



**SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
Michael Harding Artist Watercolours  
Colors Containing Hazardous Compounds

**1. Identification of the Preparation and of The Company**

Product Name and/or code: Michael Harding Artist Watercolour  
Effective Date: 9-Nov-22  
Manufacturer: Michael Harding Art Formulas Ltd  
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Emergency Contact: Poison Control Center 800-822-1222 (USA)  
Product Use: **ART MATERIAL - CONSUMER PRODUCT.** Artist professional products, pigment dispersions and mediums. For application with brush to a substrate. Not intended for spray application, sanding, or other operations which generate dust or airborne concentrations.

**2. Hazards Identification**

**Emergency Overview**

**Warning! Harmful if swallowed. Harmful or fatal if ingested. May cause skin irritation and allergic reaction.**

Classification of the Product:

**Label Elements**

Hazard Pictograms

Conforms to ASTM D-4236



GHS08



GHS07



GHS09

Signal Word

**WARNING!**

Hazard Statement

Colors containing Cadmium and Cadmium compounds (Pigment mixture): Cancer hazard. Dried film of this paint may be harmful if eaten or chewed. Harmful if swallowed.

Colors containing Cobalt and Cobalt compounds (Pigment mixture): Cancer hazard. Dried film of this paint maybe harmful if eaten or chewed. Harmful if ingested.

Colors containing Nickel and Nickel compounds (Pigment mixture): May cause skin irritation and allergic reaction.

Colors containing Lead and Lead compounds (Pigment mixture): Cancer and developmental hazard. Dried film of this paint may be harmful if eaten or chewed.

Precaution Statement:

Do not ingest. Do not expose to direct flame. Handle with care. Avoid eye and skin contact. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat or smoke while using this product. Wear gloves. Use with adequate ventilation.

Children's Statement

**KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

NFPA

Health: 3 --> Cadmium, Lead. 2 --> Cobalt, Chromium, Nickel.

Flammability: 0

Reactivity : 0

HMIS

Health : 2



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Flammability: 0  
Physical Hazard: 0

**Studies have not been performed on this particular mixture. The information below is based on data on the individual hazardous ingredient.**

**Cadmium Compounds:** May cause cancer (H330); Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure (H372); Suspected of causing genetic effects (H341); Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child (H361); May cause respiratory irritation (H335); Toxic if swallowed (H301); Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects (H410).

**Cobalt Compounds:** May cause cancer by inhalation (H350); May cause an allergic reaction (H317); May cause an allergic or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled (H334); May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life (H413).

**Nickel Compounds :** Suspected of causing cancer (H351); May cause an allergic reaction (H317); May cause an allergic or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled (H334); Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects (H412).

**Lead Compounds:** May cause cancer (H330); May cause harm to breast-fed children (H362); May damage fertility or the unborn child (H360FD); Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure (H372); Suspected of causing genetic effects (H341); Toxic if swallowed (H301); Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled (H302+H332); Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects (H410).

Obtain special instructions before use. (P201)

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. (P201)

**3. Composition/Information on Ingredients:**

**Substances:**

Mixture of the following chemicals:

- Proprietary Ingredients (Mixture ) < 99%
- Proprietary Pigment (Mixture) < 30%
- Proprietary Cobalt Pigment (Mixture) < 55%
- Proprietary Cadmium Pigment (Mixture) < 60 %
- Proprietary Nickel Pigment (Mixture) < 20%
- Lead (Mixture) - Trace levels

**4. First Aid Measures**

**Inhalation** If affected, remove to fresh air. If symptoms persists, contact a physician. May cause an allergic or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled, if symptoms persist, contact a physician.

**Skin Contact** Wash the affected area thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. May cause an allergic reaction, if symptoms persist, contact a physician.

**Eye Contact** Carefully flush with water for 15 minutes, lifting the upper and lower lids until no evidence of product remains. If irritation occurs, contact a physician.

**Ingestion** Do not induce vomiting. Contact a physician immediately. Rinse mouth with water. Ingested cadmium or nickel may lead to spontaneous vomiting.

**5. Firefighting Measures**

**Extinguishing Media** Water, foam, carbon dioxide or dry chemical equipment.



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Fire/Explosion Hazards This product is not known to present any fire hazard.  
 Flashpoint/Flammability This product is not known to be flammable.

