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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Identity: Zinc selenide

Formula: ZnSe

### SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Super Conductor Materials, Inc.

The information below is believed to be accurate and represents the best information available to Super Conductor Materials, Inc. However, SCM makes no warranty, expressed or implied with respect to such information and assumes no liability resulting from its use.

### SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION

Molecular weight: 144.33

CAS #	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	%
1315-09-9	.2 mg (Se)/m3	.2 mg (Se)/m3	0.0-100.0%

### SECTION III – PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Physical States: Solid

Boiling Point: N/A

Specific Gravity: 5.42 gm/cc

Melting Point: >1100°C

Flash Point: N/A

Evaporation Rate: N/A

Vapor Density: N/A

Solubility in water: Insoluble

Vapor Pressure: Negligible

*Appearance and odor:* Reddish-yellow, transparent powder and pieces, no odor

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

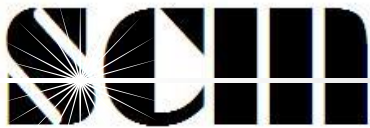
*Method Used:* *Explosive Limits:* LEL: N/A UEL: N/A

*Extinguishing Media:* Use suitable extinguishing media for surrounding materials and type of fire.

*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 Explosion Hazard:*

When heated to decomposition, zinc selenide may emit toxic fumes of selenium and oxides of zinc. On contact with strong acids, it may emit hydrogen selenide.



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## SECTION V - REACTIVITY DATA

*Stability:* Stable

*Conditions to Avoid:* None

*Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):* Strong acids, and bases

*Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts:* Fumes of selenium, hydrogen selenide and oxides of zinc.

*Hazardous Polymerization:* Will not occur

*Conditions to avoid (hazardous polymerization):* None

## SECTION VI - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

*Routes of entry:* Inhalation? Yes    Skin? Yes    Eyes? Yes    Ingestion? Yes    Other? No

To the best of our knowledge the chemical, physical and toxicological properties of zinc selenide have been thoroughly investigated and recorded.

Zinc compounds have variable toxicity, but generally are of low toxicity. Zinc is not inherently a toxic element. However, when heated, it evolves a fume of zinc oxide which, when inhaled fresh, can cause a disease known as "brass founders" "ague," or "brass chills". Zinc oxide dust which is not freshly formed is virtually innocuous. There is no cumulative effect from the inhalation of zinc fumes. (Sax, Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, eighth edition)

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)

### Sign and Symptoms of Overexposure:

*Inhalation:* May cause a sweet taste, throat dryness, coughing, weakness, generalized aches, chills, fever, nausea and vomiting. 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 and inflammation.

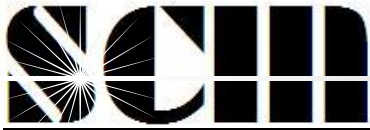
*Eyes:* May cause redness, itching, and watering.

### Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):

#### *Inhalation:*

Acute: DANGER-POISON. May cause respiratory tract irritation with nasopharyngitis and laryngitis, brass chills 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.



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### *Ingestion:*

Acute: DANGER-POISON. 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: May cause visual disturbances and blurred vision.

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

*Carcinogenicity:* NTP? No      OSHA Regulated? No

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

### *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 and induce vomiting, 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 or below the PEL, TLV

Special: Handle in a controlled environment

Mechanical (General): Not recommended



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*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**