



# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

### Product Identifier

**Product Name** Nickel Metal Hydride Battery

### Other means of identification

**SDS #** GLI-005

**Synonyms** NiMH.

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

**Recommended Use** Battery.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### **Distributor**

GlobTek, Inc.  
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### Emergency Telephone Number

**Emergency Telephone (24 hr)** INFOTRAC 1-352-323-3500 (International)  
1-800-535-5053 (North America)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview** Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are a sub-requirement of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR Subpart 1910.1200. This Hazard Communication Standard does not apply to various subcategories including anything defined by OSHA as an "article". OSHA has defined "article" as a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle; (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g. minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical, and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees. Because all of our batteries are defined as "articles", they are exempt from the requirements of the Hazard Communication Standard, hence an SDS is not required. However, this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) contains valuable information critical to the safe handling and proper use of this product. This SDS should be retained and available for employees and other users of this product.

**Appearance** Geometric, solid object

**Physical state** Solid

### Classification

The chemicals listed in section 3 are contained in a sealed container. Risk of exposure only occurs if battery is mechanically, thermally, or electrically abused.



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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Synonyms** NiMH.

Chemical Name	CAS No	Weight-%
Nickel	7440-02-0	30-40
Other Proprietary Chemicals	Proprietary	<13
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	10-15
Cobalt	7440-48-4	4-8
Lithium Hydroxide	1310-65-2	0-4
Caustic Soda	1310-73-2	4-8
Manganese	7439-96-5	< 2

\*\*If Chemical Name/CAS No is "proprietary" and/or Weight-% is listed as a range, the specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.\*\*

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

**First Aid Measures**

- General Advice** The following information applies if the battery is mechanically, thermally, or electrically abused.
- Eye Contact** Immediately flush eyes with water for 30 minutes while lifting the upper and lower lids. Get medical attention.
- Skin Contact** Flush affected area with lukewarm water for at least 30 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
- Inhalation** If symptoms are experienced, remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. Get medical attention.
- Ingestion** Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center. National battery ingestion hotline: 202-625-3333.

**Most important symptoms and effects**

- Symptoms** Chemicals may cause burns to skin, eyes, gastrointestinal tract and mucous membranes. Contact with skin may cause chronic eczema or nickel itch. Electrolyte is extremely corrosive to eye tissue and may cause permanent blindness. If swallowed it may cause choking, nausea, persistent vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, dizziness, faintness, unconsciousness and possible liver and kidney injury.

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

- Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray (fog). Foam. Dry powder.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Not determined.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Cells may rupture when exposed to excessive heat. This could result in the release of flammable or corrosive materials.

**Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters**

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



protective gear.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ventilate affected area.
<b>Other Information</b>	The material contained within the batteries is only expelled under abusive conditions.
<b>For Emergency Responders</b>	If the battery material is released, remove personnel from the area until fumes dissipate.

### Environmental precautions

<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
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### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

<b>Methods for Containment</b>	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
<b>Methods for Clean-Up</b>	Prevent skin and eye contact and collect all released material in a plastic lined container. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

<b>Advice on Safe Handling</b>	Do not expose battery or cell to extreme temperatures or fire. Do not disassemble, crush or puncture battery. Avoid mechanical or electrical abuse. Do not short circuit.
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### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Insulate positive and negative terminals to avoid short circuit. Storing unpacked cells together could result in cells shorting and heating to the point of rupturing. Prevent condensation on cells or battery terminals. Elevated temperatures may result in reduced battery life. Protect from direct sunlight.
<b>Packaging Materials</b>	If packing materials are not available, place masking tape on positive and negative ends of the cells.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	If leaked, forbidden to contact with strong oxidizers, mineral acids, strong alkalis, halogenated hydrocarbons. Water with internal contents of battery.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Exposure Guidelines

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Nickel 7440-02-0	TWA: 1.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> inhalable fraction	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ni TWA: 0.015 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.015 mg/m <sup>3</sup> except



Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Nickel carbonyl Ni Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Cobalt 7440-48-4	TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Co	TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust and fume (vacated) TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust and fume	IDLH: 20 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust and fume TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> dust and fume
Caustic Soda 1310-73-2	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Manganese 7439-96-5	TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> inhalable fraction TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Mn respirable fraction TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Mn inhalable fraction	(vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume (vacated) STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume (vacated) Ceiling: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume Ceiling: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume Ceiling: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Mn	IDLH: 500 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 500 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Mn TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> fume TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Mn STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Mn

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering Controls** Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits. Showers. Eyewash stations. Ventilation systems.

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

**Eye/Face Protection** Always wear safety glasses when working with batteries and cells. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.133 for eye and face protection regulations.

**Skin and Body Protection** Not necessary under conditions of normal use. In case of battery rupture or leakage, wear rubber apron and Viton rubber gloves, Protective clothing. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.138 for appropriate skin and body protection.

**Respiratory Protection** Not necessary under conditions of normal use. In case of battery venting or rupture, use a self contained full face respiratory mask. Refer to 29 CFR 1910.134 for respiratory protection requirements.

**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>	Not determined
<b>Appearance</b>	Geometric, solid object	<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not applicable
<b>Color</b>	Not determined		

<b>Property</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Remarks • Method</b>
<b>pH</b>	Not determined	
<b>Melting Point/Freezing Point</b>	NA	
<b>Boiling Point/Boiling Range</b>	NA	
<b>Flash Point</b>	None	
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	NA	
<b>Flammability (Solid, Gas)</b>	Not determined	
<b>Flammability Limits in Air</b>		
<b>Upper Flammability Limits</b>	NA	
<b>Lower Flammability Limit</b>	NA	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	NA	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	NA	
<b>Relative Density</b>	NA	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	Not determined	



<b>Partition Coefficient</b>	Not determined
<b>Auto-ignition Temperature</b>	NA
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	Not determined
<b>Kinematic Viscosity</b>	Not determined
<b>Dynamic Viscosity</b>	Not determined
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	Not determined
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Not reactive under normal conditions.

