

# Safety Data Sheet

## Volcanic Ash



### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Volcanic Ash  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** Mount St. Helens Ash  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**GHS Classification:**

**Other Safety Precautions:** May cause irritation.  
May cause gastrointestinal discomfort.  
May cause irritation to respiratory tract.  
Non-Hazardous under normal use.

**Acute Toxicity Oral Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Dermal Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Gas Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Vapor Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity  
**Acute Toxicity Inhalation Dust/Mist Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Ash composition can vary widely from sample to sample.	N/A	100

Published data indicated that Mount St. Helens ash can contain the following:  
Sodium Silicates  
Calcium Silicates  
Aluminum Silicates  
Crystalline Free Silica (Cristabolite and Quartz)  
Greater than 90% of the ash particles are less than 10 microns in diameter.

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**  
**Inhalation:** In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.  
**Eyes:** In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
**Skin Contact:** After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.  
**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use media suitable to extinguish surrounding fire.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** None Known

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Hazardous Combustion Products: None Known

## Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

### Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:

No health affects expected from the clean-up of this material if contact can be avoided. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this (M)SDS. Ventilate the contaminated area. Keep upwind of the spilled material and isolate exposure. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water. Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a disposal container. Wash area with soap and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place in a disposable container. Do not allow the spilled product to enter public drainage system or open waterways.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Avoid creating and inhaling dust.  
**Storage:** Suitable for any general chemical storage.  
**Storage Code:** Green - general chemical storage

## Section 8 Protection Information

Chemical Name	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
	(TWA)	(STEL)	(TWA)	(STEL)
No data available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Control Parameters

#### Engineering Measures:

No exposure limits exist for the constituents of this product. General room ventilation might be required to maintain operator comfort under normal conditions of use.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

#### Respiratory Protection:

No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use. Respiratory protection may be required in addition to ventilation depending upon conditions of use. Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

#### Eye Protection:

#### Skin Protection:

Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

#### Gloves:

Natural rubber, Neoprene, PVC or equivalent.

## Section 9 Physical Data

**Formula:** See Section 3  
**Molecular Weight:** N/A  
**Appearance:** Grey Black Powder  
**Odor:** No data available  
**Odor Threshold:** No data available  
**pH:** No data available  
**Melting Point:** No data available  
**Boiling Point:** No data available  
**Flash Point:** No data available  
**Flammable Limits in Air:** N/A

**Vapor Pressure:** N/A  
**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):** N/A  
**Vapor Density (Air=1):** N/A  
**Specific Gravity:** N/A  
**Solubility in Water:** Practically Insoluble  
**Log Pow (calculated):** No data available  
**Autoignition Temperature:** No data available  
**Decomposition Temperature:** No data available  
**Viscosity:** No data available  
**Percent Volatile by Volume:** N/A

## Section 10 Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available  
**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** None known.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Strong alkalis, Strong acids, Strong oxidizing agents  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None Known  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11 Toxicity Data

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**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** Respiratory disorders  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

## Acute Toxicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
No data available	N/A	Not determined	Not determined	Not determined

## Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
No data available	N/A	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

## Chronic Effects:

**Mutagenicity:** No evidence of a mutagenic effect.  
**Teratogenicity:** No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).  
**Sensitization:** No evidence of a sensitization effect.  
**Reproductive:** No evidence of negative reproductive effects.

## Target Organ Effects:

**Acute:** See Section 2  
**Chronic:** To the best of our knowledge, the toxicological properties of this mixture have not been thoroughly evaluated.

## Section 12 Ecological Data

**Overview:** This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology. Keep out of waterways.  
**Mobility:** No data  
**Persistence:** No data  
**Bioaccumulation:** No data  
**Degradability:** No data  
**Other Adverse Effects:** No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
N/A	N/A	

## Section 13 Disposal Information

**Disposal Methods:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.  
**Waste Disposal Code(s):** Not Determined

## Section 14 Transport Information

**Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Not Regulated  
**Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:** Not regulated for air transport by IATA.

## Section 15 Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:** A component (or components) of this product is not listed on the TSCA Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances. Product is for research and development use only.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
No data available	N/A	No	No	No	No	No

## Section 16 Additional Information

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## Glossary

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health