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## Material Safety Data Sheet Tantalum Products

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### Section 1: Product and Company Identification

PRODUCT NAME: Tantalum Products  
CHEMICAL FAMILY: Metal  
CHEMICAL NAME: Ta  
MANUFACTURER: Materion Brewster LLC  
PO Box 1950  
Brewster, NY 10509-8950

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 845-279-0900

CHEMTREC 800-424-9300 (24 hour)

### Section 2: Composition/Ingredients

MATERIAL	CAS No	% at.
Tantalum	7440-25-7	100

### Section 3: Hazard Identification

#### HAZARD OVERVIEW:

We do not consider this product in the form it is sold to constitute a physical hazard or a health hazard. Subsequent operations such as abrading, melting, welding, cutting or processing in any other fashion may produce potentially hazardous dust or fumes which can be inhaled, swallowed, or come in contact with the skin or eyes.

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Inhalation, Skin contact.

TARGET ORGANS: Lungs; Skin

#### HUMAN EFFECTS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE:

Listed below are certain potential health hazards, which apply to the hazardous ingredients, found in the subject material

TANTALUM	Inhalation	May be moderately toxic by inhalation
	Skin	Some industrial skin irritation from tantalum has been reported.
	Chronic	Evidence suggests tantalum metal has a low toxicity potential due to poor absorption. Tantalum dust has caused transient inflammatory lesions in the lungs of animals. Systemic industrial poisoning is apparently unknown

#### MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:

Individuals who may have had allergic reactions to metals or sensitivity, may encounter skin rash or dermatitis, if skin contact with this product occurs. Persons with impaired pulmonary functions, may incur further impairment if dust or fumes are inhaled

#### CARCINOGENIC REFERENCES:

Not recognized by OSHA as a carcinogen  
Not listed in the National Toxicology Program



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Not listed as a carcinogen by the International Agency on Research on Cancer

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

- FIRST AID FOR EYES:** Dust or powder should be flushed from the eyes with running water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists obtain medical assistance.
- FIRST AID FOR SKIN:** Skin cuts and abrasions can be treated by standard first aid. Skin contamination with dust or powder can be removed with soap and water. If irritation persists obtain medical assistance.
- FIRST AID FOR INGESTION:** Obtain medical assistance at once.
- FIRST AID FOR INHALATION:** Breathing difficulty, caused by inhalation of dust or fume requires removal to fresh air. If breathing has stopped perform artificial respiration and seek medical assistance at once.

### Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures

- FLAMMABILITY:** Dust or powder may ignite spontaneously in air.
- EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Ordinary extinguishers are often in effective against metal fires; use Type "D" extinguishing agents Do not use water to extinguish fires around operations involving molten metal, due to the potential for steam explosion.
- SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Self-contained breathing apparatus should be worn when fighting metal dust fires. High levels of dust or fine particles in the air may ignite or explode.

### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

- SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES:** In solid form this material poses no special clean-up problems. Use normal clean up procedures; wet sweeping or HEPA vacuum, for clean up of dust or powder. Do not use compressed air for cleaning.

### Section 7: Storage and Handling

- In solid form this material poses no special problems. Store metal in a dry area. Do not store adjacent to acids.

### Section 8: Exposure Control/Personal Protection

- EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES:**  
Not established for product as whole. Tantalum: TLV, ACGIH: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> PEL, OSHA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:**
- Eye protection requirements: Safety glasses are recommended.
- Skin protection requirements: Protective gloves are recommended, to prevent mechanical irritation.
- Respiratory protection: Not normally required, use an appropriate NIOSH approved respirator if airborne dust concentration exceed the OSHA, PEL or ACGIH, TLV
- Other protective equipment: Eye wash fountain should be readily available in areas of use or handling.



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### VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS:

Local Exhaust:

Recommended, when cutting, grinding or melting or any other operation where dust or fumes are created  
Recommended.

General Exhaust:

### ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE:

If the operation generates dust or fumes, exposure to airborne materials should be determined by having air samples taken in the employees breathing zone and work area.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

PHYSICAL FORM:	Solid metal	COLOR:	Silver/Grey
ODOR:	None	MELT POINT:	2996 °
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Insoluble	SPECIFIC GRAVITY:	N/A
VOLATILE BY WEIGHT:	Essentially zero	DENSITY:	16.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup>

## Section 10: Reactivity

STABILITY: This is a stable material. HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

INCOMPATIBILITIES: Oxidizing agents Halogens, Bases, Hydrogen fluoride (HF)

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None under proper usage conditions.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Conditions which create dust or fumes. Exposure to high heat or flame

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

Under normal use of the solid form of this material there are few health hazards. Welding, cutting grinding or any process creating dust, fume or oxide may cause hazardous levels of certain elements, as addressed in Section 3.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

In solid form this material poses no special environmental problems. Metal powder or dust may have significant impact on air and water quality. Emissions, spills and releases to the environment should be controlled immediately.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Because of its high intrinsic value this material should be reclaimed. Dispose of in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local Regulations.

## Section 14: Transportation Information

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

D.O.T. SHIPPING NAME:	Not regulated	TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME:	Metal Alloy
D.O.T. HAZARD CLASS:	None	UN/NA NUMBER:	None
PRODUCT RQ:	None		

### AIR TRANSPORT:

ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR: Not regulated in solid form



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**Section 15: Regulatory Information**

**OSHA STATUS:**

No specific regulations. The Hazard Communication Standard of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 CFR 1910.1200 considers components of this product a Hazardous Substance.

**TSCA STATUS:**

All components of this product are listed in the US Environmental Protection Agency on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory

**RCRA STATUS:** Not regulated, in solid form

**SARA TITLE III:**

The constituents of this alloy contain hazardous substances, above one (1) percent, and are subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

SUBSTANCE	CAS No.	PERCENT MAXIMUM
None		

**INTERNATIONAL**

CANADA – WHMIS Disclosure List  
N/A

EUROPEAN UNION  
Risk Phrase  
N/A

**Section 16: Other Information**

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