

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Potassium Hexacyanocobaltate(III)

**Product Code:** K-CN6CO-04-C

**CAS Number:** 13963-58-1

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

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 3 H311 Toxic in contact with skin.

GHS08 Health hazard

Carc. 2 H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 4 H332 Harmful if inhaled.

Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.

Hazard pictograms



GHS06 GHS08

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statements

H302+H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.

H311 Toxic in contact with skin.

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

Precautionary statements

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

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

P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

P361 Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

P405 Store locked up.

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

WHMIS classification

D1B - Toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects

D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

2

0

1

Health (acute effects) = 2

Flammability = 0

Physical Hazard = 1

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:

13963-58-1 Potassium hexacyanocobaltate (III)

Identification number(s):

EC number: 237-742-1

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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

Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

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

Hydrogen cyanide (HCN)

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

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

Environmental precautions:

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

Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards:

No special measures required.

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

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:

The product is not flammable  
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities  
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:  
No special requirements.  
Information about storage in one common storage facility:  
Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Do not store together with acids.  
Further information about storage conditions:  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.  
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:  
Cyanides (as CN)  
mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Austria MAK 5 (skin)  
Denmark TWA 5 (skin)  
Finland TWA 5; 10-STEL  
France VME 5 (skin)  
Germany MAK 5 (skin)  
Hungary TWA 0.3; 0.6-STEL (skin)  
Netherlands MAC-TGG 5 (skin)  
Poland TWA 0.3; 10-Ceiling  
Sweden 5-Ceiling (skin)  
Switzerland MAK-W 5; 10-STEL (skin)  
United Kingdom 5-LTEL (skin)  
OSHA PEL 5 (skin)  
Cobalt, elemental & inorganic compounds, as Co  
mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
ACGIH TLV 0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen  
Austria Carcinogen  
Belgium TWA 0.05  
Denmark TWA 0.05  
Finland TWA 0.05 (skin)  
Germany Carcinogen  
Hungary TWA 0.1; 0.2-STEL  
Japan OEL 0.05; 2B-Carcinogen  
Korea TLV 0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen  
Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.05  
Norway TWA 0.05  
Poland TWA 0.05; 0.2-STEL  
Russia 0.5-STEL  
Sweden NGV 0.05  
Switzerland MAK-W 0.1; Carcinogen  
United Kingdom TWA 0.1  
USA PEL 0.1 (dust and fume)

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.

Eye protection: Safety glasses

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

Color: Light yellow

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: No data available

Boiling point/Boiling range: No data available

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flash point: N/A

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion:

Product does not present an explosion hazard.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 1.906 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (15.906 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A

Solubility in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): Soluble

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

No data available

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

No dangerous reactions known

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Oxidizing agents

Acids

Hazardous decomposition products:

Hydrogen cyanide

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Nitrogen oxides

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Harmful if inhaled.

Harmful if swallowed.

Toxic in contact with skin.

Danger through skin absorption.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: Oral LD50 1529 mg/kg (mouse)

Skin irritation or corrosion: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

Eye irritation or corrosion: Irritating effect.

Sensitization: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.

Carcinogenicity: Suspected of causing cancer.

Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.

Aspiration hazard: No effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Cobalt is an experimental neoplastigen and tumorigen. It is an experimental carcinogen of the connective tissue and lungs. Cobalt metal and inorganic compounds are classified as an animal carcinogen by the ACGIH. Ingestion may cause burning in the mouth, esophagus, and stomach. Inhalation of dusts and fumes may cause irritation of the respiratory tract and labored breathing and coughing. Sensitization, nausea, flushing of the face and ringing in the ears is also possible. Chronic ingestion may result in pericardial effusion, polycardial effusion, polycythemia, cardiac failure, vomiting, convulsions and thyroid enlargement.

Cyanides may cause symptoms of salivation, nausea without vomiting, anxiety, confusion, vertigo, giddiness, lower jaw stiffness, convulsions, opisthotonos, paralysis, coma, cardiac arrhythmias and respiratory failure. They typically cause death through asphyxia. Skin contact may cause itching, macular, papular and vesicular eruptions.

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.

Carcinogenic categories

OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

Substance is not listed.

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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.

Recommended cleansing agent:

Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

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## **SECTION 14. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA

None

UN proper shipping name

DOT, IMDG, IATA

None

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA

Class  
None  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
None  
Environmental hazards:  
N/A  
Special precautions for user  
N/A  
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code  
N/A  
Transport/Additional information:  
Not dangerous according to the above specifications.  
DOT  
Marine Pollutant (DOT):  
No

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

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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

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Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

This product contains cobalt and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

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This product contains a cyanide compound and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

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.