

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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Calcium Hydride, Grade B

CAS-No. 7789-78-8

EC-No. 232-189-2

Molecular Formula CaH_2

Product Number 455120

APPLICATION

Calcium hydride is used primarily as a source of hydrogen, as a drying agent for liquids and gases, and as a reducing agent for metal oxides.

SPECIFICATION

Ca total	min. 92 %
H	min. 980 ml/g CaH_2
Mg	max. 0.8 %
N	max. 0.2 %
Al	max. 0.01 %
Cl	max. 0.5 %
Fe	max. 0.01 %

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Calcium complexometric, impurities by spectral analysis and special analytical procedures. Gas volumetric determination of hydrogen. Produces with water approx. 1,010 ml hydrogen per gram.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance powder
Color gray white

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Melting point/ range	816.0 °C
Decomposition temperature	600 °C
Density	ca. 1.9 g/cm ³ at 20.0 °C
Water solubility	(Not applicable)
Molecular weight	42.10 g/mol
Grain Size	approx. 1 - 20 mm, contains up to 15 % fines

HANDLING & STORAGE

Handling	Flammable solid. Contact with water liberates highly flammable gases! Calcium hydride decomposes partially and reversibly at temperatures above 600 °C. Calcium hydride is insoluble in most organic solvents. Upon direct contact with water Calcium hydroxide [Ca(OH) ₂] and pure hydrogen gas are produced in a violent reaction and self-ignition is possible. One kg of CaH ₂ liberates approx. 1 m ³ of hydrogen. Avoid contact with water and with skin. Wear protective goggles and gloves and avoid formation of dust. In case of fire cover with dry sand, calcined soda or quicklime. Never use water, carbon dioxide, or halocarbon extinguisher. Should be handled with minimal exposure to humid air.
Storage	Store in airtight containers away from open flame.

TRANSPORT & PACKAGING

UN number 1404

ADR	Class: 4.3	PG: I	Label: 4.3
RID	Class: 4.3	PG: I	Label: 4.3
IMDG	Class: 4.3	PG: I	Label: 4.3
IATA_C	Class: 4.3	PG: I	Packing instruction (cargo aircraft): 487
IATA_P	Class: 4.3	PG: I	

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Hazard pictograms



Signal Word	Danger
H&P Phrases	See Safety Data Sheet
Labelling	The labelling is according to EU-GHS classification ((EG) 1272/2008) and may vary in other countries. Please refer to the respective Safety Data Sheet for your country.

Packaging

GGVE, GGVS, RID, ADR, IMDG: HDPE-bottle wide neck, max. 5 kg

ICAO: HDPE-bottle wide neck, max. 1 kg

OTHER INFORMATION

Further Related Documents	Safety Data Sheet
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Remarks

More Information about the Application Area of Calcium Hydride

Hydrogen Generation

Calcium hydride serves as a convenient source of clean, though wet, hydrogen, by reaction with water in simple, low cost, lightweight generators. One pound of calcium hydride yields 17 cubic feet of hydrogen at S.T.P. By reaction with water, calcium hydride generates twice the amount of hydrogen as expected from its empirical formula according to the following reaction: $\text{CaH}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ca(OH)}_2 + 2\text{H}_2$

This property is most useful in energy storage applications.

Drying Agent

Calcium hydride dries gases and liquids by irreversible reaction with water according to the equation shown above. By this reaction, 7 kg of CaH₂ will remove 6 kg of water. Please keep in mind: 7 kg of CaH₂ generate approx. 7 m³ of hydrogen when mixed with two equivalents of water.

Typical Industrial Drying with Calcium Hydride

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Contact Temp. (Time)</u>	<u>Water (ppm)</u>
Hydrogen			
Gas	Fixed Bed	60 °C (for 1 min.)	initial 100 ppm - final 1 ppm
Argon			
Gas	Fixed Bed	30 °C (for 1 min.)	initial 5000 ppm - final 1 ppm
Hydrocarbon			
Gas	Fixed Bed	30 °C (for 0.2 min.)	initial 40 ppm - final 1 ppm
Liquid	Fixed Bed	30 °C (for 30 min.)	initial 200 ppm - final 1 ppm
Ether			
Liquid	Stirred Tank	30 °C (for 240 min.)	initial 400 ppm - final 1 ppm

Because of potentially dangerous reactions, CaH₂ is not recommended for drying chlorinated or fluorinated carbon compounds.

Reducing Agent

At high temperatures, CaH₂ reduces refractory oxides to the metals.

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