

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Aluminum Carbide

**Product Code:** AL-C-04

**CAS Number:** 1299-86-1

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

Supplier details:

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

GHS02 Flame

Flam. Sol. 1 H228 Flammable solid.

Water-react. 2 H261 In contact with water releases flammable gas.

GHS07

Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

GHS label elements

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictograms



GHS02

GHS07

Signal word

Danger

#### Hazard statements

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#### Precautionary statements

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P231+P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

#### WHMIS classification

B6 - Reactive flammable material

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

#### Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

1

3

2

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 3

Physical Hazard = 2

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: N/A

vPvB: N/A

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Substances

CAS No. / Substance Name: 1299-86-1 Aluminum carbide

Identification number(s):

EC number: 215-076-2

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Description of first aid measures

If inhaled:

Supply patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of skin contact:

Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of eye contact:  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.  
If swallowed:  
Seek medical treatment.  
Information for doctor  
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed  
No data available  
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed  
No data available

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media  
Suitable extinguishing agents  
In case of fire, use sand, carbon dioxide or powdered extinguishing agent. Never use water.  
For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents  
Water  
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture  
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Metal oxide fume  
Advice for firefighters  
Protective equipment:  
Wear self-contained respirator.  
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures  
Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Ensure adequate ventilation  
Keep away from ignition sources  
Environmental precautions:  
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.  
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:  
Keep away from ignition sources.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents  
Prevention of secondary hazards:  
Keep away from ignition sources.  
Reference to other sections  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

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

Handling  
Precautions for safe handling  
Handle under dry protective gas.

Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.  
Information about protection against explosions and fires:  
Protect against electrostatic charges.  
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities  
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:  
Store in a cool location.  
Information about storage in one common storage facility:  
Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Store away from water/moisture.  
Further information about storage conditions:  
Store under dry inert gas.  
This product is moisture sensitive.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.  
Protect from humidity and water.  
Specific end use(s)  
No data available

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Additional information about design of technical systems:  
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.  
Control parameters  
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:  
1299-86-1 Aluminum carbide (100.0%)  
PEL (USA) Long-term value: 15\*; 15\*\* mg/m<sup>3</sup> \*Total dust; \*\* Respirable fraction  
REL (USA) Long-term value: 10\* 5\*\* mg/m<sup>3</sup> \*Total dust \*\*Respirable fraction  
TLV (USA) Long-term value: 1\* mg/m<sup>3</sup> as Al; \*as respirable fraction  
Additional information:  
No data  
Exposure controls  
Personal protective equipment  
Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.  
Breathing equipment:  
Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.  
Protection of hands:  
Impervious gloves  
Inspect gloves prior to use.  
Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.  
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)  
No data available  
Eye protection:  
Safety glasses

Full face protection  
Body protection:  
Protective work clothing.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:

Form: Powder or solid

Color: Dark grey

Odor: No data available

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 2100 °C (3812 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas): Highly flammable. Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: >2200 °C (>3992 °F)

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion: No data available.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 2.36 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (19.694 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A

Solubility in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): Contact with water releases flammable gases

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.

Viscosity:

Dynamic: N/A

Kinematic: N/A

Other information: No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Contact with water releases flammable gases

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Oxidizing agents

Water/moisture

Hazardous decomposition products:  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Metal oxide fume

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

No effects known.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

No data

Skin irritation or corrosion:

Causes skin irritation.

Eye irritation or corrosion:

Causes serious eye irritation.

Sensitization:

No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

No effects known.

Carcinogenicity:

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

Reproductive toxicity:

No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:

No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:

May cause respiratory irritation.

Aspiration hazard:

No effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Aluminum may be implicated in Alzheimers disease. Inhalation of aluminum containing dusts may cause pulmonary disease.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

No effects known.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity:

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Additional ecological information:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT:

N/A

vPvB:

N/A

Other adverse effects

No data available

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation

Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation:

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA

UN1394

UN proper shipping name

DOT

Aluminum carbide

IMDG, IATA

ALUMINIUM CARBIDE

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Class

4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.

Label

4.3

Class

4.3 (W2) Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases

Label

4.3

IMDG, IATA

Class

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Label

4.3

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA

II

Environmental hazards:

N/A

Special precautions for user

Warning: Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases  
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code  
N/A  
Transport/Additional information:  
DOT  
Marine Pollutant (DOT):  
No  
UN "Model Regulation":  
UN1394, Aluminum carbide, 4.3, II

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture  
GHS GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

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National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

Substance is not listed.

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male

Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)

Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment:

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.