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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** RAMSET POWER LOADS

**Synonyms** PLCPU22S, PLBGR38N, PLBYW38N, PLSGR22, PLSYW22, PLSRD22, PLCYW22S, PLCRD22S - PRODUCT CODE • POWER LOADS FOR EXPLOSIVE POWERED TOOLS

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Uses** EXPLOSIVES

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** RAMSETREID AU (A DIVISION OF ITW AUSTRALIA PTY LTD)

**Address** 1 Ramset Drive, Chirnside Park, VIC, 3116, AUSTRALIA

**Telephone** 1300 780 063

**Fax** 1300 780 122

**Email** [enquiry@ramset.com.au](mailto:enquiry@ramset.com.au)

**Website** <http://www.ramset.com.au>

### 1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

**Emergency** 1800 033 111

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

#### Physical Hazards

Explosives: Division 1.4

#### Health Hazards

Not classified as a Health Hazard

#### Environmental Hazards

Not classified as an Environmental Hazard

### 2.2 GHS Label elements

**Signal word** WARNING

#### Pictograms



#### Hazard statements

H204 Fire or projection hazard.

#### Prevention statements

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P234 Keep only in original packaging.

P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.

P250 Do not subject to grinding/shock/friction/rough handling.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection.

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### Response statements

P370 + P372 + P380 + In case of fire: Explosion risk. Evacuate area. DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives.

### Storage statements

P401 Store in accordance with relevant site and storage provisions.

### Disposal statements

P503 Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information on disposal/recovery/recycling.

### 2.3 Other hazards

The Cartridge is made of a shell which contains hazardous substances. During normal handling of the cartridge, no exposure to these substances should take place. However when the cartridge is fired, a small amount of particles may be released which have the following hazards:

H301+H311+H331: Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H360: May damage fertility or the unborn child.

H373: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
COPPER	7440-50-8	231-159-6	50 to 65%
ZINC	7440-66-6	231-175-3	15 to 30%
NITROCELLULOSE	9004-70-0	618-392-2	7 to 12%
4-AMIDINO-N'-NITROSO-1-TETRAZENE-1-CARBOXIMIDO HYDRAZID	109-27-3	203-659-4	1 to 10%
BARIUM NITRATE	10022-31-8	233-020-5	0.5 to 2%
DIBUTYL PHTHALATE (DBP)	84-74-2	201-557-4	0.5 to 2%
NITROGLYCERIN	55-63-0	200-240-8	0.5 to 2%
TRINITRO-1,3-BENZENEDIOL LEAD SALT	63918-97-8	-	0.5 to 2%
NON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS	Not Available	Not Available	Remainder

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Eye** Exposure is considered unlikely unless casing is damaged. Flush gently with running water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**Inhalation** Due to product form / nature of use, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated.

**Skin** Exposure is considered unlikely unless casing is damaged. Gently flush affected areas with water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**Ingestion** For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). Due to product form and application, ingestion is considered unlikely.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities should be available.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

### 4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

DO NOT attempt to extinguish burning explosives. Evacuate area immediately. Notify trained emergency response personnel.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

EXPLOSIVE. Will explode under specific conditions. May evolve toxic gases (carbon/nitrogen/metal oxides) when heated to decomposition or detonated. Eliminate all ignition sources including cigarettes, open flames, spark producing switches/tools, heaters, naked lights, pilot lights, etc when handling. Eliminate all static discharge and potential for static discharge. CAUTION: Will explode if exposed to heat or with heavy impact.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Exposure to heat may result in detonation, however effects are expected to be limited to the package. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Do not attempt to fight fire if other explosives are present. Use waterfog to cool unexploded cartridges.

**5.4 Hazchem code**

1YE  
1 Coarse Water Spray.  
Y Risk of violent reaction or explosion. Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Contain spill and run-off.  
E Evacuation of people in and around the immediate vicinity of the incident should be considered.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Contact emergency services where appropriate. CAUTION: Heating, impact or static charge may cause explosion.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

**6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

If cartridges are spilt or containers damaged, contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store in a clean, dry magazine licensed for Class 1.4 Explosives. Do not store with other explosives. Store removed from incompatible materials and heat or ignition sources. Ensure the magazine is adequately placarded. Large storage areas should have appropriate ventilation and fire protection systems. To eliminate static charge the devices should be shunted.

**7.3 Specific end uses**

No information provided.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Exposure standards

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
55-63-0	SWA [Proposed]	0.01	0.1	0.02	0.19
Barium, soluble compounds (as Ba)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.5	--	--
Copper (fume)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.2	--	--
Copper (fume, dusts & mists)	SWA [Proposed]	--	0.01	--	--
Copper, dusts & mists (as Cu)	SWA [AUS]	--	1	--	--
Dibutyl phthalate	SWA [AUS]	--	5	--	--
Dibutyl phthalate	SWA [Proposed]	0.05	0.58	--	--
Lead, inorganic dusts & fumes (as Pb)	SWA [AUS]	--	0.05	--	--
Nitroglycerin (NG)	SWA [AUS]	0.05	0.46	--	--

#### Biological limits

Ingredient	Determinant	Sampling Time	BEI
NITROGLYCERIN	Methemoglobin in blood	During or end of shift	1.5% of hemoglobin

Reference: ACGIH Biological Exposure Indices

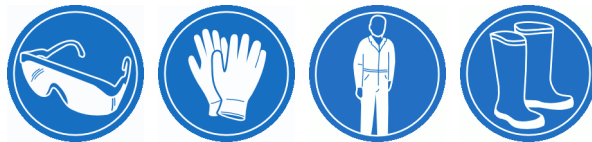
### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Engineering controls

Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. When handling exposed explosive, mechanical explosion proof extraction ventilation is recommended.

