Material Safety Data Sheet
Zinc oxide

ACC# 25490

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Zinc oxide  
**Catalog Numbers:** AC194890000, AC194890010, AC315790000, AC315790250, AC422740000, AC422740010, AC422740050, Z50-12, Z50-212, Z50-500, Z52-10, Z52-500  
**Synonyms:** Zinc white; Chinese white; C.I. Pigment White 4; C.I. 77947  
**Company Identification:**  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call:** 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white or yellow-white solid.

**Caution!** May cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. Inhalation of fumes may cause metal-fume fever. The toxicological properties of this material have not been fully investigated.  
**Target Organs:** No data found.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Eye:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation.

**Skin:** Prolonged and/or repeated contact may cause irritation and/or dermatitis.

**Ingestion:** May cause gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Moderately toxic to humans by ingestion. The toxicological properties of this substance have not been fully investigated.

**Inhalation:** Effects may be delayed. May cause respiratory tract irritation. Inhalation of fumes may cause metal fume fever, which is characterized by flu-like symptoms with metallic taste, fever, chills, cough, weakness, chest pain, muscle pain and increased white blood cell count. The toxicological properties of this substance have not been fully investigated. Can produce delayed pulmonary edema. Zinc oxide dust is considered to be of low toxicity and is classified as a nuisance particulate by the ACGIH. However,
inhalation fumes or very fine dust may causes "zinc fume fever", which is characterized by flu-like symptoms with metallic taste, coughing, weakness, fatigue, muscular pain, and nausea, followed by fever and chills. Onset of symptoms occurs about 4-12 hours after exposure.

**Chronic:** Effects may be delayed.

### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.

**Skin:** Get medical aid. Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid. Do NOT induce vomiting. If conscious and alert, rinse mouth and drink 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water.

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid. Do NOT use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing has ceased apply artificial respiration using oxygen and a suitable mechanical device such as a bag and a mask.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Material will not burn.

**Extinguishing Media:** Substance is noncombustible; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 1; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

### Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash clothing before reuse. Avoid breathing dust.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from
incompatible substances.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Use process enclosure, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

**Exposure Limits**

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<td>2 mg/m³ TWA (respirable fraction); 10 mg/m³ STEL (respirable fraction)</td>
<td>5 mg/m³ TWA (dust and fume) 500 mg/m³ IDLH</td>
<td>5 mg/m³ TWA (fume); 15 mg/m³ TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m³ TWA (respirable fraction)</td>
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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Zinc oxide: 5 mg/m³ TWA (fume); 10 mg/m³ TWA (total dust); 5 mg/m³ TWA (respirable fraction)

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA’s eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to minimize contact with skin.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA’s 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** white or yellow-white

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 1975 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** Sublimes.

**Solubility:** Negligible in water

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 5.6

**Molecular Formula:** ZnO

**Molecular Weight:** 81.37

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity
**Chemical Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Dust generation.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Magnesium, chlorinated rubber.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Toxic fumes of zinc oxide.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported.

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**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**RTECS#:**
- CAS# 1314-13-2: ZH4810000; ZH4817000

**LD50/LC50:**
- CAS# 1314-13-2:
  - Draize test, rabbit, eye: 500 mg/24H Mild;
  - Draize test, rabbit, skin: 500 mg/24H Mild;
  - Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 2500 mg/m3;
  - Oral, mouse: LD50 = 7950 mg/kg;

**Carcinogenicity:**
- CAS# 1314-13-2: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** No information found

**Teratogenicity:** No information found

**Reproductive Effects:** No information found

**Mutagenicity:** No information found

**Neurotoxicity:** No information found

**Other Studies:**

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**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

**Ecotoxicity:** No data available. No information available.

**Environmental:** No information available.

**Physical:** Testing of aquatic toxicity is not meaningful as solubility is poor.

**Other:** After exposing rainbow trout to zinc for a period of 30 days in river water, it was concluded that zinc accumulates in the gills, liver, kidney and opercular bone, but not the muscle.

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**Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.

**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.
Section 14 - Transport Information

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Section 15 - Regulatory Information

US FEDERAL

TSCA
- CAS# 1314-13-2 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
- None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
- None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
- None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
- None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
- None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
- None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes
- CAS # 1314-13-2: immediate.

Section 313
- This material contains Zinc oxide (listed as Zinc compounds), >99%, (CAS# 1314-13-2) which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR Part 373.

Clean Air Act:
- This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
- This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
- This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA. CAS# 1314-13-2 is listed as a Toxic Pollutant under the Clean Water Act.

OSHA:
- None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
- CAS# 1314-13-2 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

**European/International Regulations**
**European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives**

**Hazard Symbols:**
N

**Risk Phrases:**
R 50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**Safety Phrases:**
S 60 This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
S 61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions /safety data sheets.

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**
CAS# 1314-13-2: 0

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**
CAS# 1314-13-2 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**
not available.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**
CAS# 1314-13-2 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

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**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 12/12/1997
**Revision #10 Date:** 10/08/2008

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