

**Thorlabs Product: SG10 –Vacuum Grease Silicone Lubricant**  
**Vendor Name: Dow Corning**  
**Vendor Product Name: Dow Corning® High Vacuum Grease**

# Safety Data Sheet

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## DOW CORNING(R) HIGH VACUUM GREASE

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : DOW CORNING(R) HIGH VACUUM GREASE

Product code : 000000000001018817

**Manufacturer or supplier's details**

Company name of supplier : Dow Corning Corporation

Address : South Saginaw Road  
Midland Michigan 48686

Telephone : (989) 496-6000

Emergency telephone : 24 Hour Emergency Telephone : (989) 496-5900  
CHEMTREC : (800) 424-9300**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

Recommended use : Lubricants and lubricant additives

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS Classification**

Reproductive toxicity : Category 2

**GHS Label element**

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Warning

Hazard Statements : H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

**Storage:**  
P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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**Other hazards**

None known.

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture : Mixture  
Chemical nature : Silicone compound

**Hazardous ingredients**

Chemical Name	CAS-No.	Concentration (%)
Silicon dioxide	7631-86-9	$\geq 5$ - $< 10$
Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane	556-67-2	$\geq 0.1$ - $< 1$

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

In case of skin contact : Wash with water and soap as a precaution.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Protection of first-aiders : No special precautions are necessary for first aid responders.

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.

**SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Alcohol-resistant foam  
Dry chemical  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.

Hazardous combustion prod- : Carbon oxides

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| ucts   | Silicon oxides<br>Formaldehyde<br>Boron oxides  |
| Specific extinguishing methods                 | : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.<br>Use water spray to cool unopened containers.<br>Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so.<br>Evacuate area. |
| Special protective equipment for fire-fighters | : Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.<br>Use personal protective equipment.  |

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures | : Follow safe handling advice and personal protective equipment recommendations.  |
| Environmental precautions   | : Discharge into the environment must be avoided.<br>Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.<br>Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.<br>Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.   |
| Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up               | : Soak up with inert absorbent material.<br>For large spills, provide diking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If diked material can be pumped, store recovered material in appropriate container.<br>Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absorbent.<br>Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable.<br>Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements. |

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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| Technical measures          | : See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.   |
| Local/Total ventilation     | : Use only with adequate ventilation.   |
| Advice on safe handling     | : Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.<br>Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment. |
| Conditions for safe storage | : Keep in properly labeled containers.  |

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Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.

Materials to avoid : Do not store with the following product types:  
Strong oxidizing agents

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Ingredients	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Silicon dioxide	7631-86-9	TWA (Dust)	20 Million particles per cubic foot (Silica)	OSHA Z-3
		TWA (Dust)	80 mg/m <sup>3</sup> / %SiO <sub>2</sub> (Silica)	OSHA Z-3
		TWA	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Silica)	NIOSH REL
Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane	556-67-2	TWA	10 ppm	DCC OEL

**Engineering measures** : Processing may form hazardous compounds (see section 10).  
Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.  
Minimize workplace exposure concentrations.

## Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : No personal respiratory protective equipment normally required.

Hand protection

Remarks : Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

Eye protection : Wear the following personal protective equipment:  
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Skin should be washed after contact.

Hygiene measures : Ensure that eye flushing systems and safety showers are located close to the working place.  
When using do not eat, drink or smoke.  
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.  
These precautions are for room temperature handling. Use at elevated temperature or aerosol/spray applications may require added precautions.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : Grease

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Color	: white, translucent
Odor	: none
Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: Not applicable
Melting point/freezing point	: No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	: Not applicable
Flash point	: > 300 °C Method: closed cup
Evaporation rate	: Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not classified as a flammability hazard
Upper explosion limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: Not applicable
Relative vapor density	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.1
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity Viscosity, kinematic	: 2,000,000 cSt
Explosive properties	: Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	: The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Molecular weight	: No data available

**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity	: Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
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Chemical stability : Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Use at elevated temperatures may form highly hazardous compounds.  
Can react with strong oxidizing agents.  
Hazardous decomposition products will be formed at elevated temperatures.

Conditions to avoid : None known.

Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products  
Thermal decomposition : Formaldehyde

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Information on likely routes of exposure**

Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

**Acute toxicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Ingredients:****Silicon dioxide:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 3,300 mg/kg  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute oral toxicity  
Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 2.08 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute inhalation toxicity  
Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

Acute dermal toxicity : LD50 (Rabbit): > 5,000 mg/kg  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute dermal toxicity  
Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

**Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 4,800 mg/kg  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute oral toxicity  
Remarks: Based on test data

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Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): 2975 ppm  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: vapor  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute inhalation toxicity  
Remarks: Based on test data

Acute dermal toxicity : LD50 (Rabbit): > 2.5 ml/kg  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute dermal toxicity  
Remarks: Based on test data

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Ingredients:****Silicon dioxide:**

Result: No skin irritation

Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

**Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Species: Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation

Remarks: Based on test data

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Ingredients:****Silicon dioxide:**

Result: No eye irritation

Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

**Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Species: Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation

Remarks: Based on test data

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Skin sensitization: Not classified based on available information.

Respiratory sensitization: Not classified based on available information.

**Ingredients:****Silicon dioxide:**

Assessment: Does not cause skin sensitization.

Test Type: Skin: test type not specified

Species: Guinea pig

Remarks: No known sensitising effect.

Information taken from reference works and the literature.

**Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Assessment: Does not cause skin sensitization.

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Test Type: Maximization Test (GPMT)  
Species: Guinea pig  
Remarks: Based on test data

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Ingredients:****Silicon dioxide:**

Genotoxicity in vitro : Result: negative  
Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

Genotoxicity in vivo : Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Information taken from reference works and the literature.

Germ cell mutagenicity - Assessment : Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects.

**Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

: Test Type: Mutagenicity (in vitro mammalian cytogenetic test)  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

: Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

: Test Type: In vitro sister chromatid exchange assay in mammalian cells  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

: Test Type: DNA damage and repair, unscheduled DNA synthesis in mammalian cells (in vitro)  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay)  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: inhalation (vapor)  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

Test Type: Rodent dominant lethal test (germ cell) (in vivo)  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion

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Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on test data

Germ cell mutagenicity - Assessment : Animal testing did not show any mutagenic effects.

**Carcinogenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**IARC**

No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA**

No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**NTP**

No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

**Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Effects on fertility : Test Type: Two-generation reproduction toxicity study  
Species: Rat, male and female  
Application Route: inhalation (vapor)  
Symptoms: Effects on fertility.  
Remarks: Based on test data

Effects on fetal development : Test Type: Prenatal development toxicity study (teratogenicity)  
Species: Rabbit  
Application Route: inhalation (vapor)  
Symptoms: No effects on fetal development.  
Remarks: Based on test data

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment : Some evidence of adverse effects on sexual function and fertility, based on animal experiments.

**STOT-single exposure**

Not classified based on available information.

**STOT-repeated exposure**

Not classified based on available information.

**Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Routes of exposure: Ingestion

Assessment: No significant health effects observed in animals at concentrations of 100 mg/kg bw or less.

Routes of exposure: inhalation (vapor)

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Assessment: No significant health effects observed in animals at concentrations of 1 mg/l/6h/d or less.

Routes of exposure: Skin contact

Assessment: No significant health effects observed in animals at concentrations of 200 mg/kg bw or less.

**Repeated dose toxicity****Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Species: Rat

Application Route: Ingestion

Remarks: Based on test data

Species: Rat

Application Route: inhalation (vapor)

Remarks: Based on test data

Species: Rabbit

Application Route: Skin contact

Remarks: Based on test data

**Aspiration toxicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Further information****Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Remarks: Results from a 2 year repeated vapor inhalation exposure study to rats of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4) indicate effects (benign uterine adenomas) in the uterus of female animals. This finding occurred at the highest exposure dose (700 ppm) only. Studies to date have not demonstrated if these effects occur through pathways that are relevant to humans. Based on the available information on its potential to cause harm to human health, Health Canada, in a 2008 screening assessment, has concluded that octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane is not entering the environment in a quantity or concentration or under conditions that constitute or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health (<http://www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=En&n=2481B508-1>). Repeated exposure in rats to D4 resulted in protoporphyrin accumulation in the liver. Without knowledge of the specific mechanism leading to the protoporphyrin accumulation the relevance of this finding to humans is unknown.

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity****Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): > 0.022 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.