#### PPE

- Eye / Face** Wear safety glasses.
- Hands** Wear leather or cotton gloves.
- Body** Wear safety boots and coveralls.
- Respiratory** Not required under normal conditions of use.



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	BLACK POWDER (BRASS CARTRIDGE ENCLOSED)
<b>Odour</b>	ODOURLESS
<b>Flammability</b>	EXPLOSIVE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Boiling point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>pH</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Vapour density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Relative density</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	INSOLUBLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Viscosity</b>	NOT AVAILABLE

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### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Explosive properties	
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

May detonate if heated strongly or exposed to severe shock. Due to enclosed form, reaction with other materials is unlikely, however avoid contact with acids (e.g. nitric acid), metal powders, combustibles and oxidisers. Incompatible with alkalis (e.g. sodium hydroxide).

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve toxic gases (carbon/nitrogen/metal oxides) when heated to decomposition or detonated.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Due to the product encapsulation, acute toxicity associated with the contents is not anticipated with normal use. Use safe work practices to avoid dust/fume inhalation after detonation. WARNING: May explode with shock, heat, friction or static charge. Serious damage may result from explosive fragments. Exposure to contents may result in toxicity by inhalation, ingestion and contact with skin.

#### Information available for the ingredients:

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
COPPER	--	> 2000 mg/kg (rat)	--
NITROCELLULOSE	> 5 g/kg (rat)	--	--
BARIUM NITRATE	355 mg/kg (rat)	--	--
NITROGLYCERIN	105 mg/kg (rat)	280 mg/kg (rabbit)	--

**Skin** Contact with contents/fumes may result in irritation, redness, pain, rash and dermatitis. Due to product form (enclosed), the potential for exposure to contents is not anticipated. Serious damage may result from explosive fragments.

**Eye** Contact with contents/fumes may cause discomfort, lacrimation and redness. Due to product form (enclosed), the potential for exposure to contents is not anticipated. Serious damage may result from explosive fragments.

**Sensitisation** Exposure to contents may cause skin sensitisation.

**Mutagenicity** The evidence for genotoxic effects of lead is contradictory, with numerous studies reporting both positive and negative effects. Responses appear to be induced by indirect mechanisms, mostly at very high concentrations that lack physiological relevance. Due to product form (enclosed), the potential for exposure to contents is not anticipated.

**Carcinogenicity** Lead compounds (inorganic) are classified as probably carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 2A). Due to product form (enclosed), the potential for exposure to contents is not anticipated.

**Reproductive** Due to product encapsulation, the potential for exposure to the contents is reduced. Exposure to high levels of lead and its compounds may cause adverse effects on male and female fertility, including adverse effects on sperm quality. Prenatal exposure to lead and its compounds is also associated with adverse effects on neurobehavioral development in children.

**STOT - single exposure** Not classified as causing organ damage from single exposure. However, serious damage may result from explosive fragments.

**STOT - repeated exposure** Lead is a cumulative poison, and symptoms are often delayed. Repeated exposure may result in lead poisoning. Symptoms may include blood, kidney and central nervous system/brain damage. Due to product

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form (enclosed), the potential for exposure to contents is not anticipated.

**Aspiration**

This product does not present an aspiration hazard.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Expected to be persistent in the environment. May cause bioaccumulation.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

This product or its degradation products are expected to bioaccumulate

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No information provided.

**12.5 Other adverse effects**

Avoid release to the environment.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Waste disposal**

Small quantities may be disposed by incineration or blasting (by licensed personnel only). For large quantities, contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information.

**Legislation**

Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE



	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	0014	0014	PROH
<b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>	CARTRIDGES, SMALL ARMS, BLANK	CARTRIDGES, SMALL ARMS, BLANK	Air transport PROHIBITED under the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air in passenger and cargo aircraft.
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class</b>	1.4S	1.4S	None allocated.
<b>14.4 Packing Group</b>	None allocated.	None allocated.	None allocated.

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

Marine Pollutant.

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

**Hazchem code** 1YE  
**GTEPG** EXP1  
**EmS** F-B, S-X

**Other information**

The environmentally hazardous substance mark is not required when transported in packages of less than 5 kg/L (UN Model Regulations: Special Provision 375; IATA: Special Provision A197; IMDG: Special Provision 969) or less than 500 kg/L by Australian Road and Rail.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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

<b>Poison schedule</b>	A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).
<b>Classifications</b>	Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).
<b>Inventory listings</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: AIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)</b> All components are listed on AIC, or are exempt.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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<b>Additional information</b>	<p><b>EXPLOSIVES &amp; BLASTING AGENTS:</b> Refer to Local State and Federal legislation that specifically relates to the use of Explosives. Users of products described in this ChemAlert Report are advised to ensure familiarity and compliance with the appropriate legal requirements (e.g. Regulations) prior to the use of this product. Where any further information is required, users may contact their local authority in Explosives and Dangerous Goods.</p> <p><b>EXPLOSIONS:</b> Fires involving explosives or explosive mixtures may undergo further explosions and rapid propagation. Police and emergency personnel should be notified immediately. Evacuate individuals to a safe sheltered area at least 800 metres away. If possible remove vehicles and further heat and ignition sources from the area. Do not return to areas until at least one hour after fire and explosions have ceased.</p> <p><b>EXPLOSIONS:</b> For further information please refer to Australian Standard 1216, for classification of explosives and Local and Federal Explosive and Dangerous Goods legislation (Act and Regulations).</p> <p><b>ENGINEERING CONTROLS:</b> Effective shielding is recommended for personnel when handling these devices. Humidity controls (i.e. higher relative Humidity, &gt; 60%) reduces or prevents static electricity build up.</p> <p><b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:</b> The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.</p> <p><b>HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:</b> It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.</p>
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**Abbreviations**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

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