

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**Product identifier****Product name:** Rubidium**Stock number:** 10315**CAS Number:**

7440-17-7

EINECS Number:

231-126-6

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**Sector of Use** SU24 Scientific research and development**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****Manufacturer/Supplier:**

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Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency telephone number:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department at (800) 343-0660. After normal hours call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2 Hazards identification**Classification of the substance or mixture**

GHS02 Flame

H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.



GHS05 Corrosion

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

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

C; Corrosive

R34: Causes burns.



F; Highly flammable

R14/15: Reacts violently with water, liberating extremely flammable gases.

Label elements**Labelling according to EU guidelines:****Code letter and hazard designation of product:**

C Corrosive

F Highly flammable

Risk phrases:

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34 Causes burns.

Safety phrases:

7/8 Keep container tightly closed and dry.

26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

43 In case of fire, use metallic extinguishing powder. Never use water.

45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.

Hazard description:**WHMIS classification**

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Classification system**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH	3
FIRE	3
REACTIVITY	3

Health (acute effects) = 3

Flammability = 3

Reactivity = 3

Other hazards**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****PBT:** Not applicable.**vPvB:** Not applicable.**3 Composition/information on ingredients****Chemical characterization:** Substances**(CAS#) Description:**

Rubidium (CAS# 7440-17-7)

Identification number(s):**EINECS Number:** 231-126-6**4 First aid measures****Description of first aid measures****General information** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.**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 immediate medical advice.**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**

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Metal oxide fume

Reacts violently with water

Advice for firefighters**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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:

Use neutralizing agent.

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents

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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7 Handling and storage**Handling****Precautions for safe handling**

Handle under dry protective gas.

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: Keep ignition sources away.**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage****Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**

Store away from water/moisture.

Do not store together with oxidizing and acidic materials.

Further information about storage conditions:

Store under dry inert gas.

Protect from humidity and water.

This product is moisture sensitive.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

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:** Not required.**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.

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.

Material of gloves

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

Tightly sealed goggles

Full face protection

Body protection: Protective work clothing.**9 Physical and chemical properties****Information on basic physical and chemical properties****General Information****Appearance:****Form:**

Solid

Color:

Silver-colored

Odor:

Odorless

Odour threshold:

Not determined.

pH-value:

Not applicable.

Change in condition**Melting point/Melting range:**

38.9°C (102 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range:

688°C (1270 °F)

Sublimation temperature / start:

Not determined

Flammability (solid, gaseous)

Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

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Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable.
Density at 20°C (68 °F):	1.532 g/cm ³ (12.785 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapour density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Reacts violently Contact with water releases flammable gases
Segregation coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not applicable.
kinematic:	Not applicable.
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity**Reactivity****Chemical stability****Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Contact with water releases flammable gases

Reacts violently with water

Incompatible materials:

Water/moisture

Acids

Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products: Metal oxide fume**11 Toxicological information****Information on toxicological effects****Acute toxicity:****Primary irritant effect:****on the skin:** Corrosive effect on skin and mucous membranes.**on the eye:** Strong corrosive effect.**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

The toxicity of rubidium compounds is generally due to the anion. Rubidium has been reported to replace potassium in animals studies. Indications are that overexposure could lead to muscle and red blood cell accumulation with possible neuromuscular effects, hyperirritability and muscle spasms. No cases of industrial injury have been reported.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Corrosive materials are acutely destructive to the respiratory tract, eyes, skin and digestive tract. Eye contact may result in permanent damage and complete vision loss. Inhalation may result in respiratory effects such as inflammation, edema, and chemical pneumonitis. May cause coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. Ingestion may cause damage to the mouth, throat and esophagus. May cause skin burns or irritation depending on the severity of the exposure.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

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

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12 Ecological information**Toxicity****Acquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.**Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.**Behavior in environmental systems:****Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.**Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.**Additional ecological information:****General notes:**

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

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

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**PBT:** Not applicable.**vPvB:** Not applicable.**Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.**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.**14 Transport information****DOT regulations:**

Hazard class: 4.3
Identification number: UN1423
Packing group: I
Proper shipping name (technical name): RUBIDIUM
Label 4.3

Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)

ADR/RID class: 4.3 (W2) Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases
Danger code (Kemler): X423
UN-Number: 1423
Packaging group: I
UN proper shipping name: 1423 RUBIDIUM

Maritime transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: 4.3
UN Number: 1423
Label 4.3
Packaging group: I
Marine pollutant: No

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Proper shipping name: RUBIDIUM**Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:**

ICAO/IATA Class:	4.3
UN/ID Number:	1423
Label	4.3
Packaging group:	I
Proper shipping name:	RUBIDIUM

UN "Model Regulation": UN1423, RUBIDIUM, 4.3, I**Special precautions for user**

Warning: Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15 Regulatory information

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

Product related hazard informations:**Hazard symbols:**

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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).

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.**Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.**16 Other information**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.**Contact:**

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)