



Health	2
Fire	0
Reactivity	0
Personal Protection	E

## Material Safety Data Sheet Zinc oxide MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Zinc oxide

**Catalog Codes:** SLZ1009, SLZ1114, SLZ1222, SLZ1057

**CAS#:** 1314-13-2

**RTECS:** ZH4810000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Zinc oxide

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** Calamine; Zinc white

**Chemical Name:** Zinc Oxide

**Chemical Formula:** ZnO

**Contact Information:**

**Sciencelab.com, Inc.**  
14025 Smith Rd.  
Houston, Texas 77396

US Sales: **1-800-901-7247**  
International Sales: **1-281-441-4400**

Order Online: [ScienceLab.com](http://ScienceLab.com)

**CHEMTREC (24HR Emergency Telephone), call:**  
1-800-424-9300

**International CHEMTREC, call:** 1-703-527-3887

**For non-emergency assistance, call:** 1-281-441-4400

### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Zinc oxide	1314-13-2	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Zinc oxide: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 7950 mg/kg [Mouse].

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Hazardous in case of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Not available.

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Non-flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Flash Points:** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits:** Not applicable.

**Products of Combustion:** Not available.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Not applicable.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Slow addition of zinc oxide to cover linseed oil varnish causes generation of heat and ignition.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:**

May explode when mixed with chlorinated rubber.

Zinc Oxide and Magnesium can react explosively when heated.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:**

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:**

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

### Precautions:

Keep locked up.. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as acids.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store above 25°C (77°F).

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Engineering Controls:

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

### Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

### Exposure Limits:

TWA: 5 STEL: 10 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] Inhalation

TWA: 15 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from OSHA (PEL) [United States] Inhalation Total.

TWA: 5 STEL: 10 CEIL: 25 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from NIOSH Inhalation

TWA: 5 STEL: 10 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from OSHA (PEL) [United States] Inhalation Respirable. Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid. (Powdered solid.)

**Odor:** Odorless.

**Taste:** Bitter.

**Molecular Weight:** 81.38 g/mole

**Color:** White to yellowish-white

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Melting Point:** 1975°C (3587°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 5.607 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** Is not dispersed in cold water, hot water.

**Solubility:**

Insoluble in cold water, hot water

Soluble in dilute acetic acid, or mineral acids, ammonia, ammonium carbonate, fixed alkali hydroxide solution..

### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Not available.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:**

Reacts violently with magnesium, linseed oil.

Reacts with hydrochloric acid to produce zinc chloride.

Reacts with sulfuric acid to produce zinc sulfate.

Reacts with hydrogen fluoride to produce zinc fluoride tetrahydrate.

Gradually absorbs CO<sub>2</sub> on exposure to air.

Sublimes at normal pressure.

Zinc Oxide reacts with Carbon Monoxide or hydrogen to produce elemental zinc.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

### Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Dermal contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>): 7950 mg/kg [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Hazardous in case of inhalation.

Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**

May cause adverse reproductive effects based on animal data. No human data found at this time.

May affect genetic material (mutagenic).

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Acute Potential Health Effects:

May cause mild skin irritation.

Eyes: May cause mechanical eye irritation and conjunctivitis.

Inhalation: May cause mechanical irritation of the respiratory tract. A few sources claim that finely divided zinc

oxide dust can cause "metal fume fever." Zinc oxide dust is generally considered a nuisance dust; adverse effects are unlikely when exposures are kept under reasonable control. Inhalation of high concentrations of Zinc Oxide fume or dust may cause "Metal Fume Fever." Symptoms of metal fume fever may include a flu-like condition involving headache, chills, fever, sweats, nausea, vomiting, cough, muscle aches and pains, and difficulty breathing, pulmonary edema. May also affect the liver.  
Ingestion: May cause digestive tract irritation although Zinc oxide has a low toxicity by oral exposure route.  
Chronic Potential Health Effects:  
Ingestion: Prolonged or repeated ingestion of zinc oxide may affect blood, metabolism, and the thyroid.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**

Illinois toxic substances disclosure to employee act: Zinc oxide  
Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Zinc oxide  
Pennsylvania RTK: Zinc oxide  
Minnesota: Zinc oxide  
Massachusetts RTK: Zinc oxide  
New Jersey: Zinc oxide  
California Director's List of Hazardous Substances: Zinc oxide  
TSCA 8(b) inventory: Zinc oxide

**Other Regulations:** EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):** Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

**DSCL (EEC):**

R40- Possible risks of irreversible

effects.  
S2- Keep out of the reach of children.  
S36/37- Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

**HMS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 1

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves.  
Lab coat.  
Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.  
Safety glasses.

**Section 16: Other Information**

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

**Created:** 10/10/2005 08:34 PM

**Last Updated:** 10/10/2005 08:34 PM

*The information above is believed to be accurate and represents the best information currently available to us. However, we make no warranty of merchantability or any other warranty, express or implied, with respect to such information, and we assume no liability resulting from its use. Users should make their own investigations to determine the suitability of the information for their particular purposes. In no event shall ScienceLab.com be liable for any claims, losses, or damages of any third party or for lost profits or any special, indirect, incidental, consequential or exemplary damages, howsoever arising, even if ScienceLab.com has been advised of the possibility of such damages.*