

## 1 Identification

### GHS Product Identifier

**AL-HARD**

### Other means of identification

Refractory Sheet Suspension in Dilute Phosphoric Acid.

### Recommended use of the chemical and restriction on use

Used primarily in industrial high temperature insulating applications. Examples include heat shields, Induction equipment, heat containment, industrial furnaces, ovens, kilns, boilers and other process equipment and applications.

### Supplier's details

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### Emergency phone number

CHEMTREC will provide assistance for chemical emergencies. Call **1-800-424-9300**

## 2 Hazard(s) identification

### Classification of the substance or mixture

Not classified as to its carcinogenicity by the **International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)**.

### GHS label elements



Causes mild skin irritation

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Use personal protective equipment as required.

### Other hazards which do not result in classification

#### Precautionary statements

Do not handle until all safety instructions have been read and understood.

Use respiratory protection as required; see section 8 of the Safety Data Sheet.

If concerned about exposure, get medical advice.

Store in a manner to minimize airborne dust.

Dispose of waste in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

### Supplementary Information

May cause temporary mechanical irritation to exposed eyes, skin or respiratory tract.  
Minimize exposure to airborne dust when machining.

Mild mechanical irritation to skin, eyes and upper respiratory system may result from exposure. Effects are usually temporary.

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

Description	CAS Number	EINECS Number	%	Note
Aluminium Oxide	1344-28-1	215-691-6	16 - 20	
Phosphoric Acid	7664-38-2	231-633-2	9 - 12	
Water			68-75	

## 4 First-aid measures

### Description of necessary first-aid measures

#### SKIN

Handling of this material may generate mild mechanical temporary skin irritation. If this occurs, rinse affected areas with water and wash gently. Do not rub or scratch exposed skin.

#### EYE

In case of eye contact flush abundantly with water; have eye bath available. Do not rub eyes.

#### NOSE AND THROAT

If these become irritated move to a dust free area, drink water and blow nose.  
If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

#### Gastrointestinal

If gastrointestinal tract irritation develops, move the person to a dust free environment.

### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Mild mechanical irritation to skin, eyes and upper respiratory system may result from exposure.  
These effects are usually temporary.

### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Rinse mouth to clear throat and expel liquid. Blow nose to evacuate dust. Consult a physician if irritation persists.

**Eye Contact:** Do not rub eyes. Keep hands or contaminated body parts away from eyes. Remove contact lenses. Flush with water. If irritation persists, consult a physician.

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water. For dryness, a skin cream may be helpful. Do not apply anything to a rash. Consult a physician if irritation persists.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting without advice of a physician. Seek medical attention.

**Note to Physicians:** Aluminum Oxide dusts have caused no known systemic or pathological problems. The material is inert in the body. Some individuals may experience allergic sensitivity reactions. These are generally limited to mild occupational dermatitis. Chronic inhalation may result in pleural plaques not associated with cancers. Other effects principally derived from physical abrasion.

These products contain a small percentage of amorphous silica, however, not in sufficient quantity to produce free crystalline silica upon heating. Dusts are therefore considered of the inert (nuisance) type and would not be expected to cause permanent damage to tissues on inhalation unless the exposure is severe. Chronic exposure may produce radioplaque deposits in the pulmonary system with little or no parenchymal reactions. Some individuals may exhibit allergenic reactions ranging from asthmatic symptoms to benign pneumoconiosis.

Product as shipped can cause irritation to exposed tissue. Prolonged contact can cause local irritation or burns to exposed tissue. Phosphoric acid is slightly toxic with repeated inhalation or ingestion.

As shipped, this product is a corrosive liquid (contains phosphoric acid). The major hazard is from direct physical contact or ingestion, unless a mist is somehow evolved into the air. If exposed areas are flushed promptly and thoroughly with water, there should be not ill effects. Appropriate personal protective equipment should be worn when applying this product.

## 5 Fire-fighting measures

### Suitable extinguishing media

Non-combustible products, class of reaction to fire is zero.  
Packaging and surrounding materials may be combustible.  
Use extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding combustible materials.

### Special protective actions for fire-fighters

**NFPA Codes: Flammability: 0 Health: 1 Reactivity: 0 Special: 0**

## 6 Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Minimize airborne dust. Compressed air or dry sweeping should not be used for cleaning. See Section 8 "Exposure Controls / Personal Protection" for exposure guidelines.

### Environmental precautions

None.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Frequently clean the work area with HEPA filtered vacuum or wet sweeping to minimize the accumulation of debris. Do not use compressed air for clean-up.

## 7 Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

Handle fiber carefully to minimize airborne dust. Limit use of power tools unless in conjunction with local exhaust ventilation. Use hand tools whenever possible. (See section 8)

Service significantly above the product design temperature may increase friability and the possibility of generating airborne fibers or particulates not considered problematic during use, airborne fibers may complicate removal activities. It is recommended that product use be carefully matched to design parameters.

Product removal must consider the possibility of usage above design temperatures. Section 8 for appropriate respiratory protection during removal.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Disposal:** Consult with local, state and federal regulations. In most cases these materials may be landfilled safely.

