



# Super Conductor Materials, Inc.

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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Identity: Selenium

Formula: Se

### SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Super Conductor Materials, Inc.

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### SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION

Molecular weight: 78.96

CAS #	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	%
7782-49-2	0.2mg /m <sup>3</sup>	0.2mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.0-100.0%

### SECTION III – PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Physical States: Solid

Boiling Point: 685.00°C

Vapor Pressure (vs. air or mmHg) : 1 mm at 356.0°C

Melting Point: 217.00°C

Density: 4.28 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Specific Heat (at 25°C): 0.084cal/g

Flash Point: N/A:

Solubility in water: Insoluble

*Appearance and odor:* Steel gray non-metallic powder and pieces, no odor

### SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA:

*Method Used:* Unknown

*Explosive Limits:* LEL: N/A

UEL: N/A

*Extinguishing Media:* DO NOT USE WATER Use dry chemical extinguishing agents, sand or carbon dioxide

*Special Fire Fighting Procedures:*

Firefighters must wear full face, self-contained breathing apparatus with full protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Fumes from fire are hazardous. Isolate runoff to prevent environmental pollution.

*Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:*

- When heated to decomposition, selenium may emit toxic fumes of selenium.
- May react with metal amides to form explosive products.
- May react violently with barium carbide, bromine pentafluoride, calcium carbide, chlorates, chlorine trifluoride, chronic oxide, fluorine, lithium carbide, lithium silicon, metals nickel, nitric acid, sodium, nitrogen dichloride, oxygen, potassium, potassium bromate, rubidium carbide, zinc, silver bromate, strontium carbide, thorium carbide and uranium.



SECTION V - REACTIVITY DATA

*Stability:* Stable

*Conditions to Avoid (instability):* None

*Incompatibility:* Reacts to form explosive products with metal amides. Can react with barium carbide, bromine pentafluoride, calcium carbide, chlorates, chlorine trifluoride, fluorine, oxygen, potassium, and uranium

*Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts:* Selenium oxide, hydrogen selenite

*Hazardous Polymerization:* Will not occur

*Conditions to avoid (hazardous polymerization):* Incompatibles plus displacing metals in acidic solutions

SECTION VI - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

*Route of Entry:* Inhalation? Yes      Skin? Yes      Eyes? Yes      Ingestion? Yes      Other: No

Selenium compounds are poison by inhalation and intravenous routes. Some selenium compounds are experimental carcinogens. Long-term exposure may be a cause of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in humans, just as it may cause "blind staggers" in cattle. Elemental selenium has low acute systemic toxicity, but dust or fumes can cause serious irritation of the respiratory tract. Inorganic selenium compounds can cause dermatitis. Garlic odor of breath is a common symptom. Pallor, nervousness, depression, digestive disturbances and death have been reported in cases if chronic exposure. (Sax, Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, eighth edition)

*Signs and Symptoms of Overexposure:*

*Inhalation:* Acute selenium poisoning may cause: nervousness, fever, vomiting, somnolence, drop in blood pressure, labored breathing and toxic action on the nervous system may lead to respiratory failure. Chronic selenium poisoning may cause: depression, marked pallor, coated tongue, gastrointestinal disorders, garlic odor of the breath.

*Ingestion:* Chronic selenium toxicity may cause: alkali disease, loss of vitality, lameness, atrophy, cirrhosis of the liver, degeneration and necrosis of the myocardium.

*Skin:* May cause redness, itching, inflammation and burning.

*Eye:* May cause redness, itching, burning and watering.

*Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):*

*Inhalation:*

Acute: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract and acute selenium poisoning.

Chronic: May cause chronic selenium poisoning. Continued intoxication may cause loss of nails and hair, hemolytic anemia, and kidney, liver and spleen damage.

*Ingestion:*

Acute: May cause gastrointestinal disturbances.

Chronic: May cause chronic selenium toxicity.

*Skin:*

Acute: May cause irritation.

Chronic: May cause dermatitis.

*Eye:*

Acute: May cause irritation.

Chronic: No chronic health effects recorded.



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*Target Organs:* Upper respiratory system, eyes, skin, liver, kidneys and blood.

*Carcinogenicity:* NTP? No

IARC Monographs? No

OSHA Regulated? No

*Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:* Pre-existing respiratory and skin disorders.

### Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

*Inhalation:* Remove victim to fresh air, keep warm and quiet, and give oxygen if breathing is difficult; seek medical attention

*Ingestion:* Give 1-2 glasses of milk or water, seek medical attention. Never induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person

*Skin:* Remove contaminated clothing, brush material off skin, wash affected area with mild soap and water, and seek medical attention if symptoms persist

*Eye:* Flush eyes with lukewarm water, lifting upper and lower eyelids for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention

## SECTION VII - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

### *Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled:*

Wear appropriate respiratory and protective equipment specified in section VIII. Isolate spill area, provide ventilation and extinguish sources of ignition. Vacuum up spill using a high efficiency particulate absolute (HEPA) air filter and place in a closed container for proper disposal. Take care not to raise dust.

### *Waste disposal method:*

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

### *Hazard Label Information:*

Store in cool, dry area and in tightly sealed container. Wash thoroughly after handling.

## SECTION VIII - CONTROL MEASURES

### *Protective Equipment Summary (Hazard Label Information):*

NIOSH approved respirator, impervious gloves, safety glasses, clothes to prevent contact.

### *Ventilation:*

Local Exhaust: To maintain concentration at low exposure levels.

Mechanical (General): Ventilation is normally required when handling or using this product to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit

### *Work/Hygienic/Maintenance Practices:*

Implement engineering and work practice controls to reduce and maintain concentration of exposure at low levels. Use good housekeeping and sanitation practices. Do not use tobacco or food in work area. Wash thoroughly before eating or smoking. Do not blow dust off clothing or skin with compressed air.

Please be advised that N/A can either mean Not Applicable or No Data Has Been Established