (see below) and use methods which will minimize dust generation (e.g., vacuum solids). Return uncontaminated spilled material to the process if possible. Place contaminated material in suitable labelled containers for later recovery or disposal. Treat or dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, regional, and national requirements.

**Personal Precautions:** Persons responding to an accidental release should wear protective clothing, gloves and a respirator (see also Section 8). Close-fitting safety goggles may be necessary in some circumstances to prevent eye contact with dust

and fume. Where molten metal is involved, wear heat-resistant gloves and suitable clothing for protection from hot-metal splash as well as a respirator to protect against inhalation of lead fume. Workers should wash and change clothing following cleanup of a lead spill to prevent personal contamination with lead dust.

**Environmental Precautions:** Lead metal has low bioavailability; however, compounds which it forms with other elements can be toxic to aquatic and terrestrial organisms. Releases of the product to water and soil should be prevented.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Store in a DRY, covered area, separate from strong acids, other incompatible materials, active metals and food or feedstuffs. Solid metal suspected of containing moisture should be THOROUGHLY DRIED before being added to a molten bath. Otherwise, entrained moisture could expand explosively and spatter molten metal out of the bath. Always practice good personal hygiene. Refrain from eating, drinking, or smoking in work areas. Thoroughly wash hands before eating, drinking, or smoking in appropriate, designated areas as well as at the end of the workday. No special packaging materials are required.

**EU Safety Phrase(s):** S53 - Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use; S45 – In case of accident, or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show label where possible).

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Protective Clothing:** Gloves and coveralls or other work clothing are recommended to prevent prolonged or repeated direct skin contact when lead is processed. Appropriate eye protection should be worn where fume or dust is generated. Where hot or molten metal is handled, heat resistant gloves, goggles or face shield, and clothing to protect from radiant heat and hot metal splash should be worn. Safety type boots are recommended.

Do not eat, drink or smoke in work areas. Thoroughly wash hands before eating, drinking, or smoking in appropriate, designated areas as well as at the end of the workday. A double locker-shower system with separate clean and dirty sides is usually required for lead handling operations to avoid cross-contamination of street clothes. Contaminated clothing should be changed frequently and laundered before each reuse. Inform laundry personnel of contaminants' hazards. Workers should not take dirty work clothes home and launder them with other personal clothing.

**Ventilation:** Use adequate local or general ventilation to maintain the concentration of lead fumes in the working environment well below recommended occupational exposure limits. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by the exhaust system. Local exhaust is recommended for melting, casting, welding, grinding, flame cutting or burning, and use of lead powders.

**Respirators:** Where lead dust or fumes are generated and cannot be controlled to within acceptable levels by engineering means, use appropriate NIOSH-approved respiratory protection equipment (a 42CFR84 Class N, R or P-100 particulate filter cartridge). When exposure levels are obviously high but the actual concentration is unknown, a self-contained breathing apparatus which supplies a positive air pressure within a full face-piece mask should be worn.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b> Malleable, bluish-white to silvery-grey metal	<b>Odour:</b> None	<b>Physical State:</b> Solid	<b>pH:</b> Not Applicable
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b> 1.3 mm Hg at 970°C (negligible @ 20°C)	<b>Vapour Density:</b> Not Applicable	<b>Boiling Point/Range:</b> 1,740°C	<b>Melting Point/Range:</b> 328°C
<b>Specific Gravity:</b> 11.34	<b>Evaporation Rate:</b> Not Applicable	<b>Coefficient of Water/Oil Distribution:</b> Not Applicable	<b>Odour Threshold:</b> None
<b>Solubility:</b> Insoluble in water			

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability & Reactivity:** Massive metal is stable and not considered reactive under normal temperatures and pressures. Hazardous polymerization or runaway reactions will not occur. Freshly cut or cast lead surfaces tarnish rapidly due to the formation of an insoluble protective layer of basic lead carbonate.

**Incompatibilities:** Lead reacts vigorously with strong acids (e.g. hot concentrated nitric acid, boiling concentrated hydrochloric acid, etc.), strong oxidizers such as peroxides, chlorates, nitrates and halogen or interhalogen compounds such as chlorine trifluoride. Powdered lead metal in contact with disodium acetylde, chlorine trifluoride, sodium carbide or fused ammonium nitrate poses a risk of explosion. Solutions of sodium azide in contact with lead metal can form lead azide, which is a detonating compound. Vigorous reactions can also occur between molten lead and active metals, such as sodium, potassium, lithium and calcium. A lead-zirconium alloy (10-70% Zr) will ignite when struck with a hammer.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** High temperature operations such as oxy-acetylene cutting or burning, electric arc welding or overheating a molten bath will generate highly toxic lead oxide fume. Lead oxide is highly soluble in body fluids and the particle size of the metal fumes is largely within the respirable size range, which increases the likelihood of inhalation and deposition of the fume within the body.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**General:** Lead accumulates in bone and body organs once it enters the body. Elimination from the body is slow. Initial and periodic medical examinations are advised for persons repeatedly exposed to levels above the exposure limits of lead dust or fumes. Once lead enters the body, it can affect a variety of organ systems, including the nervous system, kidneys, reproductive system, blood formation, and gastrointestinal system. The primary routes of exposure to lead are inhalation or ingestion of dust and fumes.

