

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Identifier**

**RM Number:** 8011  
**RM Name:** Gold Nanoparticles Nominal 10 nm Diameter  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

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

RM 8011 consists of nominally 5 mL of citrate-stabilized gold nanoparticles in an aqueous suspension, supplied in hermetically sealed pre pre-scored glass ampoules sterilized by gamma irradiation. A unit of RM 8011 consists of two 5 mL ampoules. This Reference Material (RM) is intended primarily to evaluate and qualify methodology and/or instrument performance related to the physical/dimensional characterization of nanoscale particles.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**Note:** The concentration of gold nanoparticles in this suspension is below the reportable limit for SDS information as required by OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 (see Report of Investigation for concentration value). This material should be handled as recommended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). According to NIOSH, occupational health risks associated with manufacturing and using nanomaterials are not fully understood. Minimal information is currently available on dominant exposure routes, potential exposure levels, and material toxicity of nanomaterials.

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements**

**Symbol:**  
No Symbol.

**Signal Word:**  
No Signal Word.

**Hazard Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**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:** Gold nanoparticles aqueous suspension

**Other Designations:**

Gold nanoparticles, colloidal gold

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

Non-Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Gold	7440-57-5	231-165-9	<0.01
Tri-Sodium Citrate	6858-44-2	614-623-6	<0.01
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	>99

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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. Get 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.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

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

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If adverse effects 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.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Thermal decomposition will form oxides of carbon.

**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 = 0

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. Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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

**Storage: Do not freeze.** Store at room temperature in its original ampoule and package, and protected from intense direct light or ultraviolet radiation.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** No occupational 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 29 CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles. An eye wash 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 (physical state, color, etc.):</b>	Red-pink solution
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Odor:</b>	Not available
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not available
<b>pH:</b>	7.19
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	Not available
<b>Melting point/freezing point (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>Relative Density (g/L):</b>	Not available
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>	Not available
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	Not available
<b>Viscosity (cP):</b>	Not available
<b>Solubility(ies):</b>	Water
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not available
<b>Particle Size:</b>	10 nm

### Thermal Stability Properties:

<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Thermal Decomposition (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flash Point (°C)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	Not applicable

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable.

**Stability:**      Stable      Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid freezing.

**Incompatible Materials:** Contact with salt will cause precipitation of colloid.

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

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

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

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**      Inhalation      Skin      Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** No data available.

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

**Inhalation:** No information on significant adverse effects.

**Skin Contact:** May be harmful by skin absorption.

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation.

**Ingestion:** May be harmful by ingestion in large amounts.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** No data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** No data available.

**Serious Eye damage/ Eye irritation:** No data available.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** No data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**      Yes      No  
Components are not listed in NTP, IARC or OSHA as a carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** No data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** No data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** 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:** This material is not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations:

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not applicable to the identified NIST RM.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not applicable to the identified NIST RM.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not applicable to the identified NIST RM.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not applicable to the identified NIST RM.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not applicable to the identified NIST RM.

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:

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Gold listed.

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

### Canadian Regulations:

WHMIS Information: 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 Transport Association	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 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified		

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