

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Cobalt

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

Signal Word **DANGER**

Pictograms



### SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Sensitization, respiratory (Category 1). May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled (H334). Avoid breathing dust or fumes (P261).

Hazard class: Carcinogenicity (Category 2). Suspected of causing cancer (H351). Obtain special instructions before use (P201). Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood (P202).

### SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Cobalt	7440-48-4	Co	58.93	

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

**If exposed or concerned:** Get medical advice or attention (P308+P313).

**If inhaled:** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340). **If experiencing respiratory symptoms:** Call a POISON CENTER or physician (P342+P311).

**If in eyes:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing.

**If on skin:** Wash with plenty of water.

**If swallowed:** Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

Finely powdered dust is flammable when exposed to heat or flame. When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes of cobalt.

**In case of fire:** Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

**NFPA CODE**  
None  
established

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Remove all ignition sources and water. Sweep up the spill, place in a sealed bag or container, and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

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**SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #1. Store with metals and metal hydrides.  
Use only in a hood or in a well-ventilated area.

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**SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Use only in a hood or in a well-ventilated area. In case of inadequate ventilation, wear respiratory protection (P285).

Exposure guidelines: (as metal dust and fume) PEL 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (OSHA); TLV 0.02 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ACGIH)

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Gray, black, metallic solid. Odorless.  
Soluble: Nitric acid. Corrodes readily in air.

Boiling point: 2897 °C  
Melting point: 1494 °C  
Specific gravity: 8.92

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Avoid contact with acids and oxidizing agents.  
Contact of cobalt dust with strong oxidizers may cause fire and explosions.  
Shelf life: Indefinite, if stored properly.

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Irritating dust, lung irritation, chest pain, and edema that may be fatal. ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 6171 mg/kg  
Chronic effects: Possible carcinogen. IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A. SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

N/A = Not applicable

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-158-0), RCRA code D001.

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**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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Consult your copy of the *Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual* for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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