

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 2905  
**SRM Name:** Trace Terrorist Explosives Simulants  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is a surrogate for explosives residues and is intended for use in evaluating analytical equipment used for the detection of trace explosives. SRM 2905 consists of four non-explosive materials prepared from inert particles having a diameter of approximately 20  $\mu\text{m}$  to 30  $\mu\text{m}$  that are coated with trace levels of explosives. A unit of SRM 2905 consists of four individual plastic squeeze bottles each containing approximately 1 g of the trace particulate explosives materials.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements**

**Symbol:** No symbol/No pictogram

**Signal Word:** No signal word

**Hazard Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

**Substance:** Amorphous synthetic silica gel

**Other Designations:** Silica, gel, precipitated, crystalline-free

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Amorphous synthetic silica gel	112926-00-8	not available	99.9

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### Description of First Aid Measures:

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** May cause irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek medical attention if needed.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Negligible fire hazard. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

### Extinguishing Media:

Suitable: Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** None listed.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 1

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Avoid generating dust. Clean up residue with a high-efficiency particulate filter vacuum.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Minimize dust generation. The use of a particle filter mask is recommended. See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (See Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity"). See the Certificate of Analysis for storage information.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Exposure Limits:

OSHA (PEL): (80)/(% SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2) mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
20 mppcf

ACGIH (TLV): No occupational exposure limits available.

NIOSH (REL): No occupational exposure limits available.

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### Descriptive Properties

<b>Appearance</b> (physical state, color, etc.):	colorless to white solid powder;
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	SiO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol):</b>	60.08
<b>Odor:</b>	odorless
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	not available
<b>pH (solution):</b>	2.3 to 7.4
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	not available
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b>	1710 °C (3110 °F)
<b>Relative Density as Specific Gravity</b> (water=1) :	2.1
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>	not available
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	not available
<b>Viscosity (cP):</b>	not available
<b>Solubility(ies):</b>	insoluble in water; soluble in hydrofluoric acid and hot fixed alkali hydroxide solution
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	not available
<b>Particle Size:</b>	not available

### Thermal Stability Properties

<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>	not available
<b>Thermal Decomposition:</b>	not available
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range:</b>	2230 °C (4046 °F)
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):</b>	not available
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):</b>	not available
<b>Flash Point:</b>	not available
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	not available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**  Stable  Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid generating dust.

**Incompatible Materials:** Halogens, acids, metals, metal salts, metal oxides, oxidizing materials, combustible materials.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce crystalline silica.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**  Will Occur  Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**  Inhalation  Skin  Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** Exposure may cause irritation.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** Exposure to high concentrations may cause drying and irritation of mucous membranes of the nose and throat, coughing and possibly nose bleeds. Pulmonary effects of long-term exposure may vary based on the form of the natural or synthetic amorphous silica.

**Skin Contact:** Exposure may cause irritation. Repeated or long-term exposure may cause drying and abrasive effects.

**Eye Contact:** Particles may cause immediate irritation.

**Ingestion:** No information available on significant adverse effects.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified; no data available.

**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:** Not classified; no data available.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**  Yes  No

Amorphous synthetic silica gel is by IARC as Group 3, not classifiable and is not listed by NTP or OSHA as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified; no data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. Regulations:**

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: No.  
CHRONIC HEALTH: No.  
FIRE: No.  
REACTIVE: No.  
PRESSURE: No.

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:**

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Key of Acronyms:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
CEN	European Committee for Standardization	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CPSU	Coal Mine Dust Personal Sample Unit	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	TDLo	Toxic Dose Low
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
		WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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