**6. Accidental Release Measures**

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning up Contain spill. Recover as much as possible. Absorb remainder with an inert material. Place into closed container and store in a safe location to await disposal. Wash the spill area with soap and water.

**7. Handling and Storage**

Safe Handling Use under ventilated conditions. Avoid eye and skin contact. For personal protection, we recommend that employees wash thoroughly after handling product. Always wash before eating, smoking or using toilet facilities. Keep container closed when not in use. **Keep container upright to prevent leakage.**

Environmental precautions No product should be released to the environment. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep container upright to prevent leakage.

Storage Keep the product in a cool dry ventilated area. Keep away from fire and heating sources. Store between 50-100 deg. F., ideally 70 deg. F.

**8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

Personal Protective Equipment Wear goggles where spills or splashing may occur. Wear water resistant impervious gloves if handling bulk amounts.

Exposure Limits

Substance	OSHA PEL	NIOSH REL	ACGHI TLV
	8 hr TWA	Up to 10-hour TWA	8-hour TWA
	<i>(ST) STEL (c) Ceiling</i>		
Cadmium Dust	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ; 0.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> <i>(Acceptable Ceiling)</i>	*IDHL : None established; NIOSH considers cadmium compounds to be potential occupational carcinogens as defined by the OSHA carcinogen policy [29 CFR 1990].	Refer to Cadmium
Cadmium Fume	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ; 0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> <i>(Acceptable Ceiling)</i>		
Cadmium compounds	0.005 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Cobalt Metal Dust and Fume	0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (IHL)
Nickel, Soluble compounds	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ca 0.0015 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Soluble inorganic compounds: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (IHL)
Lead inorganic	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>



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Respiratory and Ventilation	Wear approved NIOSH/MSHA respirator if exposure to mist or vapor exceed applicable PEL/TLV limits. Use in accordance with manufacturer's use limitations and OSHA STANDARD 1910-34. Local ventilation may be used to prevent routine inhalation.
Skin Protection	Wear water resistant impervious gloves if handling bulk amounts.
Eye Protection	Wear goggles where spills or splashing may occur.

**9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

Appearance	Paste - Various Colors
Physical State	Thick liquid
Color	Various
Odor	Not determined
Odor Threshold	Not determined
Boiling Point	Not determined
Freezing Point	Not determined
State (pH)	Not determined
Specific Gravity	Not determined
Viscosity	Paste
Flashpoint	Not flammable
Vapor Pressure	Not applicable
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Solubility in water	Miscible

**10. Stability and Reactivity**

Reactivity:	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Chemical Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid creating or accumulating dusts. Keep away from direct sunlight. Avoid high temperatures.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents; acids.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	May give off toxic fumes in case of fire, including lead fumes. Decomposition products depend on conditions.

**11. Toxicological Information**

*Analytical Studies have not been performed on this particular mixture (all colors). The information below is based on data and toxicological review on the individual hazardous ingredients, proprietary ingredients and mode of application.*

When used and handled according to specifications, the product does not have any harmful effects.

Health Effects	Dried film of this paint may be harmful if eaten or chewed.
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*Acute Toxicity - The toxicity values listed below are based on published literature values for the pure components.*

