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**1. Product and Company Identification**

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Trade Name: Tantalum hafnium carbide  
Chemical Formula: Ta<sub>4</sub>HfC<sub>5</sub>  
Recommended Use: Scientific research and development

Manufacturer/Supplier: Heeger Materials Inc.

Address: 230 Steele St Denver  
CO 80206  
United States

Tel #: +1 925-385-8104

24-Hour Emergency Contact: 800-424-9300 (US & Canada)  
+1-703-527-3887 (International)

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**2. Hazards Identification**

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Signal Word: Warning



Hazard Statements: H228: Flammable solid

Precautionary Statements: P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – No smoking  
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P240: Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/light/equipment  
P370+P378: In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub> or powder for extinction

HMIS Health Ratings (0-4):	Powder	Bulk
Health:	1	1
Flammability:	2	0
Physical:	1	0

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**3. Composition**

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Chemical Family: Ceramic  
Additional Names: Tantalum carbide - hafnium carbide

Tantalum hafnium carbide (Ta<sub>4</sub>HfC<sub>5</sub>):  
Percentage: 100 wt%  
CAS #: 71243-79-3  
EC #: 275-291-2

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#### 4. First Aid Procedures

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General Treatment:	Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.
Special Treatment:	None
Important Symptoms:	None
Inhalation:	Remove victim to fresh air. Supply oxygen if breathing is difficult.
Ingestion:	Seek medical attention.
Skin:	Wash affected area with mild soap and water. Remove any contaminated clothing.
Eyes:	Flush eyes with water, blinking often for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

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#### 5. Firefighting Measures

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Flammability:	Non-flammable, except as powder
Extinguishing Media:	Do not use water for metal fires – use CO <sub>2</sub> , extinguishing powder.
Spec. Fire Fighting Procedure:	Use full-face, self-contained breathing apparatus with full protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. See section 10 for decomposition products.

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#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

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If Material Is Released/Spilled:	Wear appropriate respiratory and protective equipment specified in special protection information. Isolate spill area and provide ventilation. Vacuum up spill using a high efficiency particulate absolute (HEPA) air filter and place in a closed container for disposal. Take care not to raise dust.
Environmental Precautions:	Isolate runoff to prevent environmental pollution.

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#### 7. Handling and Storage

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Handling Conditions:	Wash thoroughly after handling.
Storage Conditions:	Store in a cool dry place in a tightly sealed container. Store apart from materials and conditions listed in section 10.
Work/Hygienic Maintenance:	Do not use tobacco or food in work area. Wash thoroughly before eating and smoking. Do not blow dust off clothing or skin with compressed air.
Ventilation:	Provide sufficient ventilation to maintain concentration at or below threshold limit.

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#### 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

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Permissible Exposure Limits:	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hf, long-term value
Threshold Limit Value:	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Hf, long-term value
Special Equipment:	None
Respiratory Protection:	Use a respirator with type N95 (USA) or PE (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.
Protective Gloves:	Butyl rubber, BR gloves
Eye Protection:	Safety glasses or goggles
Body Protection:	Protective work clothing. Wear close-toed shoes and long sleeves/pants.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Characteristics

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Color	Grey to Black
Form:	Powder, Granules, Pellets, Sputtering target, Custom parts
Odor:	N/A
Water Solubility:	Insoluble
Boiling Point:	N/A
Melting Point:	N/A
Flash Point:	N/A
Autoignition Temperature:	N/A
Density:	N/A
Molecular weight:	N/A

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## 10. Reactivity

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Stability:	Stable under recommended storage conditions
Reacts With:	Oxidizing agents
Incompatible Conditions:	None
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide, Metal oxide fume

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## 11. Toxicological Information

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Potential Health Effects:	
Eyes:	May cause irritation
Skin:	May cause irritation
Ingestion:	May cause irritation
Inhalation:	May cause irritation
Chronic:	Hafnium and hafnium compounds may be irritating to the skin and eyes. There are reports of liver damage from hafnium exposure.
Signs & Symptoms:	N/A
Aggravated Medical Conditions:	N/A
Median Lethal Dose:	N/A
Carcinogen:	N/A

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## 12. Ecological Information

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Aquatic Toxicity:	Low
Persistent Bioaccumulation Toxicity:	No
Very Persistent, Very Bioaccumulative:	No
Notes:	N/A

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

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Dispose of in accordance with local, state, national, and international regulations.

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#### 14. Transportation Data

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Hazardous: Hazardous as powder only.



Hazard Class: 4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives  
Packing Group: III  
UN Number: UN3178  
Proper Shipping Name: Flammable solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tantalum hafnium carbide)

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#### 15. Regulatory Information

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Sec 302 Extremely Hazardous: No  
Sec 304 Reportable Quantities: N/A  
Sec 313 Toxic Chemicals: No

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#### 16. Other Information

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This safety data sheet should be used in conjunction with technical sheets. It does not replace them. The information given is based on our knowledge of this product, at the time of publication. It is given in good faith. The attention of the user is drawn to the possible risks incurred by using the product for any other purpose other than that for which it was intended. This does not in any way excuse the user from knowing and applying all the regulations governing his activity. It is the sole responsibility of the user to take all precautions required in handling the product. The aim of the mandatory regulations mentioned is to help the user to fulfill his obligations regarding the use of hazardous products.

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