

SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT NAME: CERMET

1. Identification of the Substance and of the Company

1-1. Product Identifier :

Cermet, Coated Cermet and Cermet Tools

1-2. Company Information

Manufacturer : Kyocera Corporation

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1-3. Recommended use and Restriction on use :

Cutting tools for mainly metal material, wear resistant tool for deformation processing, and special cutters and knives.

1-4. Attention to the Phase/State of the Cermet

- Cermet as solid state like cutting tools is chemically stable and safe at explosive, flammable, combustible, pyrophoric, water-reactive, and oxidizability under normal environment.
- Cermet is safe for use as the cutting tools (grinding, machining, rolling for metals) under normal condition.
- This SDS informs about the dust, fume or vapor which occur from Cermet producing process such as raw material powder handling and grinding.

2. Hazards Identification

2-1.The GHS Classification

Some data (such as the burning rate test data, etc.) for the dust, fume or vapor which occur from Cermet producing process are unavailable. Therefore, they are not be classified by GHS.

In here, GHS classification of the each metallic ingredient (cobalt, nickel and chromium) for composing the Cermet can be disclosed. In addition, other hazards and harmful effects (for health, environment, physical and chemical) which are not listed are unclassifiable or non-applicable by GHS.

GHS classification for the hazards of cobalt alone in below,
(When cobalt is included as ingredients of Cermet.)

Health Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory sensitization • Skin sensitization • Carcinogenicity • Reproductive toxicity • Specific target organ toxicity (Single exposure) • Specific target organ toxicity (Repeated exposure) 	Category1 Category1 Category2 Category2 Category3 (Respiratory tract irritation) Category1 (Respiratory)
Environmental Hazard:	• Hazardous to the aquatic environment	Category4

GHS classification for the hazards of nickel alone in below,
(When nickel is included as ingredients of Cermet.)

Health Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory sensitization • Skin sensitization • Carcinogenicity • Specific target organ toxicity (Single exposure) 	Category1 Category1 Category2 Category1 (Respiratory tract irritation)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific target organ toxicity (Repeated exposure) 	Category1 (Respiratory)
Environmental Hazard:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous to the aquatic environment 	Category4

GHS classification for the hazards of chromium alone in below,
(When chromium is included as ingredients of Cermet.)

Health Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious eye damage • Respiratory sensitization • Skin sensitization • Germ cell mutagenicity • Specific target organ toxicity (Single exposure) • Specific target organ toxicity (Repeated exposure) 	Category2B Category1 Category1 Category2 Category2 (Respiratory tract irritation) Category3 (Respiratory)
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2-2. GHS Label Elements

GHS label elements of the each metallic ingredients (cobalt, nickel and chromium) for composing the Cermet can be disclosed in below.

	Cobalt	Nickel	Chromium
Hazard Pictograms :	 		
Signal Words :	Danger		
Hazard Statements :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of causing allergies, asthma or breathing difficulties if inhaled. • Risk of causing an allergic skin reaction. • May cause cancer. • May cause adverse effects on fertility or the unborn child. • Risk of respiratory irritation. • Cause of respiratory failure due to long-term or repetitive exposure. • May be harmful to aquatic life due to long-term effects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of causing allergies, asthma or breathing difficulties if inhaled. • Risk of causing an allergic skin reaction. • May cause cancer. • Respiratory and kidney disorders • Cause of respiratory failure due to long-term or repetitive exposure. • May be harmful to aquatic life due to long-term effects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of causing allergies, asthma or breathing difficulties if inhaled. • Risk of causing an allergic skin reaction. • Suspected of causing genetic disease • Failure to systemic toxicity • Risk of respiratory irritation.
Precautionary Statements :	<p>【Prevention】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain safety instructions* before use. • Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. • Use appropriate personal protection and ventilation system keeping away from exposure. • Wear suitable protective gloves. • When insufficient ventilation, wear respirator as required. • Do not breathe dust, fume or vapor. • Do not eat, drink or smoke in handling area. • Wash skin thoroughly after handling. • Do not release into the environment. 		

