



# Material Safety Data Sheet

The Dow Chemical Company

**Product Name:** DOWFLAKE\* 77-80% Calcium Chloride (50 LB Bag)

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The Dow Chemical Company encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

## 1. Product and Company Identification

### Product Name

DOWFLAKE\* 77-80% Calcium Chloride (50 LB Bag)

### COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

The Dow Chemical Company  
2030 Willard H. Dow Center  
Midland, MI 48674  
USA

Customer Information Number:

800-258-2436

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

24-Hour Emergency Contact:

989-636-4400

## 2. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**Color:** White

**Physical State:** Flakes

**Odor:** Odorless

**Hazards of product:**

WARNING! Causes eye irritation. May cause skin irritation. May be harmful if swallowed.

### OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

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

### Potential Health Effects

**Eye Contact:** For dust: May cause severe eye irritation. May cause corneal injury. Effects may be slow to heal.

**Skin Contact:** Brief contact is essentially nonirritating to skin. Prolonged contact may cause skin irritation, even a burn. Not classified as corrosive to the skin according to DOT guidelines. May cause more severe response if skin is damp. May cause more severe response if skin is abraded (scratched or cut). May cause more severe response on covered skin (under clothing, gloves).

\* Indicates a Trademark

**Skin Absorption:** Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts.  
**Inhalation:** Dust may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat). Vapors are unlikely due to physical properties.  
**Ingestion:** Low toxicity if swallowed. Small amounts swallowed incidentally as a result of normal handling operations are not likely to cause injury; however, swallowing larger amounts may cause injury. Swallowing may result in gastrointestinal irritation or ulceration.  
**Effects of Repeated Exposure:** The data presented are for the following material: Potassium chloride. In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs after ingestion: Gastrointestinal tract. Heart. Kidney. Dose levels producing these effects were many times higher than any dose levels expected from exposure due to use.

### 3. Composition Information

Component	CAS #	Amount
Calcium chloride	10043-52-4	> 77.0 %
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	2.5 %
Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	1.5 %
Water	7732-18-5	< 19.0 %

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with water; remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue flushing eyes for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention without delay, preferably from an ophthalmologist.  
**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with plenty of water.  
**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air; if effects occur, consult a physician.  
**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Give one cup (8 ounces or 240 ml) of water or milk if available and transport to a medical facility. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.  
**Notes to Physician:** Due to irritant properties, swallowing may result in burns/ulceration of mouth, stomach and lower gastrointestinal tract with subsequent stricture. Aspiration of vomitus may cause lung injury. Suggest endotracheal/esophageal control if lavage is done. If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** This material does not burn. If exposed to fire from another source, use suitable extinguishing agent for that fire.  
**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. This material does not burn. Fight fire for other material that is burning. Water should be applied in large quantities as fine spray.  
**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). Avoid contact with this material during fire fighting operations. If contact is likely, change to full chemical resistant fire fighting clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus. If this is not available, wear full chemical resistant clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus and fight fire from a remote location. For protective equipment in post-fire or non-fire clean-up situations, refer to the relevant sections.  
**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Heat is generated when product mixes with water.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Not applicable.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:** Small and large spills: Contain spilled material if possible. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. Flush residue with plenty of water. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** Isolate area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection. Refer to Section 7, Handling, for additional precautionary measures.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

**General Handling:** Heat developed during diluting or dissolving is very high. Use cool water when diluting or dissolving (temperature less than 80°F, 27°C). Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Do not swallow. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed. See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

### Storage

Store in a dry place. Protect from atmospheric moisture.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Exposure Limits

Component	List	Type	Value
Calcium chloride	Dow IHG	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Personal Protection

**Eye/Face Protection:** Use safety glasses. For dusty operations or when handling solutions of the material, wear chemical goggles.

**Skin Protection:** Wear clean, body-covering clothing.

**Hand protection:** Use gloves chemically resistant to this material. If hands are cut or scratched, use gloves chemically resistant to this material even for brief exposures. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Neoprene. Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl"). Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR"). NOTICE: The selection of a specific glove for a particular application and duration of use in a workplace should also take into account all relevant workplace factors such as, but not limited to: Other chemicals which may be handled, physical requirements (cut/puncture protection, dexterity, thermal protection), potential body reactions to glove materials, as well as the instructions/specifications provided by the glove supplier.

**Respiratory Protection:** Atmospheric levels should be maintained below the exposure guideline. When respiratory protection is required for certain operations, use an approved air-purifying respirator. In dusty or misty atmospheres, use an approved particulate respirator. The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Particulate filter.

**Ingestion:** Use good personal hygiene. Do not consume or store food in the work area. Wash hands before smoking or eating.

