TANIOBIS Innovative Powders



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Tantalum and Niobium – Innovative Materials

Tantalum and niobium metal powders have a positive impact on our daily life. With their outstanding properties, they actively shape the development of future technologies.

Tantalum is characterized by having the fourth-highest melting point of all metals, a very high density, and good thermal and electrical conductivity. Due to its ability to form an extremely thin, tough, fully dense and protective oxide layer, it is outstanding for use in capacitor applications. Niobium is a ductile, oxidation and corrosion-resistant metal which improves material properties, often leading to the increased efficiency, safety and performance of end products.

The extraordinary properties of tantalum and niobium facilitate technological progress, including the IoT (Internet of Things), AI (Artificial Intelligence), smart factories, E-Mobility, or vehicleto-vehicle communication. These materials are our passion; to utilize their innovative potential for future trends is our mission. Our experienced team can support you in the development of efficient and powerful solutions for existing and new application fields. About TANIOBIS

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Miniaturization

A fundamental trend in consumer electronics is miniaturization. Smaller devices are expected to provide an ever increasing level of performance with more functions. Tantalum plays a crucial role in this trend. The miniaturization of end devices, such as smartphones or notebooks, is supported by very high-capacitance tantalum capacitors, which achieve maximum energy density with a low footprint, thanks to their unique volume efficiency. Moreover, our newly developed tantalum paste technology offers an innovative way to achieve ultra-thin capacitor designs and the increased volumetric efficiency of capacitance.



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About TANIOBIS

A leading market position with the highest level of expertise in Ta- and Nb-based materials

TANIOBIS is a leading global producer of high-quality tantalum and niobium-based materials. We have more than 60 years of experience in the development and manufacture of highperformance tantalum and niobium metal powders for capacitors and sputter targets, high-purity oxides for the optical industry, and other specialty compounds including hydroxides, chlorides, oxalates, as well as alloys such as nickel niobium.

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Our highly-qualified R&D team develops specific product solutions targeted at the coming market trends, such as the Internet of Things (IoT), vehicleto-vehicle communication, smart factories and additive manufacturing technologies.





Our company operates four production facilities located in Goslar and Laufenburg, Germany; Mito, Japan and Map Ta Phut, Thailand.

End-product manufacturing

• Manufacturing of end-products (e.g. telecom infrastructure, semiconductors, turbines)

Refining powder

- Provides flowability
- Optimizes particle morphology
- Further purification (deoxidation)

Highest Reliability in Future Technologies

quality. With our experience and expertise in application



Technological Expertise for Customized Solutions

products are tailor-made, based on customer provide materials fully adapted to their processes

Market segments	Key product groups
Capacitor materials	 Tantalum capacitor powders High CV⁽¹⁾ powders Mid CV powder High Voltage powder
High-purity metal powders	Metal powdersfor sputter targetsfor sinter applications
Alloy additives	 Alloy Additives NiNb (40/60) Niobium oxide (Nb₂O₅)
Specialty oxides	 Specialty oxides High-purity Ta₂O₅ High-purity Nb₂O₅
Powders for additive manufacturing	 AMtrinsic[®] Ta- and Nb-based powders and their alloys Customized multinary alloys
Compounds & chlorides	 AMPERTEC[®] Chlorides Compounds

Typical applications

- Notebooks, tablets, mobiles, TVs
- Telecom infrastructure
- Connected car
- Semiconductors
- DRAM and NAND Flash
- Integrated circuit chips
- Jet engine and industrial gas turbines
- Oil & gas infrastructure
- Optical lenses
- Piezoceramics
- SAW-filters
- Medical and dental implants
- Super conductivity
- Aerospace engine systems
- CVD precursor
- Piezo components

Chemical Purity, **Phase Purity**

e.g. metal powders for sputter targets, oxides for single crystal application, chlorides for CVD



Hydrometallurgy Extraction, precipitation, crystallization, filtration

⁽¹⁾ CV refers to Capacitance and Voltage

also the purity and morphology of the powder to achieve the required result. Our team draws high-temperature processes and mechanical of tailor-made materials.