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- Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia sp.): > 0.015 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.
- Toxicity to algae : EC50: > 0.022 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.
- NOEC: 0.022 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.
- Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): >= 0.0044 mg/l  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.
- Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 0.0079 mg/l  
Exposure time: 21 d  
Remarks: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.
- Toxicity to bacteria : IC50: > 10,000 mg/l  
Method: ISO 8192
- Ecotoxicology Assessment  
Chronic aquatic toxicity : May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

**Persistence and degradability****Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

- Biodegradability : Result: Not readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 3.7 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 310
- Stability in water : Degradation half life: 69.3 - 144 h (24.6 °C) pH: 7  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 111

**Bioaccumulative potential****Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 6.48 (25.1 °C)

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**Other adverse effects****Ingredients:****Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane:**

- Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Remarks: Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4) meets the current REACH Annex XIII criteria for PBT and vPvB. In Canada,

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D4 has been assessed and deemed to meet the PiT criteria. However, D4 does not behave similarly to known PBT/vPvB substances. The weight of scientific evidence from field studies shows that D4 is not biomagnifying in aquatic and terrestrial food webs. D4 in air will degrade by reaction with naturally occurring hydroxyl radicals in the atmosphere. Any D4 in air that does not degrade by reaction with hydroxyl radicals is not expected to deposit from the air to water, to land, or to living organisms.

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal methods**

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) : This product has been evaluated for RCRA characteristics and does not meet the criteria of hazardous waste if discarded in its purchased form.

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Dispose of as unused product.  
Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**International Regulation****UNRTDG**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**IATA-DGR**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**IMDG-Code**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

**Domestic regulation****49 CFR**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know****CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

**SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

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- SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Chronic Health Hazard
- SARA 302** : No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.
- SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**US State Regulations****Pennsylvania Right To Know**

Dimethyl siloxane, trimethylsiloxy-terminated	63148-62-9	70 - 90 %
Silicon dioxide	7631-86-9	5 - 10 %
Silicone Metalloid Complex	Proprietary Ingredient	5 - 10 %

**New Jersey Right To Know**

Dimethyl siloxane, trimethylsiloxy-terminated	63148-62-9	70 - 90 %
Silicon dioxide	7631-86-9	5 - 10 %
Silicone Metalloid Complex	Proprietary Ingredient	5 - 10 %

- California Prop 65** This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

**The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

- KECI** : All ingredients listed, exempt or notified.
- REACH** : All ingredients (pre-)registered or exempt.
- TSCA** : All chemical substances in this material are included on or exempted from listing on the TSCA Inventory of Chemical Substances.
- AICS** : All ingredients listed or exempt.
- IECSC** : All ingredients listed or exempt.
- ENCS/ISHL** : All components are listed on ENCS/ISHL or exempted from inventory listing.
- PICCS** : All ingredients listed or exempt.
- DSL** : This product contains one or more substances which are not on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL). Import of this product into Canada has volume limitations. For volume limits please consult Dow Corning Regulatory Compliance.
- NZIoC** : All ingredients listed or exempt.

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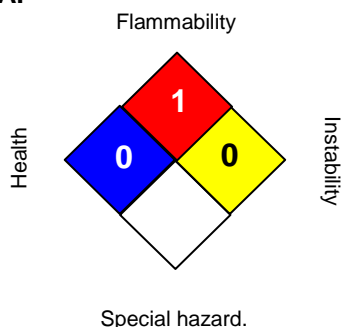
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**Inventories**

AICS (Australia), DSL (Canada), IECSC (China), REACH (European Union), ENCS (Japan), ISHL (Japan), KECI (Korea), NZIoC (New Zealand), PICCS (Philippines), TCSI (Taiwan), TSCA (USA)

**Registration: Trade Secret**

Component	Registration number
Silicone Metalloid Complex	NJ TSNR 14962700-8475P

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information****NFPA:****HMIS III:**

<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>0*</b>
<b>FLAMMABILITY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PHYSICAL HAZARD</b>	<b>0</b>

0 = not significant, 1 = Slight,  
 2 = Moderate, 3 = High  
 4 = Extreme, \* = Chronic

**Full text of other abbreviations**

DCC OEL : Dow Corning Guide  
 NIOSH REL : USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits  
 OSHA Z-3 : USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts  
 DCC OEL / TWA : Time weighted average  
 NIOSH REL / TWA : Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek  
 OSHA Z-3 / TWA : 8-hour time weighted average

Sources of key data used to compile the Material Safety Data Sheet : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

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