

# Hexamine cobalt(III) chloride

sc-235306

Material Safety Data Sheet



The Power is Question

Hazard Alert Code Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### PRODUCT NAME

Hexamine cobalt(III) chloride

### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### NFPA



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### PRODUCT USE

Reagent for pyrophosphoric acid, for the estimation of phosphate. In DNA transformation studies.

### SYNONYMS

H18-Cl2-Co-N6, [Co(NH3)6]Cl3, "hexaminecobalt trichloride", "hexamino-cobalt chloride", "hexaamminecobalt (III) chloride", "hexaamminecobalt (III) chloride", "luteocobaltic chloride"

## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

#### RISK

May cause SENSITIZATION by skin contact.

Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### SWALLOWED

- Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
- In toxic doses soluble cobalt salts produce stomach pain and vomiting, flushing of the face and ears, rash, ringing in the ears, nervous deafness and reduced blood flow to the extremities.

#### EYE

- This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

#### SKIN

- Skin contact with the material may be harmful; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- This material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

#### INHALED

- Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normal handling, may be harmful.
- The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.
- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.
- Cobalt poisoning can cause inflammation of the terminal airways (bronchioles), and cause lethargy and death within hours.

### CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

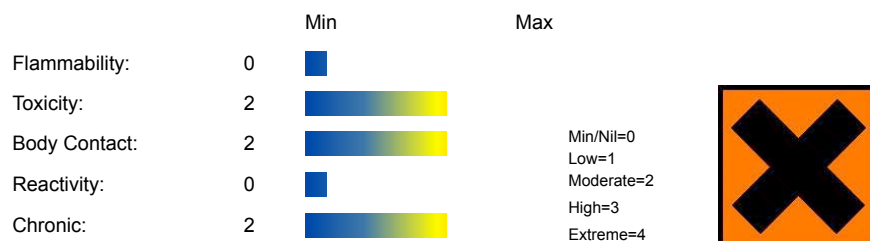
• There has been concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations, but there is not enough data to make an assessment. Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems. Skin contact with the material is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population. Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Inhalation of cobalt powder can induce asthma, chest tightness and chronic inflammation of the bronchi. Chronic exposure to cobalt causes increase in blood hemoglobin, increased production of cells in the blood marrow and thyroid gland, discharge from around the heart and damage to the alpha cells of the pancreas. Long-term administration has caused goiter (overactivity of the thyroid) and reduced thyroid activity. Allergic inflammation of the skin may appear following exposure to cobalt, usually exhibited as red patches. Injection of cobalt can cause cancer at the site of entry.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### HAZARD RATINGS



NAME	CAS RN	%
hexaminecobalt(III) chloride	10534-89-1	>98

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

### SWALLOWED

- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- If conscious, give water to drink.
- INDUCE vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

- In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.
- If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.

#### EYE

- If this product comes in contact with the eyes:
  - Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
  - Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
  - If pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.
  - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

#### SKIN

- If skin contact occurs:
  - Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear
  - Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
  - Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

#### INHALED

- - If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
  - Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
  - Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
  - Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
  - Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.

#### NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- - Chronic exposures to cobalt and its compounds results in the so-called "hard metal pneumoconiosis" amongst industrial workers. The lesions consist of nodular conglomerate shadows in the lungs, together with peribronchial infiltration. The disease may be reversible. The acute form of the disease resembles a hypersensitivity reaction with malaise, cough and wheezing; the chronic form progresses to cor pulmonale.
  - Chronic therapeutic administration may cause goiter and reduced thyroid activity.
  - An allergic dermatitis, usually confined to elbow flexures, the ankles and sides of the neck, has been described.
  - Cobalt cardiomyopathy may be diagnosed early by changes in the final part of the ventricular ECG (repolarisation). In the presence of such disturbances, the changes in carbohydrate metabolism (revealed by the glucose test) are of important diagnostic value.
  - Treatment generally consists of a combination of Retabolil (1 injection per week over 4 weeks) and beta-blockers (average dose 60-80 mg Obsidan/24 hr). Potassium salts and diuretics have also proved useful.

#### BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX (BEI)

Determinant	Sampling time	Index	Comments
Cobalt in urine	End of shift at end of workweek	15 ug/L	B
Cobalt in blood	End of shift at end of workweek	1 ug/L	B, SQ

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed

SQ: Semi-quantitative determinant - Interpretation may be ambiguous; should be used as a screening test or confirmatory test.

### Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available.
Specific Gravity (water=1):	1.710
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available

#### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- - There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

#### FIRE FIGHTING

- - Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
  - Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves for fire only.
  - Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
  - Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
  - Do not approach containers suspected to be hot.
  - Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
  - If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
  - Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

## GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

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- Non combustible.
  - Not considered to be a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.
- Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: hydrogen chloride, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), metal oxides.  
May emit poisonous fumes.  
May emit corrosive fumes.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- None known.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:

Chemical goggles.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Particulate

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### MINOR SPILLS

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- Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- Place in suitable containers for disposal.

### MAJOR SPILLS

- Moderate hazard.

- CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Recover product wherever possible.
- IF DRY: Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. IF WET: Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.
- ALWAYS: Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

### ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEG) (in ppm)

AEG 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEG 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

AEG 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

## Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

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- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.

- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately.
- Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

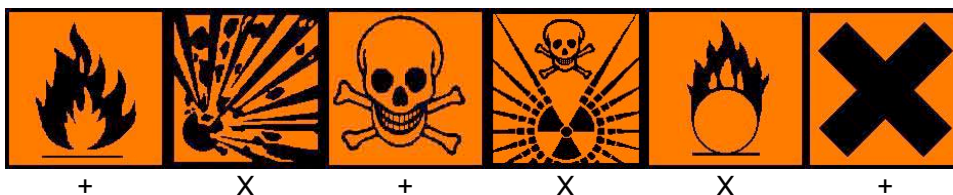
## RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

## STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

## SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific precautions

+: May be stored together

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA F/CC	Notes
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	hexaminecobalt(III) chloride (Cobalt, metal fume & dust (as Co))		0.05		0.15				
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	hexaminecobalt(III) chloride (Cobalt metal, dust and fume (as Co))	-	0.05	-	0.15				

### MATERIAL DATA

#### HEXAAMINECOBALT(III) CHLORIDE:

• In view of the serious effects seen in experimental animals after a relatively short exposure period at 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to reduce the significant risk of material impairment of health posed by respiratory disease and pulmonary sensitization which have been shown to occur at higher levels of exposure. The value does not apply generally to cobalt compounds. A significant increase in the risk of lung cancer was reported among workers involved in cobalt production (with concomitant exposure to nickel and arsenic) and hard-metal workers with documented exposure to cobalt- containing dusts. A significant increase in lung cancer risk has been observed in workers whose exposure began more than 20 years previously. A number of single cases of malignant tumors, mostly sarcomas, have been reported at the site, following implant of cobalt-containing orthopedic implants. TRK: 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (in the form of cobalt metal, cobalt oxide, and cobalt sulfide) during production of cobalt powder and catalysts: hard metal (tungsten carbide) and magnet production (processing of powder, machine pressing and mechanical processing of unsintered articles) : 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (others) measured as inhalable fraction of the aerosol. The technical exposure limit, TRK (Technische Richtkonzentrationen), defines the airborne concentration of named carcinogenic materials which is the minimum possible given the state of current technologies. TRK values are assigned only for materials for which there is no current MAK (German exposure standard). Observance of the TRK value is intended to reduce the risk of adverse effects on health but does NOT completely eliminate it. Since no threshold doses can be determined for carcinogens, health considerations require that the exposure limits be kept as far as possible below the TRK and that the TRK value be gradually reduced. The limitation of exposure peaks is regulated as follows; Short-term exposure limit: 5 x TRK Short-term exposure duration: 15 min/average Frequency per work shift: 5 times Interval: 1 hour. Report No. 35 1999, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Epidemiological studies do not support a link between cobalt and abnormal growths (neoplasms) in humans. In view of the serious effects seen in experimental animals after a relatively short exposure period at 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> the recommended TLV-TWA is thought to reduce the significant risk of material impairment of health posed by respiratory disease and pulmonary sensitization which have been shown to occur at higher levels of exposure. The value does not apply generally to cobalt compounds. A significant increase in the risk of lung cancer was reported among workers involved in cobalt production (with concomitant exposure to nickel and arsenic) and hard-metal workers with

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## PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

### EYE

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- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them. DO NOT wear contact lenses.

### HANDS/FEET

• NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene
- nitrile rubber
- butyl rubber
- fluorocarbon
- polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

### OTHER

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- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.
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- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory . These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.

- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

## RESPIRATOR

Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x PEL	P1 Air-line*	-	PAPR-P1
50 x PEL	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
100 x PEL	-	P3 Air-line*	-
100+ x PEL	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

Explanation of Respirator Codes:

Class 1 low to medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 2 medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 3 high absorption capacity filters.

PAPR Powered Air Purifying Respirator (positive pressure) cartridge.

Type A for use against certain organic gases and vapors.

Type AX for use against low boiling point organic compounds (less than 65°C).

Type B for use against certain inorganic gases and other acid gases and vapors.

Type E for use against sulfur dioxide and other acid gases and vapors.

Type K for use against ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives

Class P1 intended for use against mechanically generated particulates of sizes most commonly encountered in industry, e.g. asbestos, silica.

Class P2 intended for use against both mechanically and thermally generated particulates, e.g. metal fume.

Class P3 intended for use against all particulates containing highly toxic materials, e.g. beryllium.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

## ENGINEERING CONTROLS

• Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear an approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection an approved self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required in some situations. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage area.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
solvent, vapors, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).	0.25-0.5 m/s (50-100 f/min.)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5-1 m/s (100-200 f/min.)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.

Mixes with water.



State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	267.48
Melting Range (°F)	Not available	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.710
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not Applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

## APPEARANCE

Orange-brown crystalline powder; mixes with water. On long boiling with water, ammonia is evolved and Co(OH)<sub>3</sub> is precipitated.

## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

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- WARNING: Avoid or control reaction with peroxides. All transition metal peroxides should be considered as potentially explosive. For example transition metal complexes of alkyl hydroperoxides may decompose explosively.
- The pi-complexes formed between chromium(0), vanadium(0) and other transition metals (haloarene-metal complexes) and mono-or poly-fluorobenzene show extreme sensitivity to heat and are explosive.
- Avoid reaction with borohydrides or cyanoborohydrides

Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride. Chlorine trifluoride is a hypergolic oxidizer. It ignites on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognized fuels - contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition. The state of subdivision may affect the results.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

- unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.
- Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's edema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitization potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitizing substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitizing potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested. Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

### CARCINOGEN

Cobalt and cobalt compounds (NB: Evaluated as a group)	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs	Group	2B
COBALT COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	IARC, P65-MC

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION



Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

HEXAAMINECOBALT(III) CHLORIDE:

- Although inorganic chloride ions are not normally considered toxic they can exist in effluents at acutely toxic levels (chloride >3000 mg/l). the resulting salinity can exceed the tolerances of most freshwater organisms.

Inorganic chlorine eventually finds its way into the aqueous compartment and as such is bioavailable. Incidental exposure to inorganic chloride may occur in occupational settings where chemicals management policies are improperly applied. The toxicity of chloride salts depends on the counter-ion (cation) present; that of chloride itself is unknown. Chloride toxicity has not been observed in humans except in the special case of impaired sodium chloride metabolism, e.g. in congestive heart failure. Healthy individuals can tolerate the intake of large quantities of chloride provided that there is a concomitant intake of fresh water.

Although excessive intake of drinking-water containing sodium chloride at concentrations

above 2.5 g/litre has been reported to produce hypertension, this effect is believed to be related to the sodium ion concentration.

Chloride concentrations in excess of about 250 mg/litre can give rise to detectable taste in water, but the threshold depends upon the associated cations. Consumers can, however, become accustomed to concentrations in excess of 250 mg/litre. No health-based guideline value is proposed for chloride in drinking-water.

In humans, 88% of chloride is extracellular and contributes to the osmotic activity of body fluids. The electrolyte balance in the body is maintained by adjusting total dietary intake and by excretion via the kidneys and gastrointestinal tract. Chloride is almost completely absorbed in normal individuals, mostly from the proximal half of the small intestine. Normal fluid loss amounts to about 1.5?2 liters/day, together with about 4 g of chloride per day. Most (90 - 95%) is excreted in the urine, with minor amounts in faeces (4- %) and sweat (2%)

Chloride increases the electrical conductivity of water and thus increases its corrosivity. In metal pipes, chloride reacts with metal ions to form soluble salts thus increasing levels of metals in drinking-water. In lead pipes, a protective oxide layer is built up, but chloride enhances galvanic corrosion. It can also increase the rate of pitting corrosion of metal pipes.