Future Mobility

Our mobility behavior will change radically in the years to come. Forecasts predict that, by 2030, autonomous mobility could rise to 40%, and over 55% of all car sales will involve fully-electrified vehicles. Automotive electronics encompass a wide range of applications, from cabin entertainment, airbags and ABS, to ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems). Due to their ideal properties, including enhanced reliability, a wide temperature range and low leakage, high-voltage tantalum capacitor powders are the perfect base for capacitors used in electronic mobility applications, contributing to increased vehicle reliability and passenger safety.

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Sustainable Material Supply

Our raw material procurement strategy is based on two pillars: the responsible and ethical sourcing of primary materials, as well as the recycling of secondary materials (scraps, slags). With unique expertise, we recover tantalum and niobium scraps from various industries (e.g. aviation), and return them into the supply chain, ensuring the sustainable use of resources.



Conflict-Free Smelter

TANIOBIS is at the forefront of the tantalum industry and we consider responsible and ethical raw material sourcing to be one of our core competencies.

Our activities are based on the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk areas.

We apply the due diligence systems of the:

- iTSCi (international Tin Supply Chain initiative Full member)
- Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI Full Member), and
- Responsible Supply Chain Management (RSCM internal supplier qualification system) to formalize the supervision and selection of mining, as well as trading activities.

We are a conflict-free smelter and conformant with the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process assessment protocols (RMAP) (formerly known as CFSP Compliant Smelters & Refiners) for all our manufacturing sites.





Our Process Excellence

Our innovative tantalum and niobium recycling processes allow us to reclaim tantalum and niobium from almost any type of tantalum and niobium-containing scrap or production by-products, and reintroduce them into the value chain with the same powder characteristics. Depending on the required product, our experienced team manufactures tantalum and niobium powders and compounds in the following production steps: pyro-metallurgy, hydro-metallurgy or powder metallurgy.



Oxides

Our product range features a comprehensive spectrum of tantalum pentoxide (Ta_2O_5) grades and niobium pentoxide (Nb_2O_5) grades adapted for a wide variety of applications and markets. With a deep understanding of the different requirements, in terms of chemical purity and morphology,

and thanks to intensive customer cooperation, we can improve product properties with respect to the continuously changing requirements of the specific applications.

Tantalum pentoxide Ta₂O₅	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
Chemically-Pure Grade	99.9%	D10% < 1 μm D50% < 2 μm D90% < 100 μm	CarbidesCatalystsRefractoriesAlloy additives
Ceramic Grade	99.9%	D10% < 0.5 μm D50% < 2 μm D90% < 5 μm	 Carbides Ceramics Electroceramics Pigments
High-Purity Optical Grade	99.98%	HPO 400: screened to be finer than 400 μm HPO 600: screened to be finer than 600 μm HPO 1000: not screened or screened to be finer than 1000 μm	Optical lenses
Grade LT	99.995%	D10% 0.3 - 0.5 μm D50% 1.0 - 2.0 μm D90% 5.0 - 60 μm	 Optical lenses Sputter targets Single crystals

Niobium pentoxide Nb₂O₅	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
Metallurgical Grade	99.0%		Alloy additivesSuper alloys
Chemically-Pure Grade	99.9%	D10% < 1 μm D50% < 2 μm D90% < 100 μm	 Carbides Catalysts Refractories Pigments
Ceramic Grade	99.9%	D10% < 0.5 μm D50% < 1 μm D90% < 2 μm	 Carbides Piezoceramics ferrites MLCC Pigments
High-Purity Optical Grade	99.99%	HPO 400: screened to be finer than 400 μm HPO 600: screened to be finer than 600 μm HPO 1000: not screened or screened to be finer than 1000 μm	 Optical lenses Coatings

Niobium pentoxide Nb₂O₅	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
Lithium Niobate Grade (LN)	99.995%	D10% 1.0 - 1.5 μm D50% 4.0 - 7.0 μm D90% 20 - 100 μm	Single crystalHigh-purity applications
Sputter Target Grade (SPT-A)	99.995%	D10 > 15 μm D50 25 - 50 μm D90 40 - 70 μm	Sputter targets

Niobium Hydroxide

Our niobium hydroxide (Nb(OH)₅) is used as a niobium precursor for the production of niobium compounds, among others for catalysis and electroceramics. As a non-calcined

