



MATERIALS SAFETY DATA

EZICord

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Synonym(s): EZI CORD • JOHNEX EZICORD
Use(s): DETONATING CORD • INITIATING EXPLOSIVE CHARGE
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO ASCC CRITERIA.

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE.

UN No: 0065
DG Class: 1.1D
Subsidiary Risk(s): None Allocated
Packing Group: None Allocated
Hazchem Code: E
EPG: None Allocated

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content
PENTAERYTHRITOL TETRANITRATE (PETN)	C5-H8-N4-O12	78-11-5	100%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYE: If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

SKIN: If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

INHALATION: If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

INGESTION: For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

ADVICE TO DOCTOR: Treat symptomatically. Treat as for exposure to nitrates. May cause methemoglobinemia. PETN is a vasodilator. Maintain blood pressure by fluid administration.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FIRE AND EXPLOSION: Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Do not attempt to fight fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas. May explode from heat, pressure, friction or shock.

EXTINGUISHING: DO NOT attempt to extinguish burning explosives. Evacuate area immediately. Notify trained emergency response personnel.

FLAMMABILITY: EXPLOSIVE. Will explode under specific conditions. May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons) when heated to decomposition. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights etc. when handling. **CAUTION:** Will explode if exposed to heat or with heavy impact.

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

SPILLAGE: If cords or containers are damaged, contact emergency services where appropriate. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, eliminate all heat or ignition sources. Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. **CAUTION:** Heating, impact or static charge may cause explosion.

7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

STORAGE: Store in clean, dry magazine licensed for Explosives. Separate magazines are required for cords and explosives. Remove from direct sunlight, oxidising agents, organic materials, acids, mechanical shock, heat and ignition sources. Ensure cords are adequately labelled and protected from physical damage. Storage areas should have appropriate fire protection and ventilation systems.

HANDLING: Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE STDS: No exposure standard(s) allocated.

BIOLOGICAL LIMITS: No biological limit allocated.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical explosion proof extraction ventilation is recommended.

PPE: Wear dust-proof goggles, rubber or PVC gloves and coveralls. If entering poorly ventilated or confined areas shortly after explosions wear self contained breathing apparatus.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE: RED, GREEN, ORANGE PLASTIC COVERED CORD

SOLUBILITY (WATER): INSOLUBLE

ODOUR: ODOURLESS

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.77 (PETN)

pH: NOT AVAILABLE

% VOLATILES: 0 %

VAPOUR PRESSURE: NOT AVAILABLE

FLAMMABILITY: EXPLOSIVE

VAPOUR DENSITY: NOT AVAILABLE

FLASH POINT: NOT AVAILABLE

BOILING POINT: NOT AVAILABLE

UPPER EXPLOSION LIMIT: NOT AVAILABLE

MELTING POINT: 141.3°C (PETN)

LOWER EXPLOSION LIMIT: NOT AVAILABLE

EVAPORATION RATE: NOT AVAILABLE

DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE: > 150°C (PETN)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Avoid shock, friction, heavy impact, heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

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MATERIAL TO AVOID: Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg. hypochlorites), combustible materials, acids (eg. nitric acid), mechanical shock and heat or ignition sources. Also incompatible with alkalis.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons) when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

HEALTH HAZARD SUMMARY: Low toxicity - Highly reactive. Due to product form (cord), contact with contents is not anticipated with normal use. Avoid dust/fume inhalation after detonation. **WARNING:** May explode with shock, heat or friction.

EYE: Due to product form, exposure can only occur during detonation. Serious eye damage may result from explosive fragments.

INHALATION: Due to product form, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated with normal use. However, the testing of detonators in poorly ventilated areas may result in the generation of toxic fumes.

SKIN: Due to product form, exposure can only occur during detonation. Serious damage may result from explosive fragments.

INGESTION: Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form. However, ingestion of contents of the enclosed product may result in gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, headache, dizziness and diarrhoea.

TOXICITY DATA:

PENTAERYTHRITOL TETRANITRATE (PETN) (78-11-5)

LD50 (Ingestion): 35.5 g/kg (rat)

LDLo (Ingestion): 7 g/kg (mouse)

TDLo (Ingestion): 1669 mg/kg (man)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENT: Limited ecotoxicity data was available for this product at the time this report was prepared. Ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent this product from entering the environment.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL: Return to manufacturer or dispose of in accordance with State and Federal legislative requirements for Explosives. Contact the manufacturer for additional information.

LEGISLATION: Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

TRANSPORT: AIR TRANSPORT PROHIBITED under the international Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air passenger aircraft and cargo aircraft.

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

Shipping Name : CORD, DETONATING, flexible

UN No: 0065

DG Class: 1.1D

Subsidiary Risk(s): None Allocated

Packing Group: None Allocated

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IATA

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IMDG

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

POISON SCHEDULE: A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP).

AICS: All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

EXPLOSIVES & BLASTING AGENTS: Refer to Local State and Federal legislation that specifically relates to the use of Explosives. Users of products described in this MSDS report are advised to ensure familiarity and compliance with the appropriate legal requirements (eg. Regulations) prior to the use of this product. Where any further information is required, users may contact their local authority in Explosives and Dangerous Goods.

EXPLOSIONS: Fires involving explosives or explosive mixtures may undergo further explosions and rapid propagation. Police and emergency personnel should be notified immediately. Evacuate individuals to a safe sheltered area at least 800 metres away. If possible remove vehicles and further heat and ignition sources from the area. Do not return to areas until at least one hour after fire and explosions have ceased.

EXPLOSIONS: For further information please refer to Australian Standard 1216, for classification of explosives and Local and Federal Explosive and Dangerous Goods legislation (Act and Regulations).

EXPLOSIVES - BURNING SAFETY: (Note: disposal in a blast with fresh explosives may be preferable to burning).

- (a) Make a sawdust (or newspaper) trail 450mm wide and approx 20mm deep in the direction of the wind. The trail should be 2m longer than necessary.
- (b) Place the cartridges on the sawdust (or paper), they may be touching, but not piled on top of each other
- (c) Individual trails should be no closer than 2m and should not contain more than 12kgs of explosives.
- (d) Trails should be side by side, not in a line. No more than 4 should be set up at one time.
- (e) Remove explosives not being burnt, to at least 300m away, unless the material can be stored behind something substantial.
- (f) Thoroughly wet the trail with kerosene or diesel (never petrol or any other highly flammable liquid). Use at least 2L of fuel per 10m of trail.
- (g) Light the trail from a long rolled paper wick, place down wind and contact the 2m of trail which is not covered by explosives. The flame should blow away from the unburned explosives otherwise preheating and detonation may occur.
- (g) Use a plastic igniter if available instead of paper. Coil one end into the sawdust or under the paper and light the other end from a minimum distance of 7m away from the trail.
- (h) Move away at least 300m. Do not return for a period of at least 30mins after burning has finished.
- (i) If the fire goes out, do not approach for at least 15mins. Do not add kerosene or diesel oil unless certain that the flame is completely extinguished.
- (k) Bury the residue as it is poisonous to livestock.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ADB - Air-Dry Basis.

BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s)

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

CNS - Central Nervous System.

EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.

mg/m³ - Milligrams per cubic metre.

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.

NTP - National Toxicology Program.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).

ppm - Parts Per Million.

RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a MSDS report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this MSDS report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.