SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium Metal

Product Number: All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. K-M-02 02, K-M-03 03, K-M-04 04, K-M-05 05

CAS #: 7440-09-7

Relevant identified uses of the substance: Scientific research and development

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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.
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%

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
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

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.

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.
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.

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/cm3
Water solubility
No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
No data available
Auto-ignition temperature
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

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

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

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

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.
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

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
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7440-09-7
Revision Date
1993-04-24
Paraffin oils
8012-95-1
2007-03-01
Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Potassium
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1993-04-24
Paraffin oils
8012-95-1
2007-03-01
New Jersey Right To Know Components
Potassium
CAS-No.
7440-09-7
SECTION 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 1997-2019 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.