### Chemical Stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

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

### Conditions to Avoid

Heating, mechanical and electrical abuse. Electrical shorting. Moisture, recharge, disassembly.

### Incompatible Materials

If leaked, forbidden to contact with strong oxidizers, mineral acids, strong alkalis, halogenated hydrocarbons. Water with internal contents of battery.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

None known based on information supplied.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Product Information** Inhalation, skin contact and eye contact are possible when the battery is opened. The following is based on exposure to internal contents

**Eye Contact** Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.

**Skin Contact** Irritating to skin. Contents of an open battery may be absorbed through the skin causing localized inflammation.

**Inhalation** Contents of an open battery can cause respiratory irritation. Inhalation of vapors may cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract and lungs.

**Ingestion** Swallowing a battery can be harmful. Contents of an open battery can cause serious chemical burns of the mouth, esophagus, and gastrointestinal tract.

### Component Information

Chemical Name	ATEmix (oral)	ATEmix (dermal)	Inhalation LC50
Nickel 7440-02-0	> 9000 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	= 284 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-
Cobalt 7440-48-4	= 6171 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	> 10 mg/L ( Rat ) 1 h



Lithium Hydroxide 1310-65-2	= 210 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	= 960 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h
Caustic Soda 1310-73-2	-	= 1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-
Manganese 7439-96-5	= 9 g/kg ( Rat )	-	-

**Information on physical, chemical and toxicological effects**

**Symptoms**

Please see section 4 of this SDS for symptoms.

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

**Carcinogenicity**

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen. However, the product as a whole has not been tested.

Chemical Name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Nickel 7440-02-0		Group 2B	Known Reasonably Anticipated	X
Cobalt 7440-48-4	A3	Group 2B	Reasonably Anticipated	X

**Legend**

**ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)**

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

**IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans

**NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

Known - Known Carcinogen

Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen

**OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)**

X - Present

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Component Information**

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Nickel 7440-02-0	0.18: 72 h Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata mg/L EC50 0.174 - 0.311: 96 h Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata mg/L EC50 static	1.3: 96 h Cyprinus carpio mg/L LC50 semi-static 100: 96 h Brachydanio rerio mg/L LC50 10.4: 96 h Cyprinus carpio mg/L LC50 static	1: 48 h Daphnia magna mg/L EC50 Static 100: 48 h Daphnia magna mg/L EC50
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3		80: 96 h Gambusia affinis mg/L LC50 static	
Cobalt 7440-48-4		100: 96 h Brachydanio rerio mg/L LC50 static	
Caustic Soda 1310-73-2		45.4: 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss mg/L LC50 static	

**Persistence/Degradability**

Not determined.

**Bioaccumulation**

Not determined.

**Mobility**

Chemical Name	Partition Coefficient
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	0.83



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**Other Adverse Effects**

Not determined

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Treatment Methods**

**Disposal of Wastes** Cells must be recycled.

**Contaminated Packaging** Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

**US EPA Waste Number**

Chemical Name	RCRA	RCRA - Basis for Listing	RCRA - D Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Nickel 7440-02-0		Included in waste streams: F006, F039		

**California Hazardous Waste Status**

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

Chemical Name	California Hazardous Waste Status
Nickel 7440-02-0	Toxic powder Ignitable powder
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	Toxic Corrosive
Cobalt 7440-48-4	Toxic powder Ignitable powder Toxic
Caustic Soda 1310-73-2	Toxic Corrosive
Manganese 7439-96-5	Ignitable powder

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Note**

Please see current shipping paper for most up to date shipping information, including exemptions and special circumstances.

**DOT**

Please contact manufacturer for most current information

**IATA**

Please contact manufacturer for most current information

**IMDG**

Please contact manufacturer for most current information

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**International Inventories**

Chemical Name	TSCA	DSL/NDSL	EINECS/E LINC S	ENCS	IECSC	KECL	PICCS	AICS
Nickel	X	X	X		X	Present	X	X
Potassium hydroxide	X	X	X	Present	X	Present	X	X



Cobalt	X	X	X		X	Present	X	X
Lithium Hydroxide	X	X	X	Present	X	Present	X	X
Caustic Soda	X	X	X	Present	X	Present	X	X
Manganese	X	X	X		X	Present	X	X

**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**

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Chemical Name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Nickel 7440-02-0	100 lb		RQ 100 lb final RQ RQ 45.4 kg final RQ
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	1000 lb		RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ
Caustic Soda 1310-73-2	1000 lb		RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ

**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Chemical Name	CAS No	Weight-%	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Nickel - 7440-02-0	7440-02-0	30-40	0.1
Cobalt - 7440-48-4	7440-48-4	4-8	0.1
Manganese - 7439-96-5	7439-96-5	< 2	1.0

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical Name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Nickel		X	X	
Potassium hydroxide	1000 lb			X
Caustic Soda	1000 lb			X

**US State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Chemical Name	California Proposition 65
Nickel - 7440-02-0	Carcinogen
Cobalt - 7440-48-4	Carcinogen

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

Chemical Name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
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Nickel 7440-02-0	X	X	X
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3	X	X	X
Cobalt 7440-48-4	X	X	X
Caustic Soda 1310-73-2	X	X	X
Manganese 7439-96-5	X	X	X

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**NFPA**

**Health Hazards**

**Flammability**

**Instability**

**Special Hazards**

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

**HMIS**

**Health Hazards**

**Flammability**

**Physical hazards**

**Personal Protection**

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

Not determined

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New product

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**