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## Material Safety Data Sheet

**SPI # 01679-BA; 01679-FA; 01680-BA; 01680-FA; 01681-BA; 01681-FA; 01682-BA; 01682-FA; 01685-BA; 01685-FA; 1685T-BA; 1685T-FA; 1686T-BA; 1686T-FA; 01686-BA; 01686-FA; 01688-BA; 01688-FA; 1688T-BA; 1688T-FA [graphite rods.](#)**

### Section 1: Identification

Date Effective..... January 8, 2009  
(most recent revision)

Chemical family..... Graphite/Carbon

CAS #..... 7782-42-5



Emergencies  
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24 Hour Emergency Use Only #'s.....  
Worldwide phone: 1-(703)-527-3887  
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Product or Trade Name.... Graphite (Sometimes incorrectly called "carbon")

Emergency Overview:

Contains no ingredients now known to be hazardous by OSHA.  
The normal sharpening of the rod, whether being done in a [carbon rod sharpener](#)  
[sharpener](#)  
or honing with a [razor blade](#),  
is suspected of generating small amounts of possibly respirable fibers.  
We believe that such sharpening should be done in a ventilated hood facility.

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## Section 2 Composition

Name	CAS #	Approximate Weight %
Graphite	7782-42-5	>99.99%

No hazardous components as defined by OSHA.

### 313 Listed Chemicals

If none are listed here, there are no 313 chemicals present above threshold values.

### NFPA (Scale 0-4):

Not known

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## Section 3: Hazard Identification

Potential Health Effects:

Eye: Dust may cause eye irritation

Skin Contact: Dust may cause skin irritation.

Skin Absorption: Not expected to be a major route of entry.

Ingestion: Not known

Inhalation: Small graphite fibers or dust are suspected as being possible inhalation hazards. However, in this product, fibers have never been detected, only dust particles.

Chronic effects: A review of the literature does not show obvious long term hazard.

Carcinogenicity: No component known to be present in this product and is

at > 0.1% is presently listed as a carcinogen by IARC or OSHA unless otherwise noted.

**Routes of exposure:** Inhalation

**Permissible exposure:**

15 MCCPF OSHA TWA, 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ACGIH TWA (Total Dust)

**CIRCLA Hazard Ratings:**

Toxicity: 1      Ignitability: 0      Reactivity: 0      Persistence: 3

**Toxicological Information:**

Graphite causes benign pneumoconiosis (graphitosis). Symptoms of pneumoconiosis from graphite exposure are dyspnea, coughing, black sputum, bronchitis, ventricular hypertrophy and impairment of pulmonary function. X-rays will show progressive nodulation of the lungs. The threshold limit value was set in conformity with the limit for free crystalline silica, which may be present in graphite.

**Incompatibilities:**

Strong oxidizers, fluorine, peroxides

**Route of entry:** Inhalation, Skin or eye contact.

Target organs: Lungs, Cardiovascular system.

**Symptoms:**

Coughing, forceful expiration. Dyspnea, difficulty in breathing. Black sputum, black colored expectorate. Bronchitis, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes, pulmonary fibrosis, fibrous tissue involving lungs. Pneumoconiosis, degenerative respiratory disease.

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## Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of flowing water for at least 15 minutes, retracting eye lids often. Get medical attention immediately. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this product.

**Skin:** Wash skin thoroughly with mild soap and water. Flush with luke warm water for 15 minutes.

**Inhalation:** If large amounts of the dust are inhaled, move the exposed person to fresh air at once. If symptoms persist contact

physician.

Ingestion: Not known

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## Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

Flammability classification: Not classified.

Flash Point/Method: Not known, but *very high!*

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Not determined

Flammable Limits: Lower: Not applicable  
Upper: Not applicable

**Extinguishing Media:** Non-burning

**Special Conditions to Avoid:** None known

**Hazardous products of Combustion:** None known

Unusual Fire Hazards: None known

Firefighting procedures/instructions:

Treat the surrounding fire; this product is non-burning.

