

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to 1907/2006/EC (REACH), 1272/2008/EC (CLP), and OSHA GHS

## AvCarb™ Gas Diffusion Substrates

### Section 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY

**Product Name:** AvCarb™ Carbon Fiber Paper  
**Chemical Formula:** Mixture  
**Synonyms:** GDL, Gas Diffusion Layer/Material  
**Part No.:** P50, P75, EP40, MGL 190, MGL 280, MGL 370, and Felts  
**Manufacturer:** AvCarb Material Solutions  
**Address:** 2 Industrial Ave, Lowell, MA, 01851  
**Emergency Phone #:** Spill, Leak, Fire, Exposure, or Accident  
Call CHEMTREC Day or Night -- Within USA and Canada:  
1-800-424-9300 CCN709142 or  
+1 703-527-3887 (collect calls accepted)

**Person Responsible for Preparation:** AMS EH&S  
**Preparation/Revision Date:** 7/2/15  
**Applications:** Fuel Cell Material

### Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture classification according to Regulation (EC) N01272/2008: The substance is not classified according to CLP regulation
- 2.2 Label element, labeling according Regulation (EC) N01272/2008: Not Applicable  
Signal Word: Not Applicable

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

Black carbonized substrate with no odour

**WARNING!** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when fighting fires in confined locations. In the event of fire, use water spray, alcohol resistant foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**INHALATION:** Inhalation of dust may occur during material handling operations. Breathing dust may cause mild respiratory irritation and/or difficulty in breathing.

**INGESTION:** No adverse effects expected. May cause mild irritation to the gastrointestinal tract.

**SKIN:** Not expected to be a health hazard due to skin exposure. May cause mild skin irritation and redness.

**EYES:** May cause eye mild irritation, including watering and redness.

**CHRONIC EFFECTS:** May cause skin irritation. Prolonged inhalation of excessive dust may produce pulmonary disorders.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** IARC: Not Listed NTP: Not Listed OSHA: Not Regulated

**ROUTES OF ENTRY:** Inhalation (breathing). Eye and skin contact.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Medical conditions aggravated: Allergies, eczema, and skin conditions.

### Section 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENT NAME	CAS NO.	CONTENTS	EPA RQ	TPQ
Carbon	7440-44-0	>99%	N/A	N/A

### Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>INHALATION:</b>	Move the exposed person to fresh air at. Provide fresh air, warmth and rest, preferably in a comfortable upright sitting position. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.
<b>INGESTION:</b>	Give water to drink to dilute. If large amounts of dust are swallowed seek medical attention
<b>SKIN:</b>	Not expected to require first aid measures. Wash affected areas with large amounts of running water and soap, if available for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Seek medical advice if irritation develops. Wash contaminated clothing and shoes before reuse.
<b>EYES:</b>	Immediately rinse eyes with running water. Remove any contact lenses and continue flushing with running water for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyelids apart to ensure rinsing of the entire surface of the eyes and lids with water. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

### Section 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT:** Not Determined                      **METHOD:** N/A

**EXTINGUISHER MEDIA:** Fire can be extinguished using: water spray, fog, or mist; alcohol resistant foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN CASE OF FIRE:**

As in any fire, wear NIOSH approved, positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus, and full protective gear.

### Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Based on the material's physical properties, accidental releases are not expected. Pick up material in such a manner that does not generate dust. Use PPE identified in Section 8 and review Fire Fighting Measures before proceeding with clean up. Warning! Material may absorb hazardous materials.

### Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**USAGE PRECAUTIONS:** Wear appropriate protective equipment (See Section 8). Wash thoroughly after handling material.

**STORAGE PRECAUTIONS:** Store in a cool, dry ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Keep away from moisture and oxidizers.

## Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

### PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:



### AIRBORNE EXPOSURE LIMITS

#### OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL):

Carbon – total particulate 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA), respirable fraction - 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA)

#### ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV)

Graphite - (all forms except graphite fibers) – 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA)

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Use engineering controls to minimize generation of airborne particulate during material handling and processing operations.

### VENTILATION:

Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation to keep employee exposures below the airborne exposure limits. Local ventilation is preferred since it can control emissions at the source, preventing dispersion into the general work area.

### RESPIRATORS:

In conditions where high concentrations of airborne material are present (inadequate ventilation), wear a respirator that has been selected by a technically qualified person for the specific work conditions. For emergencies, use a full-face positive pressure, supplied air respirator.

### SKIN PROTECTION:

Wear rubber gloves (natural, latex) and clean body-covering clothing.

### EYE PROTECTION:

Wear approved safety glasses or safety goggles.

### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:

Wear appropriate gloves and long sleeved clothing when working with this material.

### HYGIENIC WORK PRACTICES:

Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking, or using the lavatory. Launder clothing separate from other clothing.

## Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	Thin black substrate	<b>COLOR:</b>	Black
<b>ODOUR/TASTE:</b>	Odourless	<b>% VOLATILE:</b>	0%
<b>SOLUBILITY:</b>	Insoluble in water or organic Solvents	<b>FLASH POINT:</b>	N/A
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY:</b>	Not Determined	<b>VAPOR PRESSURE:</b>	N/A
<b>BURNING RATE:</b>	Not Determined	<b>VAPOR DENSITY:</b>	N/A
<b>MELTING POINT:</b>	3,550C (6,422F)	<b>BOILING POINT:</b>	Sublimes
<b>UEL:</b>	N/A	<b>LEL:</b>	N/A

## Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Stable Under ordinary conditions of storage and use.  
**CONDITIONS TO AVOIS:** Moisture and incompatibles.  
**INCOMPATIBLEIES:** Strong Oxidizers such as ozone, chlorine, permanganate may result in rapid combustion. Avoid contact with strong acids.  
**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Involvement in a fire causes electrically conductive airborne particulate, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

## Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ingredient Identification	NTP Carcinogen		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Carbon (7440-44-0)	No	No	None

## Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** Not regulated as dangerous for the environment

## Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL METHODS:** Processing, use, or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. Dispose of in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements (state and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations).

## Section 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**PROPER SHIPPING DESCRIPTION:** Not Regulated  
**U.S. DOT, UN/NA NO.:** Not Regulated  
**CANADIAN TRANSPORT:** Not Regulated  
**TDGR CLASS:** Not Regulated  
**TDGR LABEL:** Not Regulated