<p>【Responses】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If inhaled, move to fresh air and take a rest with posture easy to breathe. • If respiratory symptoms occurs, contact a doctor. • When feeling ill, get medical advice/attention. • Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. • If on skin, rinse away immediately with a large amount of water and soap. • If skin irritation occurs, contact a doctor and get medical advice/attention. • If exposed or concerned, get medical advice/attention. • If dust is in eyes, immediately wash away with clean water (remove the contact lenses if possible). If irritation persists, get medical advice/attention. • If a large amount of dust is swallowed, get medical advice/attention after ingesting plenty of water to dilute. <p>【Storage】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid sudden changes of temperature and high humidity for storage. <p>【Disposal】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant under the laws.
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*For safety instructions, refer to the Japan Cutting & Wear-resistant Tool Association website (<http://www.jta-tool.jp/>)

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

- Cermet may be coated with the following materials:
TiN, TiC, Ti(C, N), (Ti, Al)N, Al₂O₃, (Al,Ti,M)N : M represents one or more metal elements selected from the group consisting of Si, Cr, Mo, W and Nb.
- Distinction between substance and mixture: Mixture (alloy)
- Ingredients and concentration or concentration range (composition) of the Cermet.

Ingredient	Formula	CAS#	Official Number ,Law for PRTR*	Industrial Safety and Health Law(Official Number)	Composition mass%
Titanium Carbide	TiC	12070-08-5	N/A	N/A	5--85
Titanium Nitride	TiN	25583-20-4	N/A	N/A	5--80
Niobium Carbide	NbC	12069-94-2	N/A	N/A	0-35
Tungsten Carbide	WC	12070-12-1	N/A	N/A	0-25
Tantalum Carbide	TaC	12070-06-3	N/A	N/A	0-20
Molybdenum Carbide	Mo ₂ C	12069-89-5	Class-1: 453	Appendix 9-603	0-20
Vanadium Carbide	VC	12070-10-9	Class-I: 321	N/A	0-5
Zirconium Carbide	ZrC	12070-14-3	N/A	Appendix 9-313	0--1
Cobalt	Co	7440-48-4	Class-1: 132	Appendix 9-172	0-20
Nickel	Ni	7440-02-0	Class-1: 308	Appendix 9-418	0-20
Chromium	Cr	7440-47-3	Class-1: 87	Appendix 9-142	0-10

*Law for PRTR: Law concerning Reporting, etc. of Releases to the Environment of Specific Chemical Substances and Promoting Improvements in Their Management.

*For the details regarding the content of the designated chemical material such as cobalt, nickel, chromium, molybdenum carbide, and vanadium carbide (effective digit: 2), please contact to the above supplier.

*Even if the cemented carbide do not contain cobalt, nickel, chromium as an active ingredient may include cobalt, nickel, chromium as an impurity.

4. First-Aid Measures

Inhalation:

- If the high concentration of dust is inhaled or respiratory symptoms (coughs, gasping, shortness of breath, etc.) are experienced, move to fresh air and take a rest with posture easy to breathe. If breathing difficulties occur, administer oxygen inhalation. If breathing has stopped, immediately administer artificial respiration and get medical advice/attention.
- If irritation or rash persists, get medical advice and attention.

Skin Contact

- If dust is contacted with skin, take off contaminated clothing and rinse the affected area with soapy water thoroughly.
- If irritation or rash persists, get medical advice/attention.

Eye Contact

- If dust is in eyes, immediately wash away with clean water (remove the contact lenses if possible).
- If irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.

Ingestion

- If a large amount of dust is swallowed, get medical advice/attention after ingesting plenty of water to dilute.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Extinguishing Media

- To extinguish the fire of dust, use dry sand, expanded vermiculite, dilatable perlite, ABC type (general, oil, electric fire) powder extinguishers or water (no water allowed for the dust containing cut powders of light metal such as magnesium and aluminum).

Special Protective Actions for Fire-Fighters

- In fighting a fire, wear a protective clothing, dust-proof respirator or respiratory protective equipment.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions

- It is recommended that someone who cleans dust should wear clothing and respiratory protective equipment to minimize exposure.

Environmental Precautions

- Dispose of dust as industrial wastes and prevent release in water systems.

Containment and Cleanup Methods and Equipment

- If there is dust which occur from Cermet producing process, isolate the area and remove with a cleaner equipped with a filter which can take up fine particles very efficiently. If appropriate removing methods are not available, sweep with water sprayers or wet mops.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling:

- If the disperse of dust containing cobalt or nickel is concerned, provide local exhaust ventilation and use personal protective equipment to minimize exposure to human body.
- Obtain safety instructions before use.
- Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- Do not breathe dust, fume or vapor.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke in handling area.
- Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
- Do not release into the environment.