**Acute:**

**Skin/Eye:** Contact with dust or fume may cause local irritation but would not cause tissue damage.

**Inhalation:** Exposure to lead dust or fume may cause headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal spasms, fatigue, sleep disturbances, weight loss, anemia, and pain in legs, arms, and joints. An intense, short-term exposure to lead could cause acute encephalopathy with seizures, coma, and death. However, short-term exposures of this magnitude are unlikely in industry today. Kidney damage, as well as anemia, can occur from acute exposure.

**Ingestion:** Symptoms due to ingestion of lead dust or fume would be similar to those from inhalation. Other health effects such as metallic taste in the mouth and constipation or bloody diarrhea might also occur.

**Chronic:**

Prolonged exposure to lead dust and fume may produce many of the symptoms of short-term exposure and may also cause central nervous system damage, gastrointestinal disturbances, anemia, and, rarely, wrist drop. Reduced hemoglobin production has been associated with low lead exposures. Symptoms of central nervous system damage due to moderate lead exposure include fatigue, headaches, tremors and hypertension. Very high lead exposure can result in lead encephalopathy with symptoms of hallucinations, convulsions, and delirium. Kidney dysfunction and possible injury has also been associated with chronic lead poisoning. Chronic over-exposure to lead has been implicated as a causative agent for the impairment of male and female reproductive capacity. Pregnant women should be protected from excessive exposure as lead can cross the placental barrier and unborn children may suffer neurological damage or developmental problems due to excessive lead exposure. Teratogenic and mutagenic effects from exposure to lead have been reported in some studies but not in others. The literature is inconsistent and no firm conclusions can be drawn at this time. Lead and lead compounds are listed as an *A3 Carcinogen (Confirmed Animal Carcinogen with Unknown Relevance to Humans)* by the ACGIH. IARC has listed lead compounds as *Group 2A Carcinogens (Probably Carcinogenic to Humans)* while lead metal is listed as *Group 2B (Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans)*. The NTP has recently listed lead and lead compounds as *Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen*. OSHA and the EU do not currently list lead as a human carcinogen.

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

While lead metal is relatively insoluble, its processing or extended exposure in aquatic and terrestrial environments may lead to the release of lead compounds in more bioavailable forms. While lead compounds are not particularly mobile in the aquatic environment, they can be toxic to aquatic organisms, especially fish, at low concentrations. Water hardness, pH and dissolved organic carbon content are three major factors which regulate the degree of lead toxicity. Lead in soil is generally neither very mobile nor bioavailable, as it can become strongly sorbed onto soil particles, increasingly so over time, to a degree related to physical properties of the soil. Lead bioaccumulates in plants and animals in both aquatic and terrestrial environments.

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

If material cannot be returned to process or salvage, dispose of in accordance with applicable regulations.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

PROPER SHIPPING NAME ..... Not a regulated product in ingot form.

TRANSPORT CANADA AND U.S. DOT CLASSIFICATION ..... Not Applicable  
TRANSPORT CANADA AND U.S. DOT PIN..... Not Applicable  
MARINE POLLUTANT..... No  
IMO CLASSIFICATION..... Not Regulated

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### U.S.

Ingredient Listed on TSCA Inventory ..... Yes  
Hazardous Under Hazard Communication Standard..... Yes  
CERCLA Section 103 Hazardous Substances ..... Lead ..... RQ: 10 lbs. (4.54 kg.)\*  
\*reporting not required when diameter of the pieces of solid metal released is equal to or exceeds 100 micrometers (0.004 inches).  
EPCRA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance ..... No  
EPCRA Section 311/312 Hazard Categories..... Delayed (chronic) health hazard - Carcinogen  
Delayed (chronic) health hazard – Reproductive toxin  
EPCRA Section 313 Toxic Release Inventory ..... Lead CAS No. 7439-92-1  
Percent by Weight - At least 99%

### CANADIAN:

Ingredient Listed on Domestic Substances List ..... Yes  
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION ..... D2A, Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects – Very Toxic

### EUROPEAN UNION:

Ingredients Listed on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)..... Yes  
EU Classification ..... Toxic; Repr. Cat. 1 – Reproductive Toxin (Developmental Toxin); Repr. Cat. 3 – Reproductive Toxin (Fertility)

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

The information in this Material Safety Data Sheet is based on the following references:

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