Nb(OH)₅	Chemical characteristics	Physical characteristics	Main application
Moist (amorphous structure)	Nb₂O₅ min. 30% F max. 0.5% Loss on ignition, max. 70% NH₄ 3 - 5%		 Niobium precursor for the production of niobium compounds, e.g. for catalysis and electroceramics
Milled	Nb2O₅ min. 60% F max. 0.5% Loss on ignition, max. 40% NH4 3 - 5%	D10% < 2 μm D50% < 10 μm D90% < 80 μm	
Crushed	Nb2O₅ min. 60% F max. 0.5% Loss on ignition, max. 40% NH4 3 - 5%		



powder, with a water content of 30 - 60%, Nb(OH)₅ is an ideal starting material for homogenous doping.

Better Global Connectivity

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High-volume data connectivity is an integral part of today's technological progress; the rapid growth of wireless data access and the need for high-speed data processing is greater than ever before. Electronic devices are becoming faster, smaller, more connected, and more energy-efficient. The Internet of Things, smart grids, smart factories and vehicle-to-vehicle communication cannot work efficiently without our tantalum and niobium powders. Our innovative approach makes it possible to develop thinner and smaller electronic devices with comprehensive functionality, thus providing a continuous contribution to better global connectivity.

Metal Powders

We provide a wide range of tantalum and niobium-based metal powders for capacitors used in applications, including our tantalum and niobium ,high-purity' powders are vehicle electronics, ignition and engine control modules, as well as aerospace and defense technology.

optimized for all voltage ranges. High-voltage capacitor powders, for example, play an important role in areas where safety and low breakdown rates are highly significant, such as in medicine (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator – ICD) or automotive.

Due to their high degree of purity and high quality, used in aviation and energy industry applications as alloy additives for corrosion-resistant turbine blades. In medical technology, the powders are used as We supply many different tantalum and niobium powders radiographic contrast agents and in the production of bone replacement material and implants.

> Moreover, our product portfolio includes tantalum pastes for ultra-thin electronic devices, as well as Ta- and Nb-based powders for various application technologies, like additive manufacturing.

Tantalum		Purity min.	Main application
Ta Metal	Capacitor Grade Na Reduction		Ta capacitor
	Capacitor Grade Mg Reduction		High CV Ta capacitorHigh-voltage Ta capacitorMedical devices
	Capacitor Grade Q		High-voltage Ta capacitor
	Sinter Grade		Mill productsWire
	Sputter Target Grade		Sputter targets
	AMPERTEC [®] Ta EB High-Purity	99.9%	Medical applications
	AMPERTEC® Ta EB TS	99.9%	Thermal spraying applications
Ta Paste	High CV Ta paste		High CV Ta capacitor
	High-voltage Ta paste		High-voltage Ta capacitor

Niobium		Purity min.	Main application
Nb Metal & NbO	Capacitor Grade NbO		Nb capacitor
	Capacitor Grade Nb Powder		High CV Nb capacitor
	AMPERTEC [®] Nb EB High-Purity	99.9%	Medical applications
	AMPERTEC [®] Nb EB TS	99.9%	Thermal spraying applications

AMtrinsic [®] spherical	Oxygen (ppm)	Purity min.	Main application
Spherical Ta	< 400		 Powder for additive manufacturing applications
Spherical Nb	< 600		 Powder for additive manufacturing applications





AMPERTEC® Chlorides

Niobium and Tantalum Pentachloride

Our **AMPERTEC®** niobium and tantalum pentachlorides (NbCls and TaCls) are highly-reactive compounds of niobium and tantalum. Due to the reduced surface area, e.g. larger particle size, the compounds are associated with less dust formation, reduced moisture sensitivity and improved handling in dosage. The highest purity and semiconductor grades of the AMPERTECR product range are the purest of their kind currently available on the market in large scale production.