Acute Toxicity	None known for this mixture. Cadmium - Oral: LD50 (Rat): 225 mg/kg LD50 (Mouse): 890 mg/kg  Cadmium - Dermal: Not Available Cadmium - Inhalation: LC50 (Rat): 25 mg/kg - 30 mins Cobalt - Oral: LD50 (Rat): 6,170 mg/kg
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	<p>Cobalt - Dermal: Not Available Cobalt - Inhalation: LC50 (Rat): 10 mg/kg - 1 hour Nickel - Oral: LD50 (Rat): 9,000 mg/kg Nickel - Dermal: Not Available Nickel - Inhalation: Not Available Lead - Oral: LD50 (Rat): 56 mg/kg LD50 Lead - Dermal: Not Available Lead - Inhalation: LC50 (Rat): 100 mg/m<sup>3</sup></p>
Eye Effects	<p>This product is not considered as being an eye irritant. Direct contact with eye may cause mild eye irritation. This product is not a primary eye irritant.</p> <p><i>Pigment mixture compounds: May cause irritation or redness.</i></p>
Skin Effects	<p>Direct contact with skin may result in little or no irritation. Prolonged contact with skin may cause an allergic reaction. This product is not a primary skin irritant.</p> <p><i>Pigment mixture compounds: Prolonged contact may cause irritation or redness.</i></p>
Inhalation	<p>May cause mild respiratory irritation at higher temperatures.</p> <p><i>Pigment mixture compounds: Overexposure or prolonged exposure may be harmful.</i></p>
Sensitization	<p>Not likely to occur.</p>
Ingestion	<p>Harmful if swallowed. May cause irritation of mouth, throat, and stomach. May result in nausea and vomiting.</p>
Chronic Effects	<p><b>When used and handled according to specifications, the product does not have any harmful effects. None known or reported by the manufacturer.</b></p> <p><b><u>Cadmium compounds</u></b> Known to be human carcinogen Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans A2: Suspected human carcinogen Listed</p> <p><b><u>Cobalt compounds</u></b> Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen Group 2B: Possible carcinogenic to humans A3: Confirmed animal carcinogen Listed</p> <p><b><u>Nickel compounds</u></b> Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen Group 2B: Possible carcinogenic to humans Not listed Listed</p> <p><b><u>Lead compounds</u></b> 3 - Reasonably anticipated to be Human Carcinogen. Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans.</p>
<u>NTP</u>	
<u>IARC</u>	
<u>ACGIH</u>	
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OSHA

Category 1B

**12. Ecological Information**

Toxicity:	Not expected to be harmful to the environment. No product should be released to the environment. It is not expected to have significant environmental effects. No significant effects on aquatic organisms are expected.
Aquatic toxicity	No information available for this mixture.
Persistence and degradability	No information available for this mixture.
Bioaccumulate potential	No information available for this mixture.
Mobility in soil	No information available for this mixture.
Persistent, Bioaccumulate and Toxic (PBT)	No information available for this mixture.
Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulate (vPvB)	No information available for this mixture.
Additional ecological information	As a general rule, no product should be released to the environment. The product should not be allowed to enter drains, water courses, or be deposited where it can affect ground or surface water.

***When used and handled according to specifications, the product does not have any harmful effects according to past experience and the information provided.***

**13. Disposal Considerations**

Dispose of all waste material in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations for the disposal of aqueous polymer waste. Outside North America, all relevant national and local legislation must be complied with.

**14. Transport Information**

**Art Material - CONSUMER PRODUCT**

Based on the generic category of some of the components listed in section 3, a hazardous categorization could be applied to this mixture. However, per the information supplied by the manufacturer, the component pigment mixtures used in these paints are not classifiable as dangerous goods under transport regulations.

<b>DOT</b>	Not classified as dangerous goods under transport regulations
<b>IMDG</b>	Not classified as dangerous goods under transport regulations
<b>ICAO/IATA</b>	Not classified as dangerous goods under transport regulations

**15. Regulatory Information**

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture.

SARA	Not applicable to this mixture.
Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances)	Not applicable to this mixture.
Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listing)	Not applicable to this mixture.
TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act)	All ingredients are listed.



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**California Proposition 65**

**⚠ WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including cadmium compounds, cobalt compounds, nickel compounds, lead compounds and additional trace heavy metals, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

Carcinogenicity categories  
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)  
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health)  
OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

Refer to section 11.  
Not applicable to this mixture.  
Not applicable to this mixture. Refer to section 8 for further information on individual substances of this mixture.  
Not applicable to this mixture.  
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**16. Other Information**

**Product List**

**Refer to attached list.**

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**Abbreviations and acronyms:**

**NFPA (SCALE 0-4) National Fire Protection Association (USA)**

Health: 3

**Warning** - Corrosive or toxic. Avoid skin contact or inhalation.

Health: 2

**Warning** - May be harmful if inhaled or absorbed.

Fire: 0

No combustible.

Reactivity: 0

Not reactive when mixed with water.

**HMIS (SCALE 0-4) Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)**

Health: 2

**Moderate Hazard.** Temporary or minor injury may occur.

Fire: 0

**Slight Hazard.** Materials that will not burn.

Physical Hazard: 0

**Minimal Hazard.** Materials that are normally stable, even under fire conditions, and will NOT react with water, polymerize, decompose, condense, or self-react. Non-explosives.



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**Exposure Limits**

TWA - Time Weighted Average (8 hr.)

STEL - Short Time Exposure Limit (15 min.)

REL - Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit

IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life or  
Health