

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

Date Printed: 05/03/2024

Date Revised: 01/15/2022

## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Holmium Particles

**Product Code:** HO-M-04-PTCS

**CAS Number:** 7440-60-0

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

Supplier details:

American Elements  
10884 Weyburn Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Tel: +1 310-208-0551  
Fax: +1 310-208-0351  
Emergency telephone number:  
+1 800-424-9300

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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

GHS02 Flame

Pyr. Sol. 1 H250 Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.

Self-heat. 2 H252 Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.

Water-react. 1 H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available.

GHS label elements

The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard pictograms



GHS02

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

H250 Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.

H252 Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.

H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

Precautionary statements

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

P222 Do not allow contact with air.

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

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO2, sand, extinguishing powder.

P422 Store contents under inert gas.

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

WHMIS classification

B6 - Reactive flammable material

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 4

Physical Hazard = 2

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

PBT:

N/A.

vPvB:

N/A.

---

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

CAS No. / Substance Name:

7440-60-0 Holmium powder

Identification number(s):

EC number:

231-169-0

---

## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

If inhaled:

Supply 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 information available.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No information available.

---

## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Special powder for metal fires. Do not use water.

For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing media

Water

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Spontaneously flammable in air.

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Metal oxide fume

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

---

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

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear 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 material 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.

---

## **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 adequate ventilation.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

Protect against electrostatic charges.

Substance/product is self ignitable.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from air.

Store away from water/moisture.

Further information about storage conditions:

Store under dry inert gas.

This product is moisture sensitive.

This product is air sensitive.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.

Protect from humidity and water.

Specific end use(s)

No information available.

---

## **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:

Not required.

Additional information:

No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Follow typical general protective and industrial hygiene measures 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.

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

---

## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:

Form: Powder

Color: Silver gray

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.  
pH: N/A.  
Melting point/range: 1474 °C (2685 °F)  
Boiling point/range: 2700 °C (4892 °F)  
Sublimation temperature / start: No data available.  
Flammability (solid, gas):  
Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.  
Ignition temperature: No data available.  
Decomposition temperature: No data available.  
Auto igniting: Spontaneously flammable in air.  
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): 8.795 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (73.394 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 information available.

---

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity  
In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.  
Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.  
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  
Spontaneously flammable in air.  
Contact with water releases flammable gases  
Conditions to avoid  
No information available.  
Incompatible materials:  
Air  
Oxidizing agents  
Water/moisture  
Hazardous decomposition products:  
Metal oxide fume

---

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

N/A

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

No data

Skin irritation or corrosion:

May cause irritation

Eye irritation or corrosion:

May cause irritation

Sensitization:

No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

N/A

Carcinogenicity:

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

Reproductive toxicity:

N/A

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:

N/A

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:

N/A

Aspiration hazard:

N/A

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Lanthanons can cause delayed blood clotting leading to hemorrhages.

Exposure may also lead to sensitivity to heat, itching, increased awareness of odor and taste, and liver damage.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

N/A

Additional toxicological information:

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

---

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity:

No information available.

Persistence and degradability:

No information available.

Bioaccumulative potential:

No information available.

Mobility in soil:

No information available.

Additional ecological information:

General notes:

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

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

PBT:  
N/A.  
vPvB:  
N/A.  
Other adverse effects  
No information available.

---

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods  
Recommendation:  
Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.  
Uncleaned packagings:  
Recommendation:  
Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

---

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN-Number  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
UN1383  
UN proper shipping name  
DOT  
Pyrophoric metals, n.o.s. (Holmium)  
IMDG, IATA  
PYROPHORIC METAL, N.O.S. (Holmium)  
Transport hazard class(es)  
DOT  
Class  
4.2 Substances liable to spontaneous combustion.  
Label  
4.2  
Class  
4.2 (S4) Substances liable to spontaneous combustion  
Label  
4.2  
IMDG, IATA  
Class  
4.2 Substances liable to spontaneous combustion.  
Label  
4.2  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
I  
Environmental hazards:  
N/A.  
Special precautions for user  
Warning: Substances liable to spontaneous combustion  
Segregation groups  
Powdered metals  
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":  
UN1383, Pyrophoric metals, n.o.s. (Holmium), 4.2, I

---

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard pictograms

GHS02

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

H250 Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.

H252 Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.

H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

Precautionary statements

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

P222 Do not allow contact with air.

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

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO<sub>2</sub>, sand, extinguishing powder.

P422 Store contents under inert gas.

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

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 Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

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.

---

## **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.