

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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#### Cobalt

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

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### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Cobalt

CAS#: 7440-48-4

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### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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Gray, black, metallic solid. Odorless.

Cobalt is a possible carcinogen as a fume or dust (IARC-2B).

Dust is mildly toxic by ingestion or inhalation. Inhalation of dust may cause pulmonary damage.

Finely powdered dust is flammable when exposed to heat or flame.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-3

Flammability-0

Reactivity-1

Exposure-3

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

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### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

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Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Give large quantities of water. Call a physician or poison control at once.

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### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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Nonflammable solid.

Finely powdered dust is flammable when exposed to heat or flame.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use a triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

#### NFPA CODE

None

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### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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Restrict unprotected personnel from the area. 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 and dispense in a hood.

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### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and a chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (OSHA)

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Gray, black, metallic solid. Odorless.

Solubility: Soluble in nitric acid. Corrodes readily in air.

Formula: Co

Formula Weight: 58.93

Specific Gravity: 8.92

Boiling Point: 2897 °C

Melting Point: 1494 °C

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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.

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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.

Chronic effects: Possible carcinogen.

Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 6170 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub> 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 consult with state and local regulations.

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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