

Rio Tinto

Section 1. Identification

Product name : Calcined Alumina
Product code : 220
Other means of identification : Smelter grade alumina, SGA, alumina, aluminum oxide, Alumina multi-phase (AMP)
Product type : Powder.

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Material uses : Industrial applications: feedstock for the manufacture of aluminium metal and various aluminium oxide based materials e.g. tabular alumina, fused alumina, bubble alumina, sintered alumina, Spinel, Mullite, calcium aluminate cement, beta-alumina, zirconia alumina. Manufacture of ceramics, tiles, porcelain, hotel-ware, refractories, abrasives, polishing and cleaning compounds, wear parts, brake linings, electrical insulating materials, spark plugs, fillers, toothpaste, cosmetics. Media for sand blasting and heat treatment.

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For advice on chemical emergencies, spillages, fires or first aid.

Section 2. Hazard identification

Classification of the substance or mixture : Not classified.

GHS label elements

Signal word : No signal word.
Hazard statements : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

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Precautionary statements

- Prevention** : Not applicable.
Response : Not applicable.
Storage : Not applicable.
Disposal : Not applicable.

Other hazards which do not result in classification : Handling and/or processing of this material may generate a dust which can cause mechanical irritation of the eyes, skin, nose and throat.

Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/mixture : Substance

CAS number/other identifiers

- CAS number** : 1344-28-1
Product code : 220

Ingredient name	% (w/w)	CAS number
aluminium oxide	>98	1344-28-1

Any concentration shown as a range is to protect confidentiality or is due to batch variation.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

Additional information

Grades available (list subject to variation and change):

SGA, C1, AMP, AMB, APN, ATS, COPEs, M4R, XMD01, P series, A4 series, AC series, AR series, GA series, P series, PEX 2XXX series, ARZ series, AFRZ series.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Section 4. First aid measures

Description of necessary first aid measures

- Eye contact** : Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Skin contact** : Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Potential acute health effects

- Eye contact** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the eyes.
- Inhalation** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the nose, throat and lungs.
- Skin contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

- Eye contact** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:
irritation
redness
- Inhalation** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:
respiratory tract irritation
coughing
- Skin contact** : No specific data.
- Ingestion** : No specific data.

Section 4. First aid measures

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

- Notes to physician** : No specific treatment. Treat symptomatically.
- Specific treatments** : No specific treatment.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No special protection is required. See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media** : None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical : No specific fire or explosion hazard.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products : None.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Section 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- For non-emergency personnel** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Avoid breathing dust. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.
- For emergency responders** : If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

Environmental precautions : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

- Small spill** : Recycle, if possible. Waste must be disposed of according to applicable regulations.
- Large spill** : Avoid creating dusty conditions and prevent wind dispersal. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal. Waste must be disposed of according to applicable regulations. Recycle, if possible.

Section 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

- Protective measures** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing dust.
- Advice on general occupational hygiene** : Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

Section 7. Handling and storage

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store so as to avoid dust generation and dispersal.

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
aluminium oxide	<p>CA British Columbia Provincial (Canada, 5/2015). TWA: 1 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Respirable</p> <p>CA Ontario Provincial (Canada, 7/2015). TWA: 1 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Respirable fraction.</p> <p>CA Quebec Provincial (Canada, 1/2014). TWAEV: 10 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Total dust.</p> <p>CA Alberta Provincial (Canada, 4/2009). 8 hrs OEL: 10 mg/m³ 8 hours.</p> <p>CA Saskatchewan Provincial (Canada, 7/2013). STEL: 20 mg/m³ 15 minutes. TWA: 10 mg/m³ 8 hours.</p>

Appropriate engineering controls : Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Environmental exposure controls : Avoid creating dusty conditions and prevent wind dispersal.

Individual protection measures

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Eye/face protection : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields. If operating conditions cause high dust concentrations to be produced, use dust goggles.

Skin protection

Hand protection : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Body protection : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Other skin protection : Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Respiratory protection : Based on the hazard and potential for exposure, select a respirator that meets the appropriate standard or certification. Respirators must be used according to a respiratory protection program to ensure proper fitting, training, and other important aspects of use.

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Personal protective equipment (Pictograms)



Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state	: Solid. [Powder.]
Color	: White.
Odor	: Odorless.
Odor threshold	: Not applicable.
pH	: Not applicable.
Melting point	: 2072°C (3761.6°F)
Boiling point	: 2977°C (5390.6°F)
Flash point	: Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	: Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non-flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat, shocks and mechanical impacts, oxidizing materials, reducing materials, combustible materials, organic materials, metals, acids, alkalis and moisture.
Lower and upper explosive (flammable) limits	: Not available.
Vapor pressure	: Not applicable.
Vapor density	: Not available.
Bulk density	: 0.7 - 1.1 [g/cm ³]
Granulometry	: 0.5 - 100 Microns
Relative density	: 3.97
Solubility	: Insoluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: Not applicable.
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	: Not applicable.
Viscosity	: Not applicable.

Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	: No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.
Chemical stability	: The product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	: No specific data.
Incompatible materials	: None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
aluminium oxide	LD50 Intraperitoneal	Mouse	>3600 mg/kg	-

Conclusion/Summary : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Irritation/Corrosion

Conclusion/Summary

- Skin** : No significant irritation expected other than possible mechanical irritation.
Eyes : No significant irritation expected other than possible mechanical irritation.
Respiratory : No significant irritation expected other than possible mechanical irritation.

Sensitization

Conclusion/Summary

- Skin** : Non-irritant to skin.
Respiratory : Non-irritating to the respiratory system.

Mutagenicity

Conclusion/Summary : No mutagenic effect.

Carcinogenicity

Conclusion/Summary : No carcinogenic effect.

Reproductive toxicity

Conclusion/Summary : Not considered to be toxic to the reproductive system.

Teratogenicity

Conclusion/Summary : No teratogenic effect.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Name	Category	Route of exposure	Target organs
Not available.			

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Name	Category	Route of exposure	Target organs
Not available.			

Aspiration hazard

Information on the likely routes of exposure : Not available.

Potential acute health effects

- Eye contact** : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the eyes.
Inhalation : Exposure to airborne concentrations above statutory or recommended exposure limits may cause irritation of the nose, throat and lungs.
Skin contact : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Ingestion : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

- Eye contact** : Adverse symptoms may include the following:
irritation
redness
Inhalation : Adverse symptoms may include the following:
respiratory tract irritation
coughing
Skin contact : No specific data.

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Ingestion : No specific data.

Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure

Short term exposure

Potential immediate effects : Not available.

Potential delayed effects : Not available.

Long term exposure

Potential immediate effects : Not available.

Potential delayed effects : Not available.

Potential chronic health effects

Conclusion/Summary : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

General : Repeated or prolonged inhalation of dust may lead to chronic respiratory irritation.

Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Teratogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Developmental effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Fertility effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Numerical measures of toxicity

Acute toxicity estimates

Section 12. Ecological information

Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
aluminium oxide	EC50 >100 mg/l	Algae - Selenastrum capricornutum	72 hours
	EC50 >100 mg/l	Daphnia - Daphnia magna	48 hours
	EC50 >100 mg/l	Fish - Salmo trutta	96 hours

Conclusion/Summary : No acute or chronic classification is appropriate for Al metal massive based on non toxic results below the Ecotoxicity Reference Value (ERV) of tests with aluminium metal, oxide and hydroxide at loadings of 100 mg/L at pH 8-8.5 (maximum solubility of Al expected). All aluminium in soil or the aquatic environment comes from natural sources. Local sources has an insignificant contribution and impact on environment.

Persistence and degradability

Conclusion/Summary : Not readily biodegradable.

Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability
aluminium oxide	-	-	Not readily

Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP _{ow}	BCF	Potential
Not available.			

Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K_{oc}) : Not available.

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Mobility : Not mobile under normal environmental conditions. May be leached from the ground at low pH (<5.5) or high pH (>8.5)

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Recycle, if possible.

Section 14. Transport information

	TDG Classification	DOT Classification	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA
UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
UN proper shipping name	-	-	-	-	-
Transport hazard class(es)	-	-	-	-	-
Packing group	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Additional information	-	-	-	-	-

Special precautions for user : Not applicable.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code : Not applicable.

Section 15. Regulatory information

Canadian lists

Canadian NPRI : The following components are listed: Aluminum oxide (fibrous forms only)

CEPA Toxic substances : None of the components are listed.

Canada inventory : All components are listed or exempted.

International regulations

Chemical Weapon Convention List Schedules I, II & III Chemicals

Not listed.

Montreal Protocol (Annexes A, B, C, E)

Not listed.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not listed.

Rotterdam Convention on Prior Inform Consent (PIC)

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Not listed.

[UNECE Aarhus Protocol on POPs and Heavy Metals](#)

Not listed.

[International lists](#)

- Australia inventory (AICS)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- China inventory (IECSC)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- Europe inventory** : All components are listed or exempted.
- Japan inventory** : **Japan inventory (ENCS)**: All components are listed or exempted.
Japan inventory (ISHL): All components are listed or exempted.
- Korea inventory** : All components are listed or exempted.
- Malaysia Inventory (EHS Register)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- Philippines inventory (PICCS)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory (TCSI)** : All components are listed or exempted.
- Turkey** : All components are listed or exempted.
- United States** : All components are listed or exempted.

Section 16. Other information

[History](#)

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[Key to abbreviations](#)

: ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate
 BCF = Bioconcentration Factor
 GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
 IATA = International Air Transport Association
 IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container
 IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods
 IMSBC = International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code
 LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient
 MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)
 UN = United Nations

References : Not available.

[Procedure used to derive the classification](#)

Classification	Justification
Not classified.	

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