**Hazardous Waste Classification:** Not listed as a RCRA Hazardous waste (40 CFR 261.31). Not listed under SARA, CERCLA, or the Clean Air Act.

**Empty Containers:** Empty containers may contain product dust or residue. Do not re-use.

**Disposal regulations vary. Consult with all applicable regulations prior to disposal.**

## 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

**OSHA permissible exposure limit (PEL), American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV), and any other exposure limit used or recommended by the chemical manufacturer, importer, or employer preparing the safety data sheet, where available**  
**Component**

COMPONENT	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	MA
Aluminum Oxide	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable Fraction) 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Total Dust)	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction)	Nor
Phosphoric Acid	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TLV, 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	Nor

As with most industrial materials, it is prudent to minimize unnecessary exposure to respirable dusts. Note that Industrial hygiene standards and occupational exposure limits differ between countries and local jurisdictions. Check with your employer to identify any "respirable dust", "total dust" or "fiber" exposure standards to follow in your area. If no regulatory dust or fiber control standard apply, a qualified industrial hygiene professional can assist with a specific evaluation of workplace conditions and the identification of appropriate respiratory protection practices. In the absence of other guidance, the supplier has found that it is generally feasible to control occupational fiber exposure to 0.5 f/cc or less.

The evaluation of occupational exposure limits and determining their relative applicability to the workplace is best performed, on a case-by-case basis, by a qualified Industrial Hygienist.

### Appropriate engineering controls

Use engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation, point of generation dust collection, down draft work stations, emission controlling tool designs, and materials handling equipment designed to minimize airborne fiber emissions.

### Individual protection measures

#### Skin Protection

Wear gloves, head coverings and full body clothing as necessary to prevent skin irritation. Washable or disposable clothing may be used. If possible, do not take unwashed clothing home. If soiled work clothing must be taken home, employers should ensure employees are thoroughly trained on the best practices to minimize non-work dust exposure (e.g., vacuum clothes before leaving the work area, wash work clothing separately, rinse washer before washing other household clothes, etc.).

#### Eye Protection

As necessary, wear goggles or safety glasses with side shields.

#### Respiratory Protection

When engineering and/or administrative controls are insufficient to maintain workplace concentrations below the applicable level, the use of appropriate respiratory protection, pursuant to the requirements of OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1910.134 and 29 CFR 1926.103, is recommended. A NIOSH certified respirator with a filter efficiency of at least 95% should be used. The 95% filter efficiency

recommendation is based on NIOSH respirator selection logic sequence for exposure to particulates. Selection of filter efficiency (i.e. 95%, 99% or 99.97%) depends on how much filter leakage can be accepted and the concentration of airborne contaminants. Other factors to consider are the NIOSH filter series N, R or P. (N)Not resistant to oil, (R)Resistant to oil and (P) oilProof. These recommendations are not designed to limit informed choices, provided that respiratory protection decisions comply with 29 CFR 1910.134.

The evaluation of workplace hazards and the identification of appropriate respiratory protection is best performed, on a case by case basis, by a qualified Industrial Hygienist.

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

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<b>(a) Appearance</b>	Cloudy Liquid
<b>(b) Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>(c) Odor threshold</b>	Not applicable
<b>(d) pH</b>	1.3
<b>(e) Melting point</b>	1760° C (3200° F)
<b>(f) Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not applicable
<b>(g) Flash point</b>	Not applicable
<b>(h) Evaporation rate</b>	Similar to water
<b>(i) Flammability</b>	Non Flammable
<b>(j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	Not applicable
<b>(k) Vapor pressure</b>	Not applicable
<b>(l) Vapor density</b>	Not applicable
<b>(m) Relative density</b>	2.50 – 2.75
<b>(n) Solubility</b>	Insoluble
<b>(o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	Not applicable
<b>(p) Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>(q) Decomposition temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>(r) Viscosity</b>	Not applicable

## 10 Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

Non-reactive.

### Chemical stability

Stable and Inert.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

None.

### Conditions to avoid

Please refer to handling and storage advice in Section 7.

### Incompatible materials

Powerful oxidizers; fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trioxide; oxygen difluoride, etc.

**Hazardous decomposition products**

None.

**11 Toxicological information****Toxicological (health) effects**

Not Applicable.

**Information on the likely routes of exposure**

Not Applicable.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

Not Applicable.

**Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure**

Not Applicable.

**Numerical measures of toxicity (such as acute toxicity estimates)**

Not Applicable.

**Interactive effects**

Not Applicable.

**Where specific chemical data are not available**

Not Applicable.

**Mixtures**

Not Applicable.

**Mixture versus ingredient information**

Not Applicable.

**Other information**

Not classified by OSHA.

**12 Ecological information****Toxicity**

No known aquatic toxicity.

**Persistence and degradability**

These products are insoluble materials that remain stable over time and are chemically identical to inorganic compounds found in the soil and sediment; they remain inert in the natural environment.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

No bioaccumulative potential.

**Mobility in soil**

No mobility in soil.

## Other adverse effects

No adverse effects of this material on the environment are anticipated.

