SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Niobium

Product Number : 262722
Brand : Aldrich
CAS-No. : 7440-03-1

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.
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UNITED STATES

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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

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.

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.
P280  Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
P370 + P378  In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

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

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1  Substances

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No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

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

### 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**
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

**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
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

niobium 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.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling
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.
Keep in a dry place.

Storage class
Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.2: Pyrophoric and self-heating hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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.

Protective gloves against thermal risks

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**
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.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

- **a)** Appearance
  - Form: powder
  - Color: silver, 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: 2,468 °C (4,474 °F) - lit.

- **f)** Initial boiling point and boiling range
  - 4,742 °C 8,568 °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. Flammability (solids)

- **j)** Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
  - No data available

- **k)** Vapor pressure
  - No data available

- **l)** Vapor density
  - No data available

- **m)** Density
  - 8.57 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit.
  - Relative density
  - No data available

- **n)** Water solubility
  - Insoluble

- **o)** Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
  - Not applicable for inorganic substances

- **p)** Autoignition temperature
  - 318 °C (604 °F) - Relative self-ignition temperature for solids

- **q)** Decomposition
  - No data available
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9.2 Other safety information
No data available

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 bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Halogens, Oxygen

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 423)
LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 5.45 mg/l  
(OECD Test Guideline 403)
LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: No skin irritation - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: No eye irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse
Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 429)

Germ cell mutagenicity
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.
Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 473
Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: negative

**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**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**
Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - female - Oral - 54 Days - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - > 1,000 mg/kg

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 Endocrine disrupting properties
   No data available

12.7 Other adverse effects
   No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

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

   Contaminated packaging
   Dispose of as unused product.

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): No
   Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

   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.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

   SARA 302 Components
   This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

   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**
Reactivity Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**
Niobium powder

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**California Prop. 65 Components**
This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**
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