

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (4N) 99.99% Tantalum Aluminum Carbide Ta<sub>4</sub>AlC<sub>3</sub>

**Product Code:** TA-ALC-04-P

**CAS Number:** N/A

**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

GHS02 Flame

Flam. Sol. 1 H228 Flammable solid.

GHS07

Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

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

Xi; Irritant

R36/37/38: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

F; Highly flammable

R11: Highly flammable.

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:

Not applicable

Hazards not otherwise classified

No information known.

Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

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

Hazard pictograms



GHS02 GHS07

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

H228 Flammable solid.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements

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

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

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

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P405 Store locked up.

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

WHMIS classification

B4 - Flammable solid

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 3

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:

7440-25-7 Tantalum

1299-86-1 Aluminum Carbide

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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:

Tantalum oxide

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 product to reach sewage system or any water course.

Do not allow to penetrate the ground/soil.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

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.  
Control parameters  
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:  
7440-25-7 Tantalum (100.0%)  
PEL (USA) Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
metal  
REL (USA) Short-term value: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Metal  
TLV (USA) metal; TLV withdrawn due to insufficient data  
EL (Canada) Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
metal  
EV (Canada) Long-term value: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
metal and oxide (total dust)  
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.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.  
Breathing equipment:  
Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.  
Recommended filter device for short term use:  
Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls.  
Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.  
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.

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: Not determined.

Odor: Not determined.

Odor threshold: Not determined.

pH-value: Not applicable.

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range: Not determined.

Boiling point/Boiling range: Not determined.

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: Not applicable.

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): Not determined.

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:

Tantalum oxide

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## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for this substance.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

No data

Skin irritation or corrosion:

Causes skin irritation.

Eye irritation or corrosion:

Causes serious eye damage.

Sensitization:

No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

No effects known.

Carcinogenicity:

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

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains tumorigenic and/or carcinogenic and/or neoplastic data for this substance.

Reproductive toxicity:

No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:

No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:

May cause respiratory irritation.

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:  
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. (Tantalum powder)  
IMDG, IATA  
METAL POWDER, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Tantalum powder)  
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

II

Environmental hazards: Not applicable.

Special precautions for user

Warning: Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitised explosives

EMS Number: F-G,S-G

Segregation groups

Heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), powdered metals

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. (Tantalum powder), 4.1, II

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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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## 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.