

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Potassium Blocks

**Product Code:** K-M-04-BLC

**CAS Number:** 7440-09-7

**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

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Substances and mixtures, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases(Category 1), H260

Skin corrosion(Category 1A), H314

Serious eye damage(Category 1), H318

Carcinogenicity(Category 1A), H350

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



GHS02 GHS08 GHS05

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H260

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

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H318

Causes serious eye damage.

H350

May cause cancer.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P223

Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire.

P231 + P232

Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

P260

Do not breathe dust or mist.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P280

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

P281

Use personal protective equipment as required.

P301 + P330 + P331

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P304 + P340 + P310

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

P308 + P313

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

P335 + P334

Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water/ wrap in wet bandages.

P363

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P370 + P378

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.

P402 + P404

Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Reacts violently with water.

May form explosive peroxides.

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula: K

Molecular weight: 39.10 g/mol  
Hazardous components  
Component  
Potassium  
CAS-No.  
7440-09-7  
EC-No.  
231-119-8  
Index-No.  
019-001-00-2  
Classification  
Water-react.1; Skin Corr.1A; Eye Dam.1; H260, H314  
Concentration  
≥90-≤100%

Paraffin oils  
CAS-No.  
8012-95-1  
EC-No.  
232-384-2  
Classification  
Carc.1A; H350  
Concentration  
≥1-<5%

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2) and/or in section 11

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 media  
Dry powder  
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture  
Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides  
Advice for firefighters  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.  
Further information  
No data available

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

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures  
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing Vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.  
For personal protection see section 8.  
Environmental precautions  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.  
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up  
Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).  
Do not flush with water.  
Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.  
Reference to other sections  
For disposal see section 13.

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

Precautions for safe handling  
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.  
Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.  
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition -No smoking.  
For precautions see section 2.  
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities  
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.  
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.  
Handle and store under inert gas.  
Storage class (TRGS 510): Hazardous materials, which set free flammable gases upon contact with water  
Specific end use(s)  
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1 no other specific uses are stipulated

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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:

None.

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.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Form: Solid

Colour: grey

Odor

No data available

Odor Threshold

No data available

pH

No data available

Melting point/freezing point

Melting point/range: 64 °C (147 °F)

Initial boiling point and boiling range

774 °C (1,425 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg)

Flash point

No data available

Evaporation rate

No data available

Flammability (solid, gas)

No data available

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

No data available

Vapor pressure

0.12 hPa (0.09 mmHg) at 260 °C (500 °F)

Vapor density

No data available

Relative density

0.860 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Water solubility

No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water

No data available

Auto-ignition temperature

No data available

Decomposition temperature

No data available

Viscosity

No data available

Explosive properties

No data available

Oxidizing properties  
No data available  
Other safety information  
No data available

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## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity  
No data available  
Chemical stability  
Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions  
Reacts violently with water.  
Conditions to avoid  
Exposure to moisture  
Incompatible materials  
Oxidizing agents, Strong oxidizing agents, Carbon oxides, Reacts violently with water., Reacts with water to generate Hydrogen gas.  
Hazardous decomposition products  
Other decomposition products-No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects  
Acute toxicity  
No data available  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available  
No data available  
Skin corrosion/irritation  
No data available  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation  
No data available  
Respiratory or skin sensitisation  
No data available  
Germ cell mutagenicity  
No data available  
Carcinogenicity  
IARC:  
1-Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans(Paraffin oils)  
NTP:  
Known to be human carcinogen  
The reference note has been added by TD based on the background information of the NTP.  
(Paraffin oils)  
OSHA:  
No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.  
Reproductive toxicity  
No data available  
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

Other adverse effects

No data available

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable.

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT (US)

UN number: 2257

Class: 4.3

Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Potassium

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG  
UN number: 2257  
Class: 4.3  
Packing group: I  
EMS-No: F-G, S-N  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM  
IATA  
UN number: 2257  
Class: 4.3  
Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Potassium  
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

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## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### **SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### **SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

### **Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

Potassium

CAS-No.

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2007-03-01

### **Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

Potassium

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Revision Date

1993-04-24

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2007-03-01

### **New Jersey Right To Know Components**

Potassium

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### **California Prop. 65 Components**

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Paraffin oils



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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.