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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

**Product identifier**

**Product Name** Niobium and Niobium Alloys

**Other means of identification**

**Product Code** SAC004

**Synonyms** Columbium and Columbium Alloys, Niobium Thermite Derby (Product #512)

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

**Recommended Use** Alloy product manufacture.

**Uses advised against**

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Manufacturer Address**

23661 Birtcher Dr.,  
Lake Forest, CA 92630 U.S.A.

**Emergency telephone number**

**Emergency Telephone** Chemtrec: (949) 407-8904

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

This chemical is not considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

**Label elements**

**Emergency Overview**

**Appearance** Various massive product forms

**Physical state** Solid

**Odor** Odorless

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Not applicable

**Other Information**

When product is subjected to welding, burning, melting, sawing, brazing, grinding, buffing, polishing, or other similar heat-generating processes, the following potentially hazardous airborne particles and/or fumes may be generated  
Titanium dioxide an IARC Group 2B carcinogen.

Vanadium pentoxide (V2O5) affects eyes, skin, respiratory system

Soluble molybdenum compounds such as molybdenum trioxide may cause lung irritation

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms**

Columbium and Columbium Alloys, Niobium Thermite Derby, (Product #512).

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Niobium (Columbium)	7440-03-1	40->99
Titanium	7440-32-6	0-60
Aluminum	7429-90-5	0-50
Tantalum	7440-25-7	0-30
Hafnium	7440-58-6	0-30
Tungsten	7440-33-7	0-20
Vanadium	7440-62-2	0-10
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	0-10
Zirconium	7440-67-7	0-5

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

##### First aid measures

<b>Eye contact</b>	In the case of particles coming in contact with eyes during processing, treat as with any foreign object.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	None under normal use conditions.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If excessive amounts of smoke, fume, or particulate are inhaled during processing, remove to fresh air and consult a qualified health professional.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Not an expected route of exposure.

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

**Symptoms** None anticipated.

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

**Note to physicians** Treat symptomatically.

#### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

##### Suitable extinguishing media

Not flammable in the form of this product as distributed, flammable as finely divided particles or pieces resulting from processing of this product. Smother with salt (NaCl) or class D dry powder fire extinguisher.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** Do not spray water on burning metal as an explosion may occur. This explosive characteristic is caused by the hydrogen and steam generated by the reaction of water with the burning material.

##### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Intense heat. Very fine, high surface area material resulting from grinding, buffing, polishing, or similar processes of this product may ignite spontaneously at room temperature. WARNING: Fine particles resulting from grinding, buffing, polishing, or similar processes of this product may form combustible dust-air mixtures. Keep particles away from all ignition sources including heat, sparks, and flame. Prevent dust accumulations to minimize combustible dust hazard.

**Hazardous combustion products** Titanium dioxide an IARC Group 2B carcinogen. Vanadium pentoxide (V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) affects eyes, skin, respiratory system. Soluble molybdenum compounds such as molybdenum trioxide may cause lung irritation.

##### Explosion data

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** None.

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** None.

##### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH approved (or equivalent) respirator and full protective gear.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions** Use personal protective equipment as required.  
**For emergency responders** Use personal protective equipment as required.

Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions** Collect spillage to prevent release to the environment.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Methods for containment** Not applicable to massive product.  
**Methods for cleaning up** Not applicable to massive product.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Precautions for safe handling

**Advice on safe handling** Very fine, high surface area material resulting from grinding, buffing, polishing, or similar processes of this product may ignite spontaneously at room temperature. WARNING: Fine particles resulting from grinding, buffing, polishing, or similar processes of this product may form combustible dust-air mixtures. Keep particles away from all ignition sources including heat, sparks, and flame. Prevent dust accumulations to minimize combustible dust hazard.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage Conditions** Keep chips, turnings, dust, and other small particles away from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition (i.e., pilot lights, electric motors and static electricity).  
**Incompatible materials** Dissolves in hydrofluoric acid. Ignites in the presence of fluorine. When heated above 200°C, reacts exothermically with the following. Chlorine, bromine, halocarbons, carbon tetrachloride, carbon tetrafluoride, and freon.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Control parameters

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Niobium (Columbium) 7440-03-1	-	-
Titanium 7440-32-6	-	-
Aluminum 7429-90-5	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction	TWA: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction
Tantalum 7440-25-7	-	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Hafnium 7440-58-6	TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Hf	TWA: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Tungsten 7440-33-7	STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> W TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> W	(vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> W
Vanadium 7440-62-2	-	Ceiling: 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> V2O5 respirable dust Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> V2O5 fume
Molybdenum 7439-98-7	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> inhalable fraction TWA: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction	-
Zirconium 7440-67-7	STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Zr TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Zr	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Zr (vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Zr

Appropriate engineering controls

**Engineering Controls** Avoid generation of uncontrolled particles.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection** When airborne particles may be present, appropriate eye protection is recommended. For example, tight-fitting goggles, foam-lined safety glasses or other protective equipment that shield the eyes from particles.

