

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** >99% Rubidium Metal

**Product Code:** RB-M-02

**CAS Number:** 7440-17-7

**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 in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

GHS02 Flame

Water-react. 1 H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.

GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1B H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Hazards not otherwise classified No data available

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictograms



GHS02 GHS05

Signal word Danger

Hazard statements

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H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statements

P231+P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P303+P361+P353 If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

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

B6 - Reactive flammable material

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

E - Corrosive material

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

3

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Health (acute effects) = 3

Flammability = 3

Physical Hazard = 3

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:

7440-17-7 Rubidium

Identification number(s):

EC number: 231-126-6

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General information Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

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  
Causes severe skin burns.  
Causes serious eye damage.  
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 In case of fire, use sand, carbon dioxide or powdered extinguishing agent. Never use water.  
For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents Water  
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture  
Reacts violently with water  
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:  
Rubidium 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  
Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
Ensure adequate ventilation  
Keep away from ignition sources  
Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.  
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:  
Use neutralizing agent.  
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Do not flush with water or aqueous cleansing agents  
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  
Handle under dry protective gas.  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.  
Reacts violently with water  
Information about protection against explosions and fires: No data available

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 water/moisture.  
Store away from air.  
Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Further information about storage conditions:  
Store under dry inert gas.  
Protect from humidity and water.  
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:  
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.  
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 airpurifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.  
Protection of hands:  
Impervious gloves  
Inspect gloves prior to use.  
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.  
Material of gloves Nitrile rubber, NBR  
Penetration time of glove material (in minutes) 480  
Glove thickness 0.11 mm  
Eye protection:  
Tightly sealed goggles  
Full face protection  
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

Color: Silvery-white

Odor: No data available

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 38.9 °C (102 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 688 °C (1270 °F)

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

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: N/A

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 1.532 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (12.785 lbs/gal)

Relative density No data available.

Vapor density N/A

Evaporation rate N/A

Solubility in / Miscibility with

Water: Reacts violently

Contact with water releases flammable gases

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

Reacts violently with water.

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

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

Contact with water releases flammable gases

Reacts violently with water

Conditions to avoid No data available

Incompatible materials:

Air

Oxidizing agents

Water/moisture

Hazardous decomposition products: Rubidium oxide

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

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

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 severe skin burns.

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.

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 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, IMDG, IATA UN1423

UN proper shipping name  
DOT Rubidium  
IMDG, IATA RUBIDIUM  
Transport hazard class(es)  
DOT  
Class 4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.  
Label 4.3  
Class 4.3 (W2) Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases  
Label 4.3  
IMDG, IATA  
Class 4.3 Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.  
Label 4.3  
Packing group  
DOT, IMDG, IATA I  
Environmental hazards: N/A  
Special precautions for user Warning: Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases  
EMS Number: F-G,S-N  
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": UN1423, Rubidium, 4.3, I

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture  
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Hazard pictograms  
GHS02 GHS05  
Signal word Danger  
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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).  
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.