Storage:

- Avoid sudden changes of temperature and high humidity for storage.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Exposure Prevention

- Permissible concentration in working environment (reference value)

Ingredient	Formula	OSHA*PEL* mg/m ³ (Metal dust concentration)	ACGIH*TLV* mg/m ³ (Metal dust concentration)	JSOH*OEL* mg/m ³ (Respirable dust conc.)
Titanium Carbide	TiC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Titanium Nitride	TiN	N/A	N/A	N/A
Niobium Carbide	NbC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tungsten Carbide	WC	5(as W)	5(as W)	N/A
Tantalum Carbide	TaC	5(as Ta)	5(as Ta)	N/A
Molybdenum Carbide	Mo ₂ C	15(as Mo)	10(as Mo)	N/A
Vanadium Carbide	VC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zirconium Carbide	ZrC	5(as Zr)	5(as Zr)	N/A
Cobalt	Co	0.1	0.02	0.05
Nickel	Ni	1.0	1.5	1.0
Chromium	Cr	1.0	0.5	0.5

*OSHA:	Occupational Safety & Health Administration U.S. Department of Labor
*PEL:	Permissible Exposure Limit
* ACGIH:	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Inc.
* TLV:	Threshold Limit Value
*JSOH:	Japan Society for Occupational Health
*OEL:	Occupational Exposure Limit
* N/A:	Not Applicable

Facility measures

Provide local exhaust ventilation so that dusts in the air may not exceed the exposure limits in the above table. It is to be noted that management concentration of the cobalt (and its inorganic compounds) is to be 0.02mg/m³ in accordance with the working environment assessment standard by Japanese Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare under the paragraph (2), Article 65-2 of the Industrial Safety and Health Act in Japan.

In addition, cobalt (and its inorganic compounds) in the storage or handling, and that to take the necessary action conforming to the Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards due to Specified Chemical Substances.

Protective Measures

- Respiratory Protection: Dust-proof respirators and respiratory protective equipment are recommended.
- Hand Protection: Protective gloves for dust are recommended.
- Eye Protection: Safety glasses with side shields or goggles are recommended.
- Skin & Body Protection: Avoid direct skin contact with dust.
Clean up deposited dust on clothing, rags, etc. by washing or absorbing with suitable filters but not by whisking off. Change the contaminated clothing into clean one.

Hygiene Measure

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:	Dark gray color (in case of the coated or surface treated cemented carbide, the appearance color is often different.)
Odor:	Odorless
pH:	No data available
Melting Point:	No data available
Boiling Point:	No data available
Flash Point:	No data available
Vapor Pressure:	No data available
Specific Gravity:	5.5- 8.5
Solubility:	Insoluble

10. Stability and Reactivity

A grain of dust which occur from Cermet producing process is very fine and under the specific conditions in which the dusts are mixed with grinding oil with low flash point, it is possible to become pyrophoric. If dusts under very flammable conditions are dispersed in the air, it is possible to explode.

The each metallic ingredient ([cobalt](#), [nickel](#) and [chromium](#)) for composing the Cermet has the following information about stability and reactivity under specific conditions.

Stability and reactivity of cobalt alone in below,

(When cobalt is included as ingredients of Cermet.)

Stability:

Stable to heat and contact with water

Ignite spontaneously in air

Hazardous reactions:

It reacts with strong oxidizing agents

It reacts violently with oxygen, and it poses a risk of fire or explosion

It reacts violently with acid to generate hydrogen

Contact with incompatible materials

Conditions to avoid:

Strong oxidizing agents, acid

Incompatible materials:

By combustion, cobalt oxide and fumes of cobalt oxide may occur

Stability and reactivity of nickel alone in below,

(When nickel is included as ingredients of Cermet.)

Stability:

It is considered stable in storage and handling in accordance with the laws and regulations

Hazardous reactions:

Metallic nickel is usually stabilized against oxidation by the oxide film, fresh metal surfaces without oxide film is rapidly oxidized by air. Thus, fresh metallic nickel powder, there is a risk of ignition in air.

Conditions to avoid:

No data available

Hazardous decomposition products:

No data available

Stability and reactivity of chromium alone in below,

(When chromium is included as ingredients of Cermet.)

Stability:

Stable under normal handling conditions

Hazardous reactions:

Reacts violently with strong oxidizing agents such as hydrogen peroxide, it poses a risk of fire or explosion.

It reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid and dilute sulfuric acid.

Conditions to avoid:

The alkali or alkaline carbonate is Incompatible.

When mixed with air in powder or granular form, there is a possibility of dust explosion.

Incompatible materials:

Strong oxidizing agents, dilute hydrochloric acid, dilute sulfuric acid, alkali, alkali carbonate

Hazardous decomposition products:

During combustion, there can be irritating or toxic fumes and gases.