**Skin and body protection** Fire/flammable resistant/retardant clothing may be appropriate during hot work with the product. Cut-resistant gloves and/or protective clothing may be appropriate when sharp surfaces are present.

**Respiratory protection** When particulates/fumes/gases are generated and if exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, proper approved respiratory protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current local regulations.

**General Hygiene Considerations** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid	<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Appearance</b>	Various massive product forms	<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not applicable
<b>Color</b>	metallic gray silver		
<b>Property</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Remarks • Method</b>	
<b>pH</b>	-		
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	1800-2500 °C / 3270-4530 °F		
<b>Boiling point / boiling range</b>	-		
<b>Flash point</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	-	Not flammable in the form of this product as distributed, flammable as finely divided particles or pieces resulting from processing of this product	
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>			
<b>Upper flammability limit:</b>	-		
<b>Lower flammability limit:</b>	-		
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Vapor density</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	5.6-11.9		
<b>Water solubility</b>	Insoluble		
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	-		
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	-	Not applicable	
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Other Information</b>			
<b>Softening point</b>	-		
<b>Molecular weight</b>	-		
<b>VOC Content (%)</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Density</b>	-		
<b>Bulk density</b>	-		

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Not applicable

### Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

**Hazardous polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

### Conditions to avoid

Dust formation and dust accumulation.

### Incompatible materials

Dissolves in hydrofluoric acid. Ignites in the presence of fluorine. When heated above 200°C, reacts exothermically with the following. Chlorine, bromine, halocarbons, carbon tetrachloride, carbon tetrafluoride, and freon.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

**Inhalation** Not an expected route of exposure for product in massive form.

**Eye contact** Not an expected route of exposure for product in massive form.

**Skin Contact** Product not classified.

**Ingestion** Not an expected route of exposure for product in massive form.

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Niobium (Columbium) 7440-03-1	> 10,000 mg/kg bw	> 2000 mg/kg bw	-
Titanium 7440-32-6	> 5000 mg/kg bw	-	-
Aluminum 7429-90-5	15,900 mg/kg bw	-	> 1 mg/L
Tantalum 7440-25-7	> 2000 mg/kg bw	> 2000 mg/kg bw	> 5.18 mg/L
Hafnium 7440-58-6	> 5000 mg/kg bw	-	>4.3mg/L
Tungsten 7440-33-7	> 2000 mg/kg bw	> 2000 mg/kg bw	> 5.4 mg/L
Vanadium 7440-62-2	> 2000 mg/kg bw	-	-
Molybdenum 7439-98-7	> 2000 mg/kg bw	> 2000 mg/kg bw	> 5.10 mg/L
Zirconium 7440-67-7	> 5000 mg/kg bw	-	>4.3 mg/L

### Information on toxicological effects

**Symptoms** None known.

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

Acute toxicity Product not classified.  
 Sensitization Product not classified.  
 Germ cell mutagenicity Product not classified.  
 Carcinogenicity Product not classified.

Reproductive toxicity Product not classified.  
 STOT - single exposure Product not classified.  
 STOT - repeated exposure Product not classified.  
 Aspiration hazard Product not classified.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity**

This product as shipped is not classified for aquatic toxicity.