AMPERTEC® Niobium pentachloride NbCl₅	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
High Purity Grade	99.93%	Particle Size: < 3 mm Description: yellow crystals Melting point: 204 °C	CatalysisCoatingMLCC
Highest Purity Grade	99.995%	Bulk density: approx. 1.7 g/cm ³	 CVD precursor Synthesis
AMPERTEC® Tantalum pentachloride TaCls	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application

pentachloride TaCl₅			
High Purity Grade	99.93%	Particle Size: < 3 mm Description: white crystals	CatalysisCoating
Highest Purity Grade	99.995%	 Melting point: 216 °C Bulk density: approx. 1.9 - 2.4 g/cm³ 	CVD precursorSynthesis
Semiconductor	99.999%		Semiconductor



Tungsten Hexachloride and Tungsten Pentachloride

Thanks to its superfine particle size and its strong reactivity, **AMPERTEC**[®] tungsten hexachloride or pentachloride

AMPERTEC® Tungsten hexachloride/pentachloride WCl₅/WCl₅	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
WCl₅	99.9%	Particle Size: < 2 mm Description: black-violet crystals Melting point: 282 °C Bulk density: approx. 1.2 g/cm³	 Catalysis Sol-Gel CVD precursor Synthesis
RD WCIs*	99.9%	Particle Size: < 2 mm Description: black crystals Melting point: 248 °C	Semiconductor

Molybdenum Pentachloride

AMPERTEC [®] Molybdenum pentachloride MoCls	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
MoCl ₅ 1)	99.9%	Particle Size : < 2 mm Description: black crystals Melting point: 194 °C ¹⁾ Bulk density: approx. 0.5 - 0.7 g/cm ³	 Catalysis Sol-Gel CVD precursor Synthesis
RD MoCl₅ Semiconductor*, 2)	99.995%	²⁾ Bulk density: approx. 1.0 g/cm³	Semiconductor

Tungsten Oxidetetrachloride

This is a new development within the TANIOBIS **AMPERTEC**[®] product range. Due to its high phase purity and low metal

AMPERTEC® Tungsten oxidetetrachloride WOCI4	Purity min.	Physical characteristics	Main application
RD WOCI₄*	99.9%	Particle Size : < 2 mm Description: orange crystals Melting point: 211 °C	 Catalysis Sol-Gel CVD precursor Synthesis

* RD: development product



particularly meet the special requirements of catalytic applications. Coating is another field of utilization.

impurity level makes it is the perfect candidate for catalytic and coating applications.

Compounds

Our **niobium ammonium oxalate (NAmOx)** is a white, crystalline powder that is stable in air and completely water-soluble. NAmOx allows the obtaining of clear solutions containing 40 - 160 g/l Nb. The powder provides an excellent niobium solution with high homogeneity, without using organic solvents. NAmOx is therefore benificial as a precursor for the production of niobium-doped catalysts.

Niobium Ammonium Oxalate	Chemical characteristics	Solubility	Application
NAm0x	Nb min. 19% C₂O₄ typ. 50 - 65% NH₃ min. 2%	60 - 230 g/l Nb₂O₅ (=40 - 160 g/l Nb at 20 - 70 °C)	 Production of catalysts, ferrites, electroceramics and pigments

In addition to the NAmOx powder, we offer **aqueous** solutions of niobium and tantalum oxalate.

Our niobium and tantalum oxalate solutions are an ideal precursor for mixtures at an atomic level.

Aqueous solution of	Chemical characteristics	Typical content	Density	Application
Nb-Oxalate	Nb₂O₅ typ. 90 - 270 g/l C₂O₄ typ. 150 - 400 g/l Cl max. 50 mg/l F max. 100 mg/l	190 g/l Nb₂O₅	1.15 - 1.40 g/cm³	 Catalytic converters, ferrites, electroceramics and pigments
Ta-Oxalate	Ta₂O₅ typ. 150 - 200 g/l C₂O₄ typ. 110 - 160 g/l Cl max. 50 mg/l F max. 100 mg/l	190 g/l Ta2Os	1.00 - 1.30 g/cm³	Catalytic converters and electroceramics

Niobates are which consist of niobium and another metallic element. These ternary oxides materials can be used as dopants and precursors for piezoceramic materials. TANIOBIS

provides not only the displayed compounds, but also upon request other niobates with different particle morphologies and sizes.