## 13 Disposal considerations

### Disposal methods

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

To prevent waste materials from becoming airborne during waste storage, transportation and disposal, a covered container or plastic bagging is recommended.

#### **DISPOSAL**

This product, as manufactured, is not classified as a hazardous waste according to Federal regulations (40 CFR 261). Any processing, use, alteration or chemical additions to the product, as purchased, may alter the disposal requirements. Under Federal regulations, it is the waste generator's responsibility to properly characterize a waste material, to determine if it is a "hazardous" waste. Check local, regional, state or provincial regulations to identify all applicable disposal requirements.

## 14 Transport information

### UN Number

Not Applicable.

### UN Proper Shipping Name

Not Applicable.

### Transport hazard class(es)

Not Applicable.

### Packing group, if applicable

Not Applicable.

### Environmental hazards

Not a marine pollutant.

### Special precautions for user

Not Applicable.

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Canadian TDG Hazard Class & PIN: Not regulated

Not classified as dangerous goods under ADR (road), RID (train) or IMDG (ship).

## 15 Regulatory information

### Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

#### **EPA:**

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III-** This product does not contain toxic chemicals reportable under Section 313 (40 CFR 372). Sections 311 and 312 (40 CFR 370) apply (delayed hazard).

**Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)-** Not required to be listed on the TSCA inventory

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)theClean Air Act (CAA)-** This product contains fibers with an average diameter greater than one micron and thus is not considered a hazardous air pollutant.

**SARA Note:**

The listed substance requires reporting under Section 313 of SARA Title III of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, annually if above the de Minimus Concentration and threshold quantity: Phosphoric acid (CAS no. 7664-38-2), 9-12 wt.%.

**WHMIS status:**

Phosphoric acid (CAS no. 7664-38-2) and Aluminum oxide (CAS no. 1344-28-1) are subject to Disclosure under the Hazardous Products Act.

**OSHA:**

Comply with **Hazard Communication Standards** CFR 1910.1200 and 29 CFR 1926.59 and the **Respiratory Protection Standards** CFR 1910.134 and 29 CFR 1926.103.

**California:**

Product is NOT listed in **Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986** a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Other States:**

These products are not known to be regulated by states other than New Jersey; however, state and local OSHA and EPA regulations may apply to these products. If in doubt, contact your local regulatory agency.

**New Jersey Right to Know Act:**

Aluminum oxide (CAS No. 1344-28-1) are found on the New Jersey Hazardous Substance list and are subject to reporting under SARA and the New Jersey Worker and Community Tigt to Know Act.

**Canada:**

**Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)**– Aluminum oxide (CAS No. 1344-28-1), Silica (amorphous) (CAS No. 60676-86-0), and Calcium Oxide (CAS No. 1305-78-8) are subject to disclosure under the Hazardous Products Act.

**Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)**- All substances in this product are listed, as required, on the Domestic Substance List (DSL)

**Europe:**

The assessment of all available toxicological test data during the REACH registration process resulted in a “no classification” conclusion.

**16 Other information****Other information**

The HTIW Coalition and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are partners in PSP HTW, a comprehensive, multi-faceted risk management program designed to control and reduce workplace exposures to high temperature insulation wools (HTIW). For more information regarding PSP HTW, please visit <http://www.htiwcoalition.org>



## **DEFINITIONS**

**ACGIH:** American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**ADR:** Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (International Regulation)

**CAA:** Clean Air Act

**CAS:** Chemical Abstracts Service

**CERCLA:** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

**DSL:** Domestic Substances List

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

**EU:** European Union

**f/cc:** Fibers per cubic centimeter

**HEPA:** High Efficiency Particulate Air

**HMIS:** Hazardous Materials Identification System

**IARC:** International Agency for Research on Cancer

**IATA:** International Air Transport Association

**IMDG:** International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**mg/m<sup>3</sup>:** Milligrams per cubic meter of air

**mmpcf:** Million particles per cubic meter

**NFPA:** National Fire Protection Association

**NIOSH:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**OSHA:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**29 CFR 1910.134 & 1926.103:** OSHA Respiratory Protection Standards

**29 CFR 1910.1200 & 1926.59:** OSHA Hazard Communication Standards

**PEL:** Permissible Exposure Limit (OSHA)

**PIN:** Product Identification Number

**PNOC:** Particulates Not Otherwise Classified

**PNOR:** Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated

**PSP:** Product Stewardship Program

**RCRA:** Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

**REL:** Recommended Exposure Limit (NIOSH)

**RID:** Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (International Regulations)

**SARA:** Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

**SARA Title III:** Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act

**SARA Section 302:** Extremely Hazardous Substances

**SARA Section 304:** Emergency Release

**SARASection 311:** MSDS/List of Chemicals and Hazardous Inventory

**SARASection 312:** Emergency and Hazardous Inventory

**SARA Section 313:** Toxic Chemicals and Release Reporting

**STEL:** Short Term Exposure Limit`

**SVF:** Synthetic Vitreous Fiber

**TDG:** Transportation of Dangerous Goods

**TLV:** Threshold Limit Value (ACGIH)

**TSCA:** Toxic Substances Control Act

**TWA:** Time Weighted Average

**WHMIS:** Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

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