

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier ZRC-221 Cold Galvanizing Compound

Other means of identification

Product code 50003

Recommended use Paint. Industrial coating.

Recommended restrictions None known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Hazards for the product as sold

Physical hazards Flammable liquids Category 3

Hazards for the product as sold

Health hazards Sensitization, skin Category 1
Carcinogenicity Category 2
Reproductive toxicity Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure Category 1 (central nervous system)

Hazards for the product as sold

Environmental hazards Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute hazard Category 1
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term hazard Category 1

Hazards for the product as sold

OSHA defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement Flammable liquid and vapor. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Suspected of causing cancer. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs (central nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure. Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Do not breathe mist/vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response

If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Collect spillage. In case of fire: Use water fog, foam, dry chemical powder, dry sand, carbon dioxide (CO₂) to extinguish.

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up.

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)

No additional hazards are known to be associated with the expected conditions of use at the time of publication. This document does not address hazards that may arise from uses not reasonably anticipated by the manufacturer.

Supplemental information

None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Zinc	7440-66-6	75 - 85
Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-	98-56-6	5 - 10
Distillates (petroleum), hydrotreated light	64742-47-8	1 - 5
Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph.	64742-88-7	1 - 5
Zinc oxide	1314-13-2	2 - 3
Nonane	111-84-2	0.1 - 1

Composition comments

All concentrations are in percent by weight unless otherwise indicated. Components not listed are either non-health-hazardous or are below reportable limits. The manufacturer has claimed the exact percentage as trade secret under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation

Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash skin with soap and water. In case of eczema or other skin disorders: Seek medical attention and take along these instructions.

Eye contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Narcosis. Behavioral changes. Decrease in motor functions. Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Dermatitis. Rash. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Thermal burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

General information

Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Dry sand. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed such as: Carbon oxides. Metal oxides.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	Flammable liquid and vapor.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist/vapors. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
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Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas.

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal. Wipe up with absorbent material. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions	Avoid release to the environment. Inform appropriate managerial or supervisory personnel of all environmental releases. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.
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7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not handle, store or open near an open flame, sources of heat or sources of ignition. Protect material from direct sunlight. Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment. Do not breathe mist/vapors. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Pregnant or breastfeeding women must not handle this product. Persons susceptible to allergic reactions should not handle this product. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
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Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities Store locked up. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph. (CAS 64742-88-7)	PEL	400 mg/m ³	
		100 ppm	
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)	PEL	5 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
		5 mg/m ³	Fume.
		15 mg/m ³	Total dust.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)	TWA	200 ppm	
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)	STEL	10 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.
	TWA	2 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.

NIOSH. Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) Values, as amended

Components	Type	Value
Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph. (CAS 64742-88-7)	IDLH	1000 ppm
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)	IDLH	500 mg/m ³

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value	Form
Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)	TWA	1050 mg/m ³	
		200 ppm	
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)	Ceiling	15 mg/m ³	Dust.
	STEL	10 mg/m ³	Fume.
	TWA	5 mg/m ³	Fume.
		5 mg/m ³	Dust.

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Wear face shield if there is risk of splashes.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Be aware that the liquid may penetrate the gloves. Frequent change is advisable. Incidental contact: Glove material: Nitrile. Use gloves with breakthrough time of 60 minutes. Minimum glove thickness: 0.1 mm. Other suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

Skin protection

Other

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. Use of an impervious apron is recommended.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. In the United States of America, if respirators are used, a program should be instituted to assure compliance with OSHA Standard 1910.134.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Observe any medical surveillance requirements. When using do not smoke. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid.
Form	Liquid.
Color	Gray.
Odor	Hydrocarbon.
Odor threshold	Property has not been measured.
Melting point/freezing point	Property has not been measured.
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	> 291.2 - < 404.6 °F (> 144 - < 207 °C)
Flammability	Flammable liquid.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - lower (%)	0.9 %
Explosive limit - upper (%)	7 %
Flash point	109.4 °F (43 °C) Setafash
Auto-ignition temperature	Property has not been measured.
Decomposition temperature	Property has not been measured.
pH	Property has not been measured.
Kinematic viscosity	Property has not been measured.
Solubility	
Solubility (water)	Slightly soluble in water.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not applicable, product is a mixture.
Vapor pressure	Property has not been measured.
Density and/or relative density	
Density	3.15 g/cm ³
Relative density	3.15 (H ₂ O=1)
Vapor density	> 1 (25°C / 77°F)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable, material is a liquid.
Other information	
Bulk density	26 lb/gal
Evaporation rate	< 1 (n-Butyl acetate=1)
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
Viscosity	1800 mPa·s (25°C / 77°F)
VOC	221 g/l (1.8 lb/gal)

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point. Protect against direct sunlight. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Decomposition is not expected under normal conditions of use and storage. Fire or high temperatures create: Carbon oxides. Fumes of metal oxides. Chlorine compounds. Fluorine compounds.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Eye contact	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
Ingestion	May cause discomfort if swallowed.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Narcosis. Behavioral changes. Decrease in motor functions. Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Dermatitis. Rash. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Not expected to be acutely toxic.