Niobates	Chemical characteristics	Solubility	Application
KNbO₃	K 21.0 - 22.8% Nb 49.7 - 52.3% Loss on ignition max. 0.5%	Surface Area (BET) 2 - 4 m²/g D10% < 2 µm	 Doping of PZT (Lead Zirconium Titanate) piezoceramics
MgNb₂O₅	Mg 7.7 - 8.3% Nb 59.9 - 61.1% Loss on ignition max. 0.2%	D50% < 10 μm D90% < 80 μm	 Precursor for PMN (Lead Magnesium Niobate) piezoceramics

Alloy Additives

Due to its high melting point and excellent oxidation and corrosion resistance, nickel niobium is a preferred component in superalloys used for parts that must withstand high temperatures. Moreover, nickel niobium compensates for high-tension stresses, as well as shocks caused by vibration and impact.

Product	Purity min.	Chemical / Physical characteristics	Main application
Nickel Niobium (NiNb)		40/60 58 - 65% Nb-content lumpy < 50mm	Alloy additives
Niobium Pentoxide Nb₂O₅ Metallurgical Grade	99.0%	Loss on ignition: max. 0.2% Tap density: 1.3 - 1.4 g/cm³ avg	Alloy additives

Nickel Niobium

- Production method: Metallothermic Reduction
- Nb nominal range: 58 65 wt%
- Available shapes: Lumps
- Typical sizes: 5 x 50 mm
- Packaging: various



Refining steels with superalloys that contain niobium ensures optimized machine performance and fuel combustion, lower machine maintenance costs and a greater degree of safety. Nickel niobium slows material aging processes and prevents crack formation under thermal stress.

AMtrinsic[®] Materials for Additive Manufacturing

Based on our strong expertise in the development and manufacturing of tantalum and niobium metals and their alloys, we have extended our portfolio to include gasatomized **AMtrinsic®** spherical tantalum and niobium pure metals and alloy powders. Our powders are characterized by: excellent flowability, high tap density, near perfect spherical shape and narrow particle size distribution. **AMtrinsic**[®] spherical powders are pre-conditioned for application in Laser Powder Bed Fusion (10 - 63 μ m), Electron Beam Powder Bed Fusion (63 - 105 μ m) or in accordance with customer requests.

AMtrinsic [®] spherical	O (ppm)*	Flow rate (s)*	Tap density (g/cm³)*	Main application
Та	< 400	< 12 (0.1 inch) < 3 (0.2 inch)	>10	 Medical implants Applications that combine high corrosion resistance with freedom of design Corrosion-resistant components and high-temperature applications in the chemical processing industries
Nb	< 400	< 20 (0.1 inch) < 5 (0.2 inch)	>4.5	 Corrosion-resistant components and high- temperature applications Superconductor applications
Ti/Nb/Ta	< 3000	< 33 (0.1 inch) < 6 (0.2 inch)	2.5 - 4.5	Next generation of customized medical implants
Ti42Nb	< 3000	< 18 (0.1 inch) < 7 (0.2 inch)	2.5 - 4.5	 High-performance applications that require the combination of high elasticity and high strength
Ta/W	< 800	< 10 (0.1 inch) < 3 (0.2 inch)	10 - 12	 Heat and corrosion-resistant components, e.g. in aerospace applications
Nb/Ta/W/Zr (FS85)	< 500	< 12 (0.1 inch) < 3 (0.2 inch)	>6	 High-temperature application that requires high strength and good creep resistance
Nb/Hf/Ti (C103)	< 350	< 15 (0.1 inch) < 6 (0.2 inch)	>5	 High stress resistance at extreme temperatures e.g. in aerospace applications
Ti/Ta	Under development			High-temperature shape memory alloysBiomedical applications
High-entropy alloys	Customer-specific compositions upon request			Heat and corrosion resistance

* Example values with a grain size < 63 μm

Other alloy compositions upon request

- Extremely low 0 content
- High tap density
- Spherical shape with smooth surfaces
- Very good flowability







Additive Manufacturing for Medical Devices

Every person is unique. Optimum patient care in dentistry, orthopedics and implantology requires medical products that provide a perfect fit. Technologies, such as 3D-printing, open up entirely new ways of manufacturing custom-made components and highly complex elements that have, up to now, been simply unthinkable. 3D-printing technology, in combination with our new AMtrinsic® spherical Tantalum and Niobium Powders and their alloys, make it possible to produce bio-compatible implants with outstanding mechanical properties, optimized for each patient.



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