

Material Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION I - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Trade Name(s): PRIMALINE[®] SMS Salt Mine Series

Product Class: Detonator with Detonating Cord

Product Appearance & Odor: Aluminum shell detonator attached to a length of green flexible detonating cord of woven textile with a protected explosive core of PETN (white crystalline powder). Cord may have a waxed finish. No odor.

DOT Hazard Shipping Description: UN0360 Detonator assemblies, non-electric 1.1B II

NFPA Hazard Classification: Not Applicable (See Section IV - Special Fire Fighting Procedures)

SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

| Ingredients | CAS# | % | Occupational Exposure Limits | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | OSHA PEL-TWA | ACGIH TLV-TWA |
| Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN) | 78-11-5 | -----* | None ¹ | None ² |

¹ Use limit for particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR): Total dust, 15 mg/m³; respirable fraction, 5 mg/m³.

² Use limit for particulates not otherwise classified (PNOC): Inhalable particulate, 10 mg/m³; respirable part., 3 mg/m³.

Some delay periods may contain potassium perchlorate. Those that do contain between from about 4 to a maximum of about 60 mg perchlorate per detonator.

Ingredients, other than those mentioned above, as used in this product are not hazardous as defined under current Department of Labor regulations, or are present in de minimus concentrations (less than 0.1% for carcinogens, less than 1.0% for other hazardous materials).

* Detonator contains about 400 – 800 mg PETN. Core powder of detonating cord is 100% PETN, at about 1.3 grams PETN per meter of cord (6 grains/foot).

SECTION III - PHYSICAL DATA

Boiling Point: Not Applicable (PETN decomposes at melting point, about 141°C)

Vapor Pressure: Not Applicable

Percent Volatile by Volume: Not Applicable

Vapor Density: (Air = 1) Not Applicable

Solubility in Water: Insoluble.

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SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point: Not Applicable

Flammable Limits: Not Applicable

Extinguishing Media: (See Special Fire Fighting Procedures section.)

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Do not attempt to fight fires involving explosive materials. Evacuate all personnel to a predetermined safe, distant location. Allow fire to burn unless it can be fought remotely or with fixed extinguishing systems (sprinklers).

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Can explode or detonate under fire conditions. Burning or detonating material may produce toxic vapors.

SECTION V - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Effects of Overexposure

This is a packaged product that will not result in exposure to the explosive material under normal conditions of use.

Eyes: No exposure to chemical hazards anticipated with normal handling procedures. Particulates in the eye may cause irritation, redness, swelling, itching, pain and tearing.

Skin: No exposure to chemical hazards anticipated with normal handling procedures. Exposure to post-detonation reaction products may cause irritation.

Ingestion: PETN is moderately toxic if ingested. See systemic effects below.

Inhalation: Not a likely route of exposure. See systemic effects below.

Systemic or Other Effects: PETN is a known coronary vasodilator, and ingestion or inhalation may result in a lowering of blood pressure, headache or faintness, and a decreased tolerance for grain alcohol. Repeated over-exposure may result in chest pains in the absence of exposure. Systemic effects by ingestion include dermatitis.

Carcinogenicity: No constituents are listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA.

Perchlorate: Perchlorate can potentially inhibit iodide uptake by the thyroid and result in a decrease in thyroid hormone. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) has reviewed the toxicity of perchlorate and has concluded that even the most sensitive populations could ingest up to 0.7 microgram perchlorate per kilogram of body weight per day without adversely affecting health. The USEPA must establish a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for perchlorate in drinking water by 2007, and this study by NAS may result in a recommendation of about 20 ppb for the MCL.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Eye: Irrigate with running water for at least fifteen minutes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Skin: Wash thoroughly with soap and water. If skin irritation occurs, seek medical attention.

Ingestion: Seek medical attention.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Special Considerations: None.

SECTION VI - REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable under normal conditions, may explode when subjected to fire, supersonic shock or high-energy projectile impact.

Conditions to Avoid: Keep away from heat, flame, ignition sources, impact, friction, electrostatic discharge and strong shock. Do not attempt to disassemble.

Materials to Avoid (Incompatibility): Corrosives (acids and bases or alkalis).

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x), Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

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SECTION VII - SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Steps to be taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled: Protect from all ignition sources. In case of fire evacuate all personnel to a safe distant area and allow to burn or fight fire remotely. Notify authorities in accordance with emergency response procedures. Only personnel trained in emergency response should respond. If no fire danger is present, and product is undamaged and/or uncontaminated, repackage product in original packaging or other clean DOT approved container. Ensure that a complete account of product has been made and is verified. If loose explosive powder is spilled, such as from damaged detonating cord or a broken detonator, only properly qualified and authorized personnel should be involved with handling and clean-up activities. Spilled explosive powder is extremely sensitive to initiation and may detonate. Remove all other explosives from the spill area. Wet down and clean spilled powder using a damp sponge or rag, avoid applying friction or pressure to the explosive, and place in a (Velostat) electrically conductive bag. Contamination of this material with sand, grit or dirt will render the material more sensitive to detonation. Follow applicable Federal, State, and local spill reporting requirements.

Waste Disposal Method: Disposal must comply with Federal, State and local regulations. If product becomes a waste, it is potentially regulated as a hazardous waste as defined under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 40 CFR, part 261. Review disposal requirements with a person knowledgeable with applicable environmental law (RCRA) before disposing of any explosive material.

SECTION VIII - SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Ventilation: Not required for normal handling.

Respiratory Protection: None normally required.

Protective Clothing: Work gloves and work clothing that reduce the possibility of skin abrasion and that would prevent contact with spilled explosive powder is suggested.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles are recommended.

Other Precautions Required: None.

SECTION IX - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Precautions to be taken in handling and storage: Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated location. Store in compliance with Federal, State and local regulations. Only properly qualified and authorized personnel should handle and use explosives. Keep away from heat, flame, ignition sources, impact, friction, electrostatic discharge and strong shock.

Precautions to be taken during use: Use accepted safe industry practices when using explosive materials. Unintended detonation of explosives or explosive devices can cause serious injury or death. Avoid breathing the fumes or gases from detonation of explosives. Detonation in confined or unventilated areas may result in exposure to hazardous fumes or oxygen deficiency.

Other Precautions: It is recommended that users of explosive materials be familiar with the Institute of Makers of Explosives Safety Library Publications.

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SECTION X - SPECIAL INFORMATION

This product contains the following substances that are subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

| <u>Chemical Name</u> | <u>CAS Number</u> | <u>Range lbs/1000 detonators</u> |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Lead | 7439-92-1 (Use Toxic Chemical Category Code) | 0.0 - 39.4 |
| Lead Compounds | N420 | 0.3 - 1.9 |
| Barium Compounds | N040 | 0.0 - 1.8 |
| Chromium Compounds | N090 | 0.0 - 1.9 |

* The exact quantity and weight percent of Section 313 Chemicals in each delay period and cord length for this product is available upon request.

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