Components	Species	Test Results
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Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph. (CAS 64742-88-7)

Acute

Dermal

LD50	Rabbit	> 2000 mg/kg
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Inhalation

dust/mist

LC50	Rat	> 5.28 mg/l, 4 hours
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Oral

LD50	Rat	> 5000 mg/kg
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Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)

Acute

Oral

LD50	Mouse	> 5 g/kg
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Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)

Acute

Inhalation

LC50	Mouse	> 5.7 mg/l, 4 Hours
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Oral

LD50	Rat	> 5000 mg/kg
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Skin corrosion/irritation Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

Carcinogenicity Suspected of causing cancer.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)- (CAS 98-56-6) 2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans.

NTP Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs (central nervous system) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.
Chronic effects	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.
Further information	No other specific acute or chronic health impact noted.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Components	Species	Test Results
Distillates (petroleum), hydrotreated light (CAS 64742-47-8)		
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Fish	LC50	Rainbow trout,donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)
		2.9 mg/l, 96 hours
Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph. (CAS 64742-88-7)		
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Algae	EL50	Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata
		3.1 mg/l, 72 Hours
	NOELR	Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata
		0.5 mg/l, 72 Hours
Crustacea	EL50	Daphnia magna
		1.4 mg/l, 48 Hours
Fish	LL50	Oncorhynchus mykiss
		2 - 5 mg/l, 96 Hours
<i>Chronic</i>		
Crustacea	NOELR	Daphnia magna
		0.48 mg/l, 21 d
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)		
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Crustacea	EC50	Daphnia magna
		0.07 mg/l
Fish	LC50	Oncorhynchus mykiss
		0.14 mg/l

Persistence and degradability The product contains inorganic compounds which are not biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)- (CAS 98-56-6) 3.6

Mobility in soil The product is slightly soluble in water. Expected to be slightly to moderately mobile in soil.

Other adverse effects The product contains volatile organic compounds which have a photochemical ozone creation potential.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Incinerate the material under controlled conditions in an approved incinerator. Do not incinerate sealed containers. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code D001: Waste Flammable material with a flash point <140 F
The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products Dispose in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner.

Contaminated packaging Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN1263
UN proper shipping name	Paint
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	3
Subsidiary hazard	-
Label(s)	3
Packing group	III
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	Yes
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

IATA

UN number	UN1263
UN proper shipping name	Paint
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	3
Subsidiary hazard	-
Label(s)	3
Packing group	III
Environmental hazards	Yes
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

IMDG

UN number	UN1263
UN proper shipping name	Paint
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	3
Subsidiary hazard	-
Packing group	III
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	Yes
EmS	F-E, S-E
Special precautions for user	Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) All components of the mixture on the TSCA 8(b) inventory are designated "active".

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)	1.0 % Subject to One-Time Reporting Requirements (Per Country)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)	1.0 % Subject to Annual Reporting Requirements (Per Country)

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Distillates (petroleum), hydrotreated light (CAS 64742-47-8)
Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)
Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph. (CAS 64742-88-7)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Classified hazard categories Flammable (gases, aerosols, liquids, or solids)
Respiratory or skin sensitization
Carcinogenicity
Reproductive toxicity
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Chemical name	CAS number	% by wt.
Zinc	7440-66-6	75 - 85
Zinc oxide	1314-13-2	2 - 3

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Contains component(s) regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

US state regulations

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)- (CAS 98-56-6)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)- (CAS 98-56-6)
Distillates (petroleum), hydrotreated light (CAS 64742-47-8)
Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)
Solvent naphtha (petroleum), medium aliph. (CAS 64742-88-7)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)

US. Rhode Island RTK

Nonane (CAS 111-84-2)
Zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)
Zinc oxide (CAS 1314-13-2)

California Proposition 65



WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

Benzene, 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)- (CAS 98-56-6) Listed: June 28, 2018
Ethylbenzene (CAS 100-41-4) Listed: June 11, 2004

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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NFPA ratings



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