Properties that could increase fire or explosion hazard:

None known.

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## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

This product is not subject to "accidental release" in the form of normal use.

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## Section 7: Handling and Storage

### Storage and handling:

Store in the containers in which the product is shipped, tightly sealed.

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## Section 8: Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

#### Eye/Face Protection:

ANSI 87.1 approved safety glasses with side shield when sharpening these rods, either with [razor blade](#) or [carbon rod sharpener](#) or plain wood file. [Welder's goggles](#) must be used when these rods are used for vacuum evaporation.

#### Skin Protection:

No particular protection needed when handling this material on an occasional basis.

#### Respiratory Protection:

For the occasional breaking of a rod, which might require "scoring" the surface to get a clean break, protection is not needed. But if some large number of rods was going to be broken in this way then such an operation should be done in a chemical fume hood with exhaust.

**Other:** None known

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## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Black rods, with possibly "greasy" feel

Color: Black

pH: Not applicable

Odor: None

Vapor Pressure: Not applicable

Vapor Density (Air=1): Not available

Boiling Point/Range: >3000° C

Melting Point/Range: Not available

Specific Gravity: 2 to 2.5 g/cc

Solubility in water: None

Softening Point: Not determined  
Molecular Formula: Not known  
Molecular Weight: 12.01  
%Volatile by Volume: Not determined  
Evaporation Rate (n-butyl acetate = 1): Not available  
Viscosity: Not available  
Bulk Density: Not determined

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## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** The product is stable under normal use conditions.

**Reactivity:** This material is not reactive.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, sparks, flames, and other ignition sources; avoid heating above 290° C (554° F)

**Incompatibility (materials to avoid):**

Strong oxidizers, fluorine, peroxides

**Hazardous Products of Decomposition:**

None known

**Reactions with Air and Water:**

None known

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## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Eye Effects:** Dust from this material may cause eye irritation.

**Skin Effects, Contact:** Concentrate may cause skin irritation

**Skin Effects, Absorption:**

No absorption or acute effects expected. However the dust might cause some mild irritation of the skin.

**Acute Oral Effects (Ingestion):** None known

Acute Inhalation Effects: None known.

Chronic Effects:

A review of the literature does not show obvious long term hazard.

Carcinogenicity:

No component known to be present in this product at > 0.1% is presently listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP, or OSHA unless otherwise noted in Section 16.

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## Section 12: Ecological Information

Exotoxicity: No ecological information is available for this product.

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## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

US EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers:

This product as purchased does not fall under current US EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) RCRA definitions of hazardous waste. Under RCRA it is the generator's responsibility to determine the status of the waste at the time of its disposal.

General Disposal Considerations:

All recovered material should be packaged, transported and disposed of (or reclaimed) using good engineering practices. Disposal method must be in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations regarding health, air and water pollution.

CERCLA Reportable Quantity: This product does not contain any CERCLA regulated materials.

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## Section 14: Transport Information

Proper Shipping Name: Not Regulated

DOT Hazard Class: Non-Regulated

UN/NA ID: Not Regulated

Packing Group: Not Applicable

Labels: Not Regulated

Marine Pollutant: No information

DOT Status: Not Regulated

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## Section 15: Regulatory Information

All components of this product are listed on the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(b) Chemical Inventory. This product is not a HAZMAT as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). This product is not a "controlled product" as defined by the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances: Not listed anywhere.

SARA 311/312

Acute: No

Chronic: No

Fire: No

Reactivity: No

Sudden release of pressure: No

SARA Section 313 Toxic Chemicals: No "313 chemicals" contained in this product.

### California Prop. 65:

Proposition 65 requires manufacturers or distributors of consumer products into the State of California to provide a warning statement if the product contains ingredients for which the State has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. If this product contains an ingredient listed by the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, it will be listed below:



No ingredients, present at concentrations > 0.1%, have been found that are presently listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP, or OSHA.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) provisional domestic substances list (DSL).

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## Section 16: Other Information

### Disclaimer of Liability:

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