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Thorium MSDS

Formula

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Structure

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Description

Silver to grayish radioactive metal. Twice as dense as lead.

Uses

Because the thorium atom density is higher in thorium metal than in any thorium compound, metal is the preferred form of thorium where the highest nuclear reactivity or highest density is wanted.

Registry Numbers and Inventories.

CAS	7440-29-1
NIH PubChem CID	23960
EC (EINECS/ELINCS)	231-139-7
RTECS	XO6400000
UN (DOT)	2975
Merck	12,9514
Beilstein/Gmelin	16314 (G)
Canada DSL/NDSL	DSL
US TSCA	Listed
Austrailia AICS	Listed
New Zealand	Listed

Properties.

Formula	Th
Formula mass	232.04
Melting point, °C	1120 - 1160
Boiling point, °C	1730 - 2230
Vapor pressure, mmHg	0.1 (2431 C)
Density	12.3 g/cm ³
Solubility in water	Insoluble
Thermal expansion	0.0000125/K
Heat of fusion	20.93 kJ/mol
Heat of vaporization	598 kJ/mole

Hazards and Protection.

Storage	<p>Keep in a cool, dry, dark location in a tightly sealed container or cylinder. Keep away from incompatible materials, ignition sources and untrained individuals. Secure and label area. Protect containers/cylinders from physical damage.</p>
Handling	<p>All chemicals should be considered hazardous. Avoid direct physical contact. Use appropriate, approved safety equipment. Untrained individuals should not handle this chemical or its container. Handling should occur in a chemical fume hood.</p>
Protection	<p>Wear appropriate protective gloves, clothing and goggles.</p>
Respirators	<p>Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).</p>
Small spills/leaks	<p>Contact the local, state, or Department Of Energy Radiological Response Team. Do not use water. Keep sparks, flames, and other sources of ignition away. Keep material out of water sources and sewers. Keep material dry. Do not attempt to sweep up dry material.</p>
Stability	<p>When pure it is air-stable.</p>

Incompatibilities React vigorously with incandescence.

Fire.

Autoignition, 130 °C

Fire fighting Contact the local, state, or Department Of Energy Radiological Response Team. Do not use water. Use graphite, soda ash, powdered sodium chloride, or suitable dry powder.

Fire potential May burn but does not ignite readily.

Hazards Some of these materials may burn, but most do not ignite readily. Uranium and Thorium metal cuttings may ignite spontaneously if exposed to air. Extremely flammable; will ignite itself if exposed to air. Burns rapidly, releasing dense, white, irritating fumes. Substance may be transported in a molten form. May re-ignite after fire is extinguished. Nitrates are oxidizers and may ignite other combustibles. May explode from heat or contamination. Some may burn rapidly. Some will react explosively with hydrocarbons (fuels). May ignite combustibles (wood, paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Containers may explode when heated. Runoff may create fire or explosion hazard.

Health.

Exposure limit(s) OEL_Russia: 0.05mg/m³

Carcinogen I-1

Exposure effects Supralethal radiation doses may result in headache, acute brain syndrome, alterations in mental status including coma, and (rarely) seizures within minutes of exposure. Prenatal ionizing radiation exposure may cause congenital anomalies, mental retardation, and an increased incidence of seizures.

Ingestion Gastrointestinal syndrome (nausea/vomiting) commonly occurs after doses of 9 to 20 gy and may occur following doses as low as 5 gy. Initial vomiting is followed by persistent diarrhea, which may be bloody.

Inhalation Pulmonary radiation injury may result in radiation pneumonitis and radiation pulmonary fibrosis.

Skin Thermonuclear burns may occur. If erythema is

produced by a penetrating radiation, serious systemic injury is certain.

Eyes

See Inhalation.

First aid

Medical problems take priority over radiological concerns. Use first aid treatment according to the nature of the injury. Do not delay care and transport of a seriously injured person.

Ingestion

Inhalation

Monitoring exposed patients for contamination and decontamination procedures should be started. All personnel involved in handling patients should wear disposable protective clothing. The patient should be completely undressed and given a soap and water bath or shower (if the patient's condition permits and if the facility exists). Acute inhalation of radionuclides presents some difficult problems.

Skin

Immediately flush with running water for at least 20 minutes. See Ingestion.

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