



SAFETY DATA SHEET

Product and Company Identification

Product Name **HYDROFLUORIC ACID**

Use Purification, adsorption of contaminants

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1. Identification

Product Name **HYDROFLUORIC ACID**

Cat No. : **A463-1; A463-2; A463-250; A463-500**

Synonyms Hydrofluoric acid solution; Fluohydric acid; Fluoric acid

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute oral toxicity	Category 2
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 2
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May be corrosive to metals
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation
Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled



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Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Wear respiratory protection
Keep only in original container

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting

Spills

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage

Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Store in a dry place

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Hydrogen fluoride	7664-39-3	40-60
Water	7732-18-5	40-60

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

Immediate and specialised first aid and medical treatment is required. Speed is of the essence. Flush with plenty of water immediately. Continue flushing during transport to hospital or medical center.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical



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	advice.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Dermal burns may be treated with calcium gluconate gel or slurry in water or glycerine. This compound binds the active fluorides in an insoluble form and limits burn extension and pain. Soaking or immersion with iced 0.13% Benzalkonium chloride solution may be used for skin burns and should be continued until the pain is relieved. Do not use in eyes.
Inhalation	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required. A nebulized solution of 2.5% Calcium gluconate may be administered with Oxygen by inhalation.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO2), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Gaseous hydrogen fluoride (HF).

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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
4	0	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment.
Methods for Containment and Clean	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.



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7. Handling and storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Do not store in metal containers.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Hydrogen fluoride	TWA: 0.5 ppm TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 2 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 3 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 6 ppm TWA: 3 ppm	IDLH: 30 ppm IDLH: 250 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 ppm TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 6 ppm Ceiling: 5 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.5 ppm TWA: 2.5 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 2 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.

Skin and body protection Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	< 1.0
Melting Point/Range	-35 °C / -31 °F
Boiling Point/Range	105 °C / 221 °F
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available



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Vapor Density	2.21
Specific Gravity	1.15-1.20
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	H F
Molecular Weight	20

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Metals, Cyanides, Sulfides, Bases, Fluorine
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Gaseous hydrogen fluoride (HF)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Corrosive to metals. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information	
Oral LD50	Category 2. ATE = 5 - 50 mg/kg.
Dermal LD50	Category 1. ATE < 50 mg/kg.
Vapor LC50	Category 2. ATE = 0.5 - 2 mg/l.

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Hydrogen fluoride	Not listed	Not listed	LC50 = 0.79 mg/L (Rat) 1 h
Water	-	-	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

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

Irritation	Causes severe burns by all exposure routes
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Hydrogen fluoride	7664-39-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system



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STOT - repeated exposure	None known
Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Hydrogen fluoride	Not listed	LC50 = 660 mg/L, 48h (Leuciscus idus)	Not listed	EC50 = 270 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia species)

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available. Miscible with water

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Hydrogen fluoride	-1.4

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Hydrogen fluoride - 7664-39-3	U134	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No	UN1790
Proper Shipping Name	HYDROFLUORIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	II

TDG

UN-No	UN1790
Proper Shipping Name	HYDROFLUORIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	II

IATA

UN-No	UN1790
Proper Shipping Name	HYDROFLUORIC ACID
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Packing Group	II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN1790
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Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Hydrogen fluoride	7664-39-3	X	ACTIVE	-
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Hydrogen fluoride	7664-39-3	X	-	231-634-8	X	X	X	X	KE-20198
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X	X	X	KE-35400

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Hydrogen fluoride	7664-39-3	40-60	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Hydrogen fluoride	X	100 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Hydrogen fluoride	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Hydrogen fluoride	-	TQ: 1000 lb

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)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Hydrogen fluoride	100 lb	100 lb

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations



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Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Hydrogen fluoride	X	X	X	X	X
Water	-	-	X	-	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:
Legend - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Hydrogen fluoride	Release STQs - 1000lb (concentration >=50%) Release STQs - 1000lb (anhydrous) Theft STQs - 45lb (anhydrous)

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

16. Other information

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