

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1 Product Identification

CHEMICAL NAME: Holmium powder
CAS #: 7440-60-0
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SECTION 2 Composition and Information on Ingredients

INGREDIENT:	CAS #	%	ACGIH (TWA)	OSHA (PEL)
Title Compound	7440-60-0	100	no data	no data

SECTION 3 Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: If dust is present, slight to mild irritation of eyes, skin, and nasal cavity may occur.
PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE: Inhalation (of dust or fume), ingestion
EYE CONTACT: Dust, if present, may cause slight to mild irritation of the eyes.
SKIN CONTACT: Dust, if present, may cause slight to mild irritation of the skin.
INHALATION: Inhalation of any fine dust may be irritating to the nasal cavity, mucous membranes and respiratory tract.
INGESTION: No specific information is available on the physiological effects of ingestion.
CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS: No information available on health effects of prolonged or repeated exposure.
ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS: Dust, if present, may be irritating to skin, eyes and respiratory tract.

SECTION 4 First Aid Measures

EYE EXPOSURE: Immediately flush the eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure flushing under eyelids. A victim may need assistance in keeping their eyelids open. Get immediate competent medical attention.
SKIN EXPOSURE: Wash affected area with water. Remove contaminated clothes if necessary. Seek medical assistance if irritation persists.
INHALATION: Remove the victim to fresh air. Closely monitor the victim for signs of respiratory problems, such as difficulty in breathing, coughing, wheezing, or pain. In such cases seek immediate medical assistance.
INGESTION: Seek medical assistance immediately. Keep the victim calm. Give the victim water (only if conscious). Induce vomiting only if directed by medical personnel.

SECTION 5 Firefighting Measures

FLASH POINT: not applicable

AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE: not applicable

EXPLOSION LIMITS: not applicable

EXTINGUISHING MEDIUM: Dry chemical or Class D metal fire agent

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES: If involved in a fire, fire fighters should be equipped with a NIOSH approved positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION AND DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: If involved in a fire, burning metal may produce mildly irritating fumes of Holmium oxide or carbonate.

UNUSUAL FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARDS: May burn with intense heat. Dust may form explosive mixtures with air. Evolves hydrogen with hot water

SECTION 6 Accidental Release Measures

SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES: In the case of a spill, sweep up the mixture and place in a closed container. Do not mix with water or other incompatible materials.

SECTION 7 Handling and Storage

HANDLING AND STORAGE: Store material in a tightly sealed container in a cool dry place under argon. Handle in argon.

SECTION 8 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

EYE PROTECTION: Always wear approved safety glasses w/side shields, or safety goggles, face shield when handling a chemicals substance in the laboratory.

SKIN PROTECTION: Chemical-resistant.

VENTILATION: If possible, handle the material in an efficient fume hood.

RESPIRATOR: If in form of fine dust and ventilation is not available a respirator should be worn. The use of respirators requires a Respirator Protection Program to be in compliance with 29 CFR 19-10.134.

SECTION 9 Physical and Chemical Properties

COLOR AND FORM: -40 mesh

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 164.93

MELTING POINT (DEG. C.): not applicable

BOILING POINT: 2695^o

VAPOR PRESSURE: not applicable

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 8.795

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: insoluble

SECTION 10 Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: air sensitive, moisture sensitive

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: no hazardous polymerization
CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Mixtures of fine dust with air. Contact with an ignition source
INCOMPATIBILITY: water, alcohols, oxidizers, oxygen, halogens, halocarbons, mineral acids.
DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: none

SECTION 11 Toxicological Information

RTECS DATA: No information available in the RTECS files.
MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: no data
TETRATOGENIC EFFECTS: no data
CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: no data

To the best of our knowledge the toxicological effects of this compound have not been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 Ecological Information

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION: No information available

SECTION 13 Disposal Considerations

DISPOSAL: Dispose of in according to local state and federal regulations.

SECTION 14 Transportation Information

Non-hazardous

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SECTION 15 Regulatory Information

TSCA: Listed in the TSCA inventory
SARA (TITLE 313): Title compound not listed

SECTION 16 Other Information

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