11. Toxicological Information

Acute Toxicity:

No data available on Cermet

Skin Corrosion/Irritation:

No data available on Cermet

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:

No data available on Cermet

Respiratory or Skin Sensitization:

No data available on Cermet

Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

No data available on Cermet

Carcinogenicity:

Group 2A on IARC, as cobalt powder coexisting with tungsten carbide powder. Suspected to be carcinogenic in humans.
(Ref.1)

Reproductive Toxicity:

No data available on Cermet

Specific Target Organ Toxicity/Systemic Toxicity:

No data available on Cermet

(Single Exposure)

Specific Target Organ Toxicity/Systemic Toxicity: (Repeated Exposure)	No data available on Cermet
Aspiration Hazard:	No data available on Cermet

12. Ecological Information

The aquatic environment acute hazard

- Not reported on Cermet

The aquatic environment chronic hazard

- Not reported on Cermet

Mobility

- Not reported on Cermet

13. Disposal Considerations

Safe and environmentally desirable disposal method:

- The main ingredients such as [tungsten carbide](#), [cobalt](#), [nickel](#) are rare metal. It is desirable to collect and recycle them.
- For disposal, conform to the applicable laws regarding industrial wastes such as 'Waste Disposal and Public Cleansing Law' and relevant local by laws.

14. Transport Information

International Regulations

UN Number:	Not applicable
UN Hazard Class:	Not applicable
Marine Pollutant:	Not applicable

*When transporting a powder of metallic ingredients (cobalt, nickel) for composing the Cermet, there is a possibility that it is necessary to take appropriate action in accordance with the relevant provisions established by IMO (International Maritime Organization), ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization), IATA (International Air Transport Association).

Domestic Regulations

Land Regulatory Information	Not applicable
UN Number:	Not applicable
UN Hazard Class:	Not applicable
Marine Pollutant:	Not applicable

*When transporting a powder of metallic ingredients (cobalt, nickel) for composing the Cermet, there is a possibility that it is necessary to take appropriate action in accordance with the relevant provisions of Ship Safety Law and the Aviation Law.

Special Safety Measures

When transporting the dust which occur from Cermet producing process, make sure that there is no damage or corrosion or leakage of the container, to ensure implementation of the prevention of collapse of cargo.

15. Regulatory Information

- Law for Pollutant Release and Transfer Register(PRTR)

Cobalt	:	"Class 1 designated chemical substances"	No.132
Nickel	:	"Class 1 designated chemical substances"	No.308
Chromium	:	"Class 1 designated chemical substances"	No. 87
Molybdenum	:	"Class 1 designated chemical substances"	No. 453

- Industrial Safety and Health Law, Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards due to Specified Chemical Substances

[Cobalt](#) : The substances are defined in the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the cobalt is listed by No.172 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to be notified their names, etc."

Article 2, Paragraph 1, Items 2 and 5 of Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards due To Specified Chemical Substance, Specified chemical substance class 2, Management class 2.

When the content of cobalt and cobalt oxide is less than 1%, the Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards due to Specified Chemical Substance is not covered.

Nickel	: The substances are defined in the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the nickel is listed by No.418 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to be notified their names, etc."
Chromium	: The substances are defined in the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the chromium is listed by No.142 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to be notified their names, etc."
Molybdenum	: The substances are defined in the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the Molybdenum is listed by No.603 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to be notified their names, etc."
Zirconium	: The substances are defined in the Article 57-2 of the Act, and the Zirconium is listed by No.313 in Appended Table 9 in the Article 18-2 of the Enforcement Order as "Dangerous or Harmful Substances to be notified their names, etc."

In other region, follow the local regulations.

16. Other Information

Other hazard and toxicity information

The following attention should be paid for dust which occur from Cermet producing process.

- If a large amount of dust containing cobalt is inhaled, blood, heart, thyroid gland, and spleen disorders may result. (Ref.2)
- It is reported that repeated or prolonged contact with cobalt, nickel, or chromium may affect skin, respiratory organs, heart, etc. (Ref.3 - 6)
- Contact with molybdenum stimulates skin and eyes. Also, inhalation and swallowing of molybdenum may be harmful. (Ref.7)
- For carcinogenicity of metallic ingredients of Cermet has the following knowledge.

Cobalt metal	ACGIH IARC Japan Society for Occupational Health	A3: Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans. 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans. 2B: The substance has been determined to be possibly carcinogenic to humans (with relatively insufficient evidence).
Nickel metal	ACGIH IARC Japan Society for Occupational Health	A5: Not suspected as a human carcinogen. 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans. 2B: The substance has been determined to be possibly carcinogenic to humans (with relatively insufficient evidence).
Chromium metal	IARC	3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

*ACGIH : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Inc.

*IARC : International Agency for Research on Cancer

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