

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (2N) 99% Rhodium Sponge

**Product Code:** RH-M-02-SPO

**CAS Number:** 7440-16-6

**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

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

The substance is not classified as hazardous to health or the environment according to the CLP regulation.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC

N/A

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:

No data available

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

N/A

Hazard pictograms

N/A

Signal word

N/A

Hazard statements

N/A

WHMIS classification

Not controlled

Classification system  
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)  
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)  
Health (acute effects) = 0  
Flammability = 0  
Physical Hazard = 0  
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:  
7440-16-6 Rhodium  
Identification number(s):  
EC number: 231-125-0

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### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Description of first aid measures  
General information  
No special measures required.  
If inhaled:  
Seek medical treatment in case of complaints.  
In case of skin contact:  
Generally the product does not irritate the skin.  
In case of eye contact:  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.  
If swallowed:  
If symptoms persist consult doctor.  
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  
Special powder for metal fires. Do not 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:  
Rhodium oxide  
Advice for firefighters  
Protective equipment:

No special measures required.

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

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures  
Not required.

Environmental precautions:

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

Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.

Do not allow material to penetrate the ground or soil.

Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:

Pick up mechanically.

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.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

No special measures required.

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:

No data available

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:

No further data; see section 7.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: 7440-16-6 Rhodium (100.0%)

PEL (USA) Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

REL (USA) Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as Rh

TLV (USA) Long-term value: 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

EL (Canada) Short-term value: 0.3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as Rh

EV (Canada) Long-term value: 1\* 0.01\*\* mg/m<sup>3</sup> \*metal,water-insol. compds.;\*\*water-soluble compds

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment: Not required.

Protection of hands: Not required.

Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)

No data available

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: Solid in various forms

Color: No data available

Odor: No data available

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 1966 °C (3571 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 3695 °C (6683 °F)

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion: No data available.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F): 0 hPa

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 12.41 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (103.561 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A

Solubility in Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): No data available

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:  
No data available  
Hazardous decomposition products:  
Rhodium oxide

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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: Powder: irritant effect  
Eye irritation or corrosion: Powder: irritant effect  
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.  
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.  
Carcinogenicity:  
ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.  
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: 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, ADN, IMDG, IATA  
N/A  
UN proper shipping name  
DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA  
N/A  
Transport hazard class(es)  
DOT, ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA  
Class  
N/A  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
N/A  
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:  
DOT  
Marine Pollutant (DOT):  
No  
UN "Model Regulation":

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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 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.

REACH - Pre-registered substances

Substance is listed.

Chemical safety assessment:

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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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. 2 H228 Flammable solid.

Hazards not otherwise classified

No information known.

Label elements

GHS label elements

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

Hazard pictograms



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GHS02

Signal word: Warning

Hazard statements

H228 Flammable solid.

Precautionary statements

P210

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

P280

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

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use for extinction: CO2, powder or water spray.

WHMIS classification

B4 - Flammable solid  
Classification system  
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)  
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)  
Health (acute effects) = 1  
Flammability = 2  
Physical Hazard = 1  
Other hazards  
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment  
PBT: Not applicable.  
vPvB: Not applicable.

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### **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Chemical characterization: Substances  
CAS# Description:  
7440-16-6 Rhodium  
Identification number(s):  
EC number: 231-125-0

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### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Description of first aid measures  
After inhalation  
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.  
Seek immediate medical advice.  
After skin contact  
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.  
Seek immediate medical advice.  
After eye contact  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.  
After swallowing  
Seek medical treatment.  
Information for doctor  
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed  
No further relevant information available.  
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed  
No further relevant information available

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### **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Extinguishing media  
Suitable extinguishing agents  
Special powder for metal fires. Do not 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:  
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

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 proper governmental permits.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Keep away from ignition sources.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

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

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

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:

Store in a cool location.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Do not store together with acids.

Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Specific end use(s)

No further relevant information 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.

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment:

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Penetration time of glove material (in minutes): Not determined

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

General Information

Appearance:

Form: Powder

Color: Grey

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: Not determined.

pH-value: Not applicable.

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range: 1966 °C (3571 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 3695 °C (6683 °F)

Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined

Flammability (solid, gaseous): Highly flammable.

Ignition temperature: Not determined

Decomposition temperature: Not determined

Auto igniting: Not determined.

Danger of explosion: Not determined.

Explosion limits:

Lower: Not determined

Upper: Not determined

Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F): 0 hPa

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 12.41 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (103.561 lbs/gal)

Relative density: Not determined.

Vapor density: Not applicable.

Evaporation rate: Not applicable.

Solubility in / Miscibility with Water: Not determined

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.

Viscosity:

dynamic: Not applicable.

kinematic: Not applicable.

Other information

No further relevant information available.

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

### Reactivity

No information known.

### 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

Reacts with strong oxidizing agents

Conditions to avoid

No further relevant information available.

Incompatible materials:

Acids

Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products:

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: May cause irritation

Eye irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.

Carcinogenicity:

ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.

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: 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 further relevant information available.

Persistence and degradability

No further relevant information available.

Bioaccumulative potential

No further relevant information available.

Mobility in soil

No further relevant information available.

Additional ecological information:

General notes:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental 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: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

Other adverse effects

No further relevant information available.

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## **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.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA

UN3089

UN proper shipping name

DOT

Metal powders, flammable, n.o.s. (Rhodium)

IMDG, IATA

METAL POWDER, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Rhodium)

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Class

4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.

Label

4.1

Class

4.1 (F3) Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives

Label

4.1

IMDG, IATA

Class

4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives.

Label

4.1

Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA  
III  
Environmental hazards:  
Not applicable.  
Special precautions for user  
Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives  
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code  
Not applicable.  
Transport/Additional information:  
DOT  
Marine Pollutant (DOT):  
No  
UN "Model Regulation":  
UN3089, Metal powders, flammable, n.o.s. (Rhodium), 4.1, III

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## 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: Warning

Hazard statements

H228 Flammable solid.

Precautionary statements

P210

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

P280

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

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

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

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.

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