### Engineering Controls

**Ventilation:** Provide general and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne levels below the exposure guidelines.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	Flakes
Color	White
Odor	Odorless
Flash Point - Closed Cup	Not applicable
Flammable Limits In Air	<b>Lower:</b> Not applicable <b>Upper:</b> Not applicable
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable
Vapor Pressure	1.0 mmHg @ 25 °C <i>Literature</i>
Boiling Point (760 mmHg)	Not applicable
Vapor Density (air = 1)	Not applicable
Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1)	Not applicable
Bulk Density	51 - 60 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> <i>Estimated</i>
Freezing Point	Not applicable
Melting Point	174 °C (345 °F) <i>Literature (Approx.)</i>
Solubility in Water (by weight)	readily soluble
pH	Not applicable
Kinematic Viscosity	Not applicable

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### Stability/Instability

Stable. Hygroscopic.

**Conditions to Avoid:** None known. Avoid moisture.

**Incompatible Materials:** Heat is generated when mixed with water. Spattering and boiling can occur. Avoid contact with: Sulfuric acid. Corrosive when wet. Flammable hydrogen may be generated from contact with metals such as: Zinc. Sodium.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

### Thermal Decomposition

Does not decompose.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Ingestion

|| For the major component(s): LD50, Rat 900 - 2,100 mg/kg

#### Skin Absorption

|| For the major component(s): LD50, Rabbit > 5,000 mg/kg

### Repeated Dose Toxicity

|| The data presented are for the following material: Potassium chloride. In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs after ingestion: Gastrointestinal tract. Heart. Kidney. Dose levels producing these effects were many times higher than any dose levels expected from exposure due to use.

### Developmental Toxicity

|| For the major component(s): Did not cause birth defects or any other fetal effects in laboratory animals.

### Genetic Toxicology

The data presented are for the following material: Calcium chloride or CaCl<sub>2</sub>. In vitro genetic toxicity studies were negative. The data presented are for the following material Potassium chloride. In vitro genetic toxicity studies were positive. However, the relevance of this to humans is unknown.

## 12. Ecological Information

### CHEMICAL FATE

Data for Component: Calcium chloride

#### Movement & Partitioning

No bioconcentration is expected because of the relatively high water solubility. Partitioning from water to n-octanol is not applicable.

#### Persistence and Degradability

Biodegradation is not applicable.

Data for Component: Potassium chloride

#### Movement & Partitioning

Partitioning from water to n-octanol is not applicable.

#### Persistence and Degradability

Biodegradation is not applicable.

Data for Component: Sodium chloride

#### Movement & Partitioning

No bioconcentration is expected because of the relatively high water solubility. Potential for mobility in soil is very high (Koc between 0 and 50). Partitioning from water to n-octanol is not applicable.

#### Persistence and Degradability

Biodegradation is not applicable.

### ECOTOXICITY

Data for Component: Calcium chloride

Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC<sub>50</sub>/EC<sub>50</sub> >100 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested).

#### Fish Acute & Prolonged Toxicity

LC<sub>50</sub>, bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*): 8,350 - 10,650 mg/l

#### Aquatic Invertebrate Acute Toxicity

LC<sub>50</sub>, water flea *Daphnia magna*: 759 - 3,005 mg/l

#### Toxicity to Micro-organisms

EC<sub>50</sub>; activated sludge, respiration inhibition: > 1,000 mg/l

Data for Component: Potassium chloride

Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC<sub>50</sub>/EC<sub>50</sub> >100 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested).

#### Fish Acute & Prolonged Toxicity

LC<sub>50</sub>, rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), 96 h: 4,236 mg/l

#### Aquatic Invertebrate Acute Toxicity

EC<sub>50</sub>, water flea *Daphnia magna*, 24 h, immobilization: 590 mg/l

Data for Component: Sodium chloride

Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC<sub>50</sub>/EC<sub>50</sub> >100 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested).

#### Fish Acute & Prolonged Toxicity

- || LC50, fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas): 10,610 mg/l  
**Aquatic Invertebrate Acute Toxicity**
- || LC50, water flea Daphnia magna: 4,571 mg/l  
**Toxicity to Micro-organisms**
- || IC50, OECD 209 Test; activated sludge, respiration inhibition: > 1,000 mg/l

### 13. Disposal Considerations

All disposal practices must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. DOW HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION: Composition Information. FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: Reclaimer. Landfill. Waste water treatment system. As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customer Information Group at 1-800-258-2436 or 1-989-832-1556 (U.S.), or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada) for further details.

### 14. Transport Information

|| DOT Non-Bulk  
NOT REGULATED

|| DOT Bulk  
NOT REGULATED

|| IMDG  
NOT REGULATED

|| ICAO/IATA  
NOT REGULATED

*This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.*

### 15. Regulatory Information

#### OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

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

#### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Sections 311 and 312

Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard	Yes
Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Section 313**

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

**Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Hazardous Substances List and/or Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance List:**

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

**Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substances List:**

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

**California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)**

This product contains no listed substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, at levels which would require a warning under the statute.

**US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

**16. Other Information**

**Recommended Uses and Restrictions**

Snow and ice melting. Dust Control For industrial use.

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**Legend**

N/A	Not available
W/W	Weight/Weight
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.
DOW IHG	Dow Industrial Hygiene Guideline
WEEL	Workplace Environmental Exposure Level
HAZ_DES	Hazard Designation

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