

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
**GENERAL ORGANICS DIAMONDBLACK®**

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**SECTION 1. MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Name:** General Organics DiamondBlack®

**Chemical Family:** Alkali

**General Use:** An auxiliary soil and plant substance

**Manufactured by:** GH Inc., 3789 Vine Hill Road, Sebastopol CA 95472  
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International 703-527-3887 (collect calls accepted)

**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Ingredients:** DiamondBlack's® ingredients and the chemical identity of the compounds and their exact proportions used in the mixture are a trade secret. It does not contain toxic chemicals in concentrations subject to the reporting requirements of OSHA or section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and CFR Part 372.

**Exposure Limits:** No limits are established for exposure to constituents of aqueous solutions of DiamondBlack®.

**SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**\*\*\* Emergency Overview \*\*\***

**As part of good industrial and personal hygiene and safety procedure,  
avoid all unnecessary exposure to the chemical substance and ensure  
prompt removal from skin, eyes and clothing**

**Potential Health Effects**

**Primary Entry Routes:** Ingestion, inhalation, skin, eyes.

**Target Organs:** Mucous membrane of the respiratory system, eyes, and skin.

**Acute Effects**

- **Ingestion:** Irritation and possible burns to gastrointestinal system.
- **Inhalation:** Irritation and possible burn of mucous membranes.
- **Eye:** Severe burns.
- **Skin:** Severe irritation and burns.

**Carcinogenicity:** IARC, NTP, and OSHA do not list components as carcinogens.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Long- Term Exposure:** Pre-existing skin disorders

**Chronic Effects:** Same as acute

**Other:** None

## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Ingestion:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. Dilute the alkali by feeding water or milk, and seek immediate medical help.

**Inhalation:** Remove exposed person to fresh air and support breathing, if necessary. Consult a physician as soon as possible.

**Eye Contact:** Do not allow victim to rub or keep eyes tightly shut. Gently lift eyelids and flush immediately and continuously with flooding amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician or ophthalmologist if pain or irritation develops.

**Skin Contact:** Wash exposed area with mild soap and water. For reddened or blistered skin, consult a physician.

**After first aid:** Get appropriate community medical support.

## **SECTION 5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA**

**Flammability Classification:** Not flammable

**Burning Rate:** Not combustible

**Extinguishing Media:** Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Fire Fighting Equipment:** Because fire may produce toxic thermal decomposition products, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full-face piece.

## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Spill/Leak Procedures:** Spills should be wiped up with absorbent towels, or mopped up carefully and held for reclamation or disposal.

**Regulatory Requirements:** Avoid infiltration of the undiluted product into drains, surface water, groundwater, and soil.

## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Handling Precautions:** Avoid contact with skin and eyes, inhalation of aerosols and ingestion. Wear an appropriate NIOSH-approved respirator for protection where airborne concentrations are excessive. Respirator usage must be in accordance with OSHA requirements (29 CFR 1910.134).

**Storage Requirements:** Store as a corrosive in tightly closed containers away from acids in a ventilated area.

**Regulatory Requirements:** Follow applicable OSHA regulations.

## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Engineering Controls:** Provide general or local exhaust ventilation systems to maintain airborne concentrations as low as possible.

**Administrative Controls:** Avoid inhalation, ingestion, skin and eye contact..

**Respiratory Protection:** If this product is used as directed, respiratory protection is not required. Seek professional advice prior to respirator selection and use. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and, if necessary, wear a MSHA/ NIOSH-approved respirator. If respirators are used, OSHA requires a written respiratory protection program that includes, at least: medical certification, training, fit testing, periodic environmental monitoring, maintenance, inspection, cleaning, and convenient, sanitary storage areas.

**Eye Protection:** When handling protective eyewear or goggles should be worn per OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.134). Contact lenses pose a special hazard. Soft lenses may absorb irritants, and all contact lenses concentrate irritants. Particles may adhere to contact lenses and cause corneal damage.

**Protective Clothing:** Wear impervious protective clothing when the possibility of skin or clothing contamination may exist.

**Safety Stations:** Eye wash stations, quick drench showers, and washing facilities should be readily accessible to workers handling large quantities.

**Contaminated Equipment:** Remove this material from shoes and equipment. Launder contaminated clothing before wearing.

**Comments:** Never eat, drink, or smoke in work areas. Practice good personal hygiene after using this product, especially before eating drinking, smoking, using the toilet, or applying cosmetics.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical State:** Aqueous solution

**Specific Gravity:** 1.07 ± .06

**Appearance and Odor:** Black with little odor

**pH:** 10.05 ± 0.5

**Odor Threshold Range:** Unknown

**Vapor Pressure:** Unknown

**Water Solubility:** Soluble

**Other Solubilities:** Unknown

**Boiling Point:** 100° C

**Freezing Point:** -1° C

**Viscosity:** Unknown

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers, under normal storage and handling conditions

**Polymerization:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Chemical Incompatibilities:** Acids, metals (aluminum, zinc, tin), organics, nitrocarbons and halocarbons.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Contact with incompatibles

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** N/A

## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Not believed to be toxic

## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity:** Unknown

**Environmental Fate:** Not expected to be significant

**Environmental Degradation:** Unknown

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Disposal:** Follow Federal, State, and Local regulations.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

**DOT Transportation Data (49 CFR 172.101):** Ingredients not listed

## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**EPA Regulations:** Not listed

## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

General Organics DiamondBlack® is a plant nutrition product. Information assembled for this Material Safety Data Sheet is for the use of this product as intended by the manufacturer. Users should take all precautions recommended herein while working with this product.

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