

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Ytterbium, powder, ≥99.9% trace rare earth metals basis

Product Number : 466069  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 7440-64-4

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable solids (Category 1), H228  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4), H312  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H228 Flammable solid.  
H302 + H312 + H332 Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.  
P302 + P352 + P312 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.  
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.  
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula : Yb  
Molecular weight : 173.04 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 7440-64-4  
EC-No. : 231-173-2

| Component               | Classification              | Concentration |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Ytterbium powder</b> |                             |               |
|                         | Flam. Sol. 1; Acute Tox. 4; | <= 100 %      |

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|  | Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A;<br>STOT SE 3; H228, H302,<br>H332, H312, H315, H319,<br>H335 |  |
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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this material 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

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.

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

ytterbium oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 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). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Contain spillage, pick up with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and transfer to a container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. **Advice on safe handling**

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.

#### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

#### Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage conditions

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Handle and store under inert gas. Air and moisture sensitive. Keep in a dry place.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.1B: Flammable solid hazardous materials

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

##### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

## Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|--|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: powder<br>Color: gray  |
| b) Odor   | No data available  |
| c) Odor Threshold                               | No data available  |
| d) pH   | No data available  |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 824 °C (1515 °F) - lit.                       |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 1,196 °C 2,185 °F - lit.   |
| g) Flash point                                  | ( )Not applicable  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available  |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | The substance or mixture is a flammable solid with the category 1. |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available  |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | No data available  |
| l) Vapor density                                | No data available  |
| m) Relative density                             | No data available  |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available  |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available  |
| p) Autoignition temperature                     | No data available  |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available  |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available  |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | No data available  |

#### 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

## 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

## 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

## 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Halogens

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 500.1 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 1.5 mg/l

(Expert judgment)

Inhalation: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 1,100 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes skin irritation.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye irritation.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: ZG1925000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****DOT (US)**

UN number: 3089 Class: 4.1 Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Metal powders, flammable, n.o.s.

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

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**IMDG**

UN number: 3089 Class: 4.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: METAL POWDER, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S.

EMS-No: F-G, S-G

**IATA**

UN number: 3089 Class: 4.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Metal powder, flammable, n.o.s.

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**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**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

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