

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Hydrofluoric Acid

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SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hydrofluoric acid, 48%

CAS#: 7664-39-3

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Clear, colorless, fuming liquid. Odorless.

Highly toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Extremely corrosive to skin, eyes, and all body tissues.

Inhalation of vapors may cause ulcers of the upper respiratory tract.

Avoid all body contact. Seek medical attention immediately.

Not for student use.

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Health-3

Flammability-0

Reactivity-2

Exposure-3

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, followed by a gastric antacid, such as milk of magnesia. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable liquid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic and corrosive fluoride fumes.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use a triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

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R-1

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from the area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain the spill with sand or other inert absorbent material, neutralize with sodium bicarbonate or calcium hydroxide, and deposit in a sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #9. Store with inorganic acids.

Hydrofluoric acid is incompatible with glass and all silicon-bearing materials; it should never be transferred to glass containers.

Use and dispense in a hood.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and a chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 3 ppm, STEL 6 ppm (NIOSH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Colorless, fuming liquid. Odorless.

Specific Gravity: 1.1-1.2

Solubility: Soluble in water.

Formula: HF

Formula Weight: 20.01

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong bases, most metals, water, and glass. Reacts violently with water.

Dangerously reactive with many materials.

Shelf Life: Good, if stored safely in plastic bottle.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Poison, corrosive.

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: N.A.

Chronic effects: Possible mutagen.

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: 1276 ppm/1H

Target organs: Liver, kidneys, bones, body tissue.

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please consult with state and local regulations.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #6 is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping Name: Hydrofluoric acid, solution

Hazard Class: 8, Corrosive, poison

UN Number: UN1790

N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-634-8), RCRA code U134.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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