- for cobalt compounds:

Environmental Fate:

Cobalt strongly binds to humic substances naturally present in aquatic environments. Humic acids can be modified by UV light and bacterial decomposition, which may change their binding characteristics over time. The lability of the complexes is strongly influenced by pH, the nature of the humic material, and the metal-to-humic substance ratio. The lability of cobalt-humate complexes decreases in time ("aging effect"). The "aging effect" indicates that after a period of time (~12 hours), complexes that were initially formed are transformed into stronger ones from which the metal ion is less readily dislodged.

Between 45 and 100% of dissolved cobalt was found to occur in very strong complexes. The distribution coefficient of cobalt may vary considerably in the same sediment in response to conditions affecting the pH, redox conditions, ionic strength, and amount of dissolved organic matter. Uptake of <sup>60</sup>Co from the water by sediment increased rapidly as the pH was increased from 5 to 7 -7.5 and then slightly decrease. Therefore, pH would be an important factor affecting the migration of cobalt in surface water. Uptake was little affected by changes in liquid-to-solids ratio and ionic strength. <sup>60</sup>Co is more mobile in anaerobic marine aquatic environments than in freshwater aerobic ones. In seawater sediment systems under anaerobic conditions <sup>60</sup>Co was 250 times more mobile than <sup>60</sup>Co in freshwater sediment systems under aerobic conditions. Under anaerobic conditions, 30% of the <sup>60</sup>Co added to a sediment-freshwater system was "exchangeable" and therefore potentially mobile, while under aerobic conditions, 98% of the <sup>60</sup>Co was permanently fixed. Most of the mobile <sup>60</sup>Co produced under anaerobic conditions in seawater consisted of nonionic cobalt associated with low molecular weight organic substances that were stable to changes in pH; the exchangeable <sup>60</sup>Co appeared to be mostly ionic.

The mobility of cobalt in soil is inversely related to how strongly it is adsorbed by soil constituents. Cobalt may be retained by mineral oxides such as iron and manganese oxide, crystalline materials such as aluminosilicate and goethite, and natural organic substances in soil. Sorption of cobalt to soil occurs rapidly (within 1-2 hours). Soil-derived oxide materials were found to adsorb greater amounts of cobalt than other materials examined, although substantial amounts were also adsorbed by organic materials.

Clay minerals sorbed relatively smaller amounts of cobalt. In addition, little cobalt was desorbed from soil oxides while substantial amounts desorbed from humic acids and montmorillonite. In clay soil, adsorption may be due to ion exchange at the cationic sites on clay with either simple ionic cobalt or hydrolysed ionic species such as CoOH<sup>+</sup>. Adsorption of cobalt onto iron and manganese increases with pH. In addition, as pH increases, insoluble hydroxides or carbonates may form, which would also reduce cobalt mobility. Conversely, sorption onto mobile colloids would enhance its mobility. In most soils, cobalt is more mobile than lead, chromium (II), zinc, and nickel, but less mobile than cadmium. In several studies, the K<sub>d</sub> of cobalt in a variety of soils ranged from 0.2 to 3,800. The soil properties showing the highest correlation with K<sub>d</sub> were exchangeable calcium, pH, water content, and cation exchange capacity. Organic complexing agents such as ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), which are used for decontamination operations at nuclear facilities, greatly enhance the mobility of cobalt in soil. Other organic complexing agents, such as those obtained from plant decay, may also increase cobalt mobility in soil. However, both types of complexes decrease cobalt uptake by plants. Addition of sewage sludge to soil also increases the mobility of cobalt, perhaps due to organic complexation of cobalt.

Cobalt may be taken up from soil by plants. Surface deposition of cobalt on leaves of plants from airborne particles may also occur. Elevated levels of cobalt have been found in the roots of sugar beets and potato tubers in soils with high cobalt concentrations (e.g., fly ash-amended soil) due to absorption of cobalt from soil. However, the translocation of cobalt from roots to above-ground parts of plants is not significant in most soils, as indicated by the lack of cobalt in seeds of barley, oats, and wheat grown in high-cobalt soil. However, in highly acidic soil (pH as low as 3.3), significantly higher than normal concentrations of cobalt were found in rye grass foliage, oats, and barley. For example, cobalt concentrations in rye grass grown in unlimed soil (pH<5.0) was 19.7 mg/kg compared with 1.1 mg/kg in rye grass grown in limed soil (pH>5.0). Soil and plant samples taken in the 30-km zone around Chernobyl indicated that <sup>60</sup>Co was not accumulated by plants and mushrooms. Studies investigating the uptake of <sup>60</sup>Co by tomato plants watered with <sup>60</sup>Co contaminated water showed that tomato plants absorbed <2% of the activity available from the soil.