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Niobium (Columbium) 7440-03-1	-	-	-	-
Titanium 7440-32-6	The 72 h EC50 of titanium dioxide to <i>Pseudokirchnerella subcapitata</i> was 61 mg of TiO <sub>2</sub> /L.	The 96 h LC50 of titanium dioxide to <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> was greater than 10,000 mg of TiO <sub>2</sub> /L. The 96 h LC50 of titanium dioxide to <i>Pimephales promelas</i> was greater than 1,000 mg of TiO <sub>2</sub> /L.	The 3 h EC50 of titanium dioxide for activated sludge were greater than 1000 mg/L.	The 48 h EC50 of titanium dioxide to <i>Daphnia Magna</i> was greater than 1000 mg of TiO <sub>2</sub> /L.
Aluminum 7429-90-5	The 96-h EC50 values for reduction of biomass of <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> in AAP-Medium at pH 6, 7, and 8 were estimated as 20.1, 5.4, and 150.6 µg/L, respectively, for dissolved Al.	The 96 h LC50 of aluminum to <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> was 7.4 mg of Al/L at pH 6.5 and 14.6 mg of Al/L at pH 7.5	-	The 48-hr LC50 for <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> exposed to Aluminium chloride increased from 0.72 to greater than 99.6 mg/L with water hardness increasing from 25 to 200 mg/L.
Tantalum 7440-25-7	-	-	-	-
Hafnium 7440-58-6	The 72 h EC50 of hafnium to <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> was greater than 8 µg of Hf/L (100% saturated solution).	The 96 h LC50 of Hafnium dioxide in water to <i>Danio rerio</i> was greater than the solubility limit of 0.007 mg Hf/L.	-	The 48 h EC50 of Hafnium dioxide to <i>Daphnia magna</i> was greater than the solubility limit of 0.007 mg Hf/L.
Tungsten 7440-33-7	The 72 h EC50 of sodium tungstate to <i>Pseudokirchnerella subcapitata</i> was 31.0 mg of W/L.	The 96 h LC50 of sodium tungstate to <i>Danio rerio</i> was greater than 106 mg of W/L.	The 30 min EC50 of sodium tungstate for activated sludge were greater than 1000 mg/L.	The 48 h EC50 of sodium tungstate to <i>Daphnia magna</i> was greater than 96 mg of W/L.
Vanadium 7440-62-2	The 72 h EC50 of vanadium pentoxide to <i>Desmodesmus subspicatus</i> was 2,907 µg of V/L.	The 96 h LC50 of vanadium pentoxide to <i>Pimephales promelas</i> was 1,850 µg of V/L.	The 3 h EC50 of sodium metavanadate for activated sludge was greater than 100 mg/L.	The 48 h EC50 of sodium vanadate to <i>Daphnia magna</i> was 2,661 µg of V/L.
Molybdenum 7439-98-7	The 72 h EC50 of sodium molybdate dihydrate to <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> was 362.9 mg of Mo/L.	The 96 h LC50 of sodium molybdate dihydrate to <i>Pimephales promelas</i> was 644.2 mg/L.	The 3 h EC50 of molybdenum trioxide for activated sludge was 820 mg/L.	The 48 h LC50 of sodium molybdate dihydrate to <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> was 1,015 mg/L. The 48 h LC50 of sodium molybdate dihydrate to <i>Daphnia magna</i> was greater than 1,727.8 mg/L.
Zirconium 7440-67-7	The 14 d NOEC of zirconium dichloride oxide to <i>Chlorella</i>	The 96 h LL50 of zirconium to <i>Danio rerio</i> was greater	-	The 48 h EC50 of zirconium dioxide to <i>Daphnia magna</i>

	vulgaris was greater than 102.5 mg of Zr/L.	than 74.03 mg/L.		was greater than 74.03 mg of Zr/L.
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**Persistence and degradability****Bioaccumulation****Other adverse effects****13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste treatment methods**

<b>Disposal of wastes</b>	Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	None anticipated.

This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT** Not regulated

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****International Inventories**

<b>TSCA</b>	Complies
<b>DSL/NDSL</b>	Complies
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Complies
<b>ENCS</b>	Complies
<b>IECSC</b>	Complies
<b>KECL</b>	Complies
<b>PICCS</b>	Does not comply
<b>AICS</b>	Does not comply

**Legend:**

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**US Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

<b>Acute health hazard</b>	No
<b>Chronic Health Hazard</b>	No

<b>Fire hazard</b>	No
<b>Sudden release of pressure hazard</b>	No
<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	No

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

**US State Regulations****California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Titanium 7440-32-6	X		
Aluminum 7429-90-5	X	X	X
Tantalum 7440-25-7	X	X	X
Hafnium 7440-58-6	X	X	X
Tungsten 7440-33-7	X	X	X
Vanadium 7440-62-2	X	X	X
Molybdenum 7439-98-7	X	X	X
Zirconium 7440-67-7	X	X	X

**U.S. EPA Label Information**

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>NFPA</b>	Health hazards 0	Flammability 0	Instability 0	<b>Physical and Chemical Properties -</b>
<b>HMIS</b>	Health hazards 1*	Flammability 0	Physical hazards 0	<b>Personal protection X</b>
<i>Chronic Hazard Star Legend</i>	<i>* = Chronic Health Hazard</i>			

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**Note:**

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**

**Additional information available** Safety data sheets and labels available at ATImetals.com



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