

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Section 1 - Product and Company Information

Product Name HYDROFLUORIC ACID, 48 WT. % IN
WATER, 99.99+%

Product Number 339261

Brand ALDRICH

Company Sigma-Aldrich

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Section 2 - Composition/Information on Ingredient

Substance Name	CAS #	SARA 313
HYDROFLUORIC ACID, NOT MORE THAN 60% PERCENT STRENGTH	7664-39-3	Yes

Formula HF

Synonyms Acide fluorhydrique (French) * Acido fluoridrico
(Italian) * Fluorowodor (Polish) *
Fluorwasserstoff (German) * Fluorwaterstof
(Dutch) * Hydrofluoride * Hydrogen fluoride
(ACGIH:OSHA) * RCRA waste number U134 * Rubigine

RTECS Number: MW7875000

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Highly Toxic (USA) Very Toxic (EU).
Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
Causes severe burns.
Target organ(s): Liver. Kidneys.

HMIS RATING

HEALTH: 4*
FLAMMABILITY: 0
REACTIVITY: 1

NFPA RATING

HEALTH: 4
FLAMMABILITY: 0
REACTIVITY: 1

*additional chronic hazards present.

For additional information on toxicity, please refer to Section 11.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

ORAL EXPOSURE

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician immediately. Do not induce vomiting.

INHALATION EXPOSURE

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

DERMAL EXPOSURE

In case of skin contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician.

EYE EXPOSURE

In case of contact with eyes, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure adequate flushing by separating the eyelids with fingers. Call a physician.

INFORMATION FOR PHYSICIAN

Hydrofluoric (HF) acid burns require immediate and specialized first aid and medical treatment. Symptoms may be delayed up to 24 hours depending on the concentration of HF. After decontamination with water, further damage can occur due to penetration/absorption of the fluoride ion. Treatment should be directed toward binding the fluoride ion as well as the effects of exposure. Skin exposures can be treated with a 2.5% calcium gluconate gel repeated until burning ceases. More serious skin exposures may require subcutaneous calcium gluconate except for digital areas unless the physician is experienced in this technique, due to the potential for tissue injury from increased pressure. Absorption can readily occur through the subungual areas and should be considered when undergoing decontamination. Prevention of absorption of the fluoride ion in cases of ingestion can be obtained by giving milk, chewable calcium carbonate tablets or Milk of Magnesia to conscious victims. Conditions such as hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and cardiac arrhythmias should be monitored for, since they can occur after exposure.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

EXPLOSION HAZARDS

Container explosion may occur under fire conditions.

FLASH POINT

N/A

AUTOIGNITION TEMP

N/A

FLAMMABILITY

N/A

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Dry chemical powder.

FIREFIGHTING

Protective Equipment: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.
Specific Hazard(s): Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Molecular Weight	20.01 AMU	
pH	N/A	
BP/BP Range	N/A	
MP/MP Range	N/A	
Freezing Point	N/A	
Vapor Pressure	25 mmHg	20 °C
Vapor Density	1.27 g/l	
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A	
SG/Density	1.16 g/cm3	
Bulk Density	N/A	
Odor Threshold	N/A	
Volatile%	N/A	
VOC Content	N/A	
Water Content	N/A	
Solvent Content	N/A	
Evaporation Rate	N/A	
Viscosity	N/A	
Surface Tension	N/A	
Partition Coefficient	N/A	
Decomposition Temp.	N/A	
Flash Point	N/A	
Explosion Limits	N/A	
Flammability	N/A	
Autoignition Temp	N/A	
Refractive Index	N/A	
Optical Rotation	N/A	
Miscellaneous Data	N/A	
Solubility	N/A	

N/A = not available

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY

Stable: Stable.

Conditions to Avoid: Light.

Materials to Avoid: Avoid contact with metals., Alkali metals, Strong bases, Glass

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen fluoride.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Skin Contact: Causes severe burns.

Skin Absorption: May be fatal if absorbed through skin.

Eye Contact: Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the eyes. Causes severe burns.

Inhalation: May be fatal if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Ingestion: May be fatal if swallowed.

TARGET ORGAN(S) OR SYSTEM(S)

Kidneys. Liver. Central nervous system.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous

membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin. Inhalation may result in spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis, and pulmonary edema. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting.

TOXICITY DATA

Inhalation
Human
50 ppm
LCLO

Inhalation
Rat
1,276 ppm
LC50
Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Lacrimation. Behavioral:Change in motor activity (specific assay). Gastrointestinal:Changes in structure or function of salivary glands.

Inhalation
Mouse
342 ppm
LC50
Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Corneal damage. Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Other. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

Inhalation
Monkey
1,774 ppm
LC50
Remarks: Behavioral:Coma. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Cyanosis. Gastrointestinal:Other changes.

Inhalation
Guinea pig
4,327 ppm
LC50
Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Lacrimation. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Respiratory depression. Nutritional and Gross Metabolic:Weight loss or decreased weight gain.

IRRITATION DATA

Eyes
Human
50 mg
Remarks: Severe irritation effect

CHRONIC EXPOSURE - TERATOGEN

Result: Laboratory experiments have shown teratogenic effects.

Species: Rat
Dose: 4980 UG/M3/4H
Route of Application: Inhalation
Exposure Time: (1-22D PREG)

Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetal death.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE - MUTAGEN

Result: Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.

Species: Rat

Route: Inhalation

Dose: 1 MG/M3/6H/24D-I

Mutation test: Cytogenetic analysis

CHRONIC EXPOSURE - REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD

Species: Rat

Dose: 470 UG/M3/4H

Route of Application: Inhalation

Exposure Time: (1-22D PREG)

Result: Effects on Fertility: Pre-implantation mortality (e.g., reduction in number of implants per female; total number of implants per corpora lutea). Effects on Fertility:

Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No data available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

APPROPRIATE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF SUBSTANCE OR PREPARATION

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

Section 14 - Transport Information

DOT

Proper Shipping Name: Hydrofluoric acid[, with not more than 60 percent strength]

UN#: 1790

Class: 8

Packing Group: Packing Group II

Hazard Label: Corrosive

Hazard Label: Toxic substances.

PIH: Not PIH

IATA

Proper Shipping Name: Hydrofluoric acid

IATA UN Number: 1790

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

EU DIRECTIVES CLASSIFICATION

Symbol of Danger: T+ C

Indication of Danger: Very toxic. Corrosive.

R: 26/27/28 35

Risk Statements: Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Causes severe burns.

S: 26 28 36/37/39 45

Safety Statements: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, and eye/face protection. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

US CLASSIFICATION AND LABEL TEXT

Indication of Danger: Highly Toxic (USA) Very Toxic (EU).

Risk Statements: Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Causes severe burns.

Safety Statements: Keep container tightly closed and in well-ventilated place. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

US Statements: Target organ(s): Liver. Kidneys.

UNITED STATES REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA LISTED: Yes

DEMINIMIS: 1 %

NOTES: This product is subject to SARA section 313 reporting requirements.

TSCA INVENTORY ITEM: Yes

CANADA REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHMIS Classification: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

DSL: Yes

NDSL: No

Section 16 - Other Information

DISCLAIMER

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WARRANTY

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