

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 2234  
**SRM Name:** Gallium for Thermal Analysis  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in calibrating differential scanning calorimeters (DSC), differential thermal analyzers, and similar instruments. A unit of SRM 2234 consists of a small ingot (approximately 2 g) of high purity gallium (99.999 99 %), sealed in a polyethylene vial.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Corrosive to Metals Category 1  
**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**



**Signal Word**

WARNING

**Hazard Statement(s)**

H290 May be corrosive to metals.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

P234 Keep only in original container.  
 P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.  
 P406 Store in corrosive resistant container.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Gallium

**Other Designations:** Gallium metal; gallium element

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Gallium	7440-55-3	231-163-8	100

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**Description of First Aid Measures:**

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** May cause irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek immediate medical attention.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Negligible fire hazard. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, regular foam.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Miscellaneous decomposition products.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 1

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Do not touch spilled material. Notify safety personnel of spills. For small spills, absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Isolate hazard area and deny entry.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store in original container. Avoid contact with water or moisture. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10, “Stability and Reactivity”).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** No occupation exposure limits established.

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eyewash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Descriptive Properties	
<b>Appearance</b> (physical state, color, etc.)	blue, white solid or liquid; moisture sensitive color change
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	Ga
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol)</b>	69.72
<b>Odor</b>	odorless
<b>Odor threshold (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	not available
<b>pH</b>	not available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	not available
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	30 °C (86 °F)
<b>Relative Density</b> as specific gravity (water = 1)	5.904 (solid)
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg)</b>	0.001 mmHg at 925 °C
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1)</b>	not available
<b>Viscosity</b>	not available
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	insoluble in water; soluble in acid; slightly soluble in mercury and ether
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	not available
Thermal Stability Properties	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	not applicable
<b>Thermal Decomposition</b>	not applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	1700 °C to 2403 °C (3092 °F to 4357 °F)
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)</b>	not applicable
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)</b>	not applicable
<b>Flash Point</b>	not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	not applicable

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**   X   Stable        Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Dangerous gases may accumulate in confined spaces. May ignite or explode on contact with combustible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Acids, bases, halogens, and oxidizing materials.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce hydrogen.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**        Will Occur   X   Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**   X   Inhalation   X   Skin        Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** May cause irritation.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** May cause irritation of the mucous membranes.

**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation.

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation.

**Ingestion:** Gallium is poorly absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified; patch testing of two individuals produced no irritation.

**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:** Not classified.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**        Yes   X   No  
Gallium is not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as carcinogens/potential carcinogens.

**Mutagenic:** Human: 480 µmol/L

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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### 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** UN2803, Gallium, Hazard Class 8, Packing Group III.

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. Regulations:**

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: No

CHRONIC HEALTH: No

FIRE: No

REACTIVE: No

PRESSURE: No

**State Regulations:** Not listed under California Proposition 65.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TLm	Threshold Limit, median
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	TWA	Time Weighted Average
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
		WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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