

Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	The health risks of this compound have not been fully determined. Exposure may cause irritation of the skin, eyes, and respiratory system. Light sensitive material. Heat sensitive material. Air sensitive material. Store under argon. Refrigerate.	

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	beta-Carotene		
Catalog Number	C0560	Supplier	TCI America 9211 N. Harborage St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Provitamin A		
Chemical Formula	C ₄₀ H ₅₆		
CAS Number	7235-40-7	In case of Emergency Call	Chemtrec® (800) 424-9300 (U.S.) (703) 527-3887 (International)

Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
beta-Carotene	7235-40-7	Min. 97.0 (ABS)	Not available.	Not available.

Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	No specific information is available in our data base regarding the toxic effects of this material for humans. However, exposure to any chemical should be kept to a minimum. Skin and eye contact may result in irritation. May be harmful if inhaled or ingested. Always follow safe industrial hygiene practices and wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure to this compound is not known to aggravate existing medical conditions.

Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, oxygen can be administered. Seek medical attention if respiration problems do not improve.
Ingestion	INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	May be combustible at high temperature.	Auto-Ignition	307 °C (584.6 °F)
Flash Points	103.3 °C (217.9 °F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂).		
Fire Hazards	Not available.		
Explosion Hazards	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. DO NOT use water jet. Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire-fighting operations.		

Section VI. Accidental Release Measures**Spill Cleanup
Instructions**

Light sensitive material. Heat sensitive material. Air sensitive material.
Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning the spill by rinsing any contaminated surfaces with copious amounts of water. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

Section VII. Handling and Storage**Handling and Storage
Information**

LIGHT SENSITIVE. HEAT SENSITIVE. AIR SENSITIVE. STORE UNDER ARGON. REFRIGERATE. Keep away from heat. Mechanical exhaust required. When not in use, tightly seal the container and store in a dry, cool place. Avoid excessive heat and light. Do not breathe dust.
Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, acids.

Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**Engineering Controls**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent.

**Exposure Limits**

Not available.

Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties**Physical state @ 20°C**

Solid. (Crystal, powder. Deep reddish yellow - deep yellow red.)

Solubility

Soluble in benzene, chloroform;
Insoluble in water.

Specific Gravity

1.00 (water=1)

Molecular Weight

536.87

Partition Coefficient

Not available.

Boiling Point

Not available.

Vapor Pressure

Not applicable.

Melting Point

184°C (363.2°F)

Vapor Density

Not available.

Refractive Index

Not available.

Volatility

Not available.

Critical Temperature

Not available.

Odor

Not available.

Viscosity

Not available.

Taste

Not available.

Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data**Stability**

This material is stable if stored under proper conditions. (See Section VII for instructions)

Conditions of Instability

Avoid excessive heat and light. Air sensitive.

Incompatibilities

Reactive with strong oxidizing agents, strong acids.

Section XI. Toxicological Information**RTECS Number**

FL0329500

Routes of Exposure

Eye Contact. Ingestion. Inhalation.

Toxicity Data

Not available.

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Section XII. Ecological Information**Ecotoxicity**

Not available.

Environmental Fate

Not available.

Section XIII. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal

Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local regional authorities. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. Observe all federal, state and local regulations when disposing of the substance.

Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification

Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

PIN Number

Not applicable.

Proper Shipping Name

Not applicable.

Packing Group (PG)

Not applicable.

DOT Pictograms

**Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms**TSCA Chemical Inventory
(EPA)

This compound is **ON** the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.

WHMIS Classification
(Canada)

On DSL.

EINECS Number (EEC)

230-636-6

EEC Risk Statements

Not available.

Japanese Regulatory Data

ENCS no.: 8-496;
9-302;
8-492

Section XVI. Other Information**Version 1.0**

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