<sup>60</sup>Co is taken up by phytoplankton and unicellular algae (*Senenastrium capricornutum*) with concentration factors (dry weight) ranging from 15,000 to 40,000 and 2,300 to 18,000, respectively. Elimination experiments with the algae indicate a two component biological half-life, 1 hour and 11 days, respectively, and suggest that the cobalt might be absorbed not only on the surface, but also intracellularly. Since these organisms are at the bottom of the food chain, they could play an important role in the trophic transfer of <sup>60</sup>Co released into waterways by nuclear facilities. However, cobalt levels generally diminish with increasing trophic levels in a food chain. The low levels of cobalt in fish may also reflect cobalt's strong binding to particles and sediment. The bioaccumulation factors (dry weight basis) for cobalt in marine and freshwater fish are ~100-4,000 and <10-1,000, respectively; accumulation in the muscle of marine fish is 5- 500.

Cobalt largely accumulates in the viscera and on the skin, as opposed to the edible parts of the fish. In carp, accumulation from water accounted for 75% of <sup>60</sup>Co accumulated from both water and food; accumulation from water and food was additive. Depuration half-lives were 53 and 87 days for fish contaminated from food and water, respectively. In the case of an accidental release of <sup>60</sup>Co into waterways, the implication is that effects would manifest themselves rapidly since the primary route of exposure is from water rather than food. Uptake of <sup>60</sup>Co was very low in whitefish, with concentrations being highest in kidney and undetectable in muscle. Similarly, while accumulation of

<sup>60</sup>Co by carp from food was dependent on food type, the transfer factor was very low, approximately 0.01, and no long-term bioaccumulation of the radionuclide occurred.

Concentration factors have also been reported for various other aquatic organisms. Freshwater mollusks have concentration factors of 100-14,000 (~1-300 in soft tissue). Much of the cobalt taken up by mollusks and crustaceae from water or sediment is adsorbed to the shell or exoskeleton; very little cobalt is generally accumulated in the edible parts. A concentration factor for <sup>60</sup>Co of 265 mL/g (wet weight) was determined for *Daphnia magna* in laboratory studies. The rapid decrease in radioactivity during the depuration phase indicated that adsorption to the surface was the major contamination process. However, the digestive glands of crustaceans, which are sometimes eaten by humans, may accumulate high levels of <sup>60</sup>Co. The shell accounted for more than half of the body burden. Among the soft tissue, the gills and viscera had the highest concentrations factors and the muscle had the lowest.

In mussels, higher absorption efficiencies and lower efflux rates were obtained for cobalamins than for inorganic cobalt, suggesting that it is a more bioavailable form of cobalt.

Vitamin B12, which contains cobalt, is synthesized by 58 species of seven genera of bacteria as well as blue-green algae and actinomycetes (mold-like bacteria). Consequently, vitamin B12 levels in marine water range from very low levels in some open ocean water to much higher levels in some coastal waters. Freshwater environments have comparable levels of vitamin B12. The high level of cobalamins in coastal water appears to be related to the occurrence of macrophytes in these areas with their high concentrations of vitamin B12. Cobalamins are released into the water when the organisms die.

Some female birds sequester metals into their eggs under certain conditions, a phenomenon that may jeopardize the developing embryos.

• DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

### Ecotoxicity

Ingredient  
hexaminecobalt(III) chloride

Persistence: Water/Soil  
HIGH

Persistence: Air

Bioaccumulation  
LOW

Mobility  
HIGH

## Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

• Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

For small quantities:

- Dissolve the material (in water or acid solution as appropriate) or convert it to a water soluble state with appropriate oxidizing agent.
- Precipitate as the sulfide, adjusting the pH to neutral to complete the precipitation.
- Filter off sulfide solids for recovery or disposal to approved land-fill.
- Destroy excess sulfide in solution with, for example, sodium hypochlorite, neutralize, and flush to sewer (subject to local regulation).
- Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult Waste Management Authority for disposal.
- Bury residue in an authorized landfill.
- Recycle containers where possible, or dispose of in an authorized landfill.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

**hexaminecobalt(III) chloride (CAS: 10534-89-1) is found on the following regulatory lists;**

"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

### LIMITED EVIDENCE

• Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.

\* (limited evidence).

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- Classification of the mixture and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:  
[www.chemwatch.net/references](http://www.chemwatch.net/references).

- The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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