

# **Safety Data Sheet**

# Hydrogen fluoride

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# **Danger**

### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Hydrogen fluoride
SDS no : SDS-070-CLP
Chemical description : Hydrogen fluoride
CAS-No.: 7664-39-3

EC-No.: 231-634-8

EC Index-No.: 009-002-00-6

Registration-No. : 01-2119458860-33

Registration-No. : Registration deadline not expired.

Chemical formula : HF

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses : Industrial and professional uses. Perform risk assessment prior to use.

Test gas/Calibration gas. Chemical reaction / Synthesis.

Use for manufacture of electronic/photovoltaic components.

Laboratory use.

Contact supplier for more information on uses.

Uses advised against : Consumer use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification : Air Liquide UK Ltd

Station Road, Coleshill Birmingham, B46 1JY

E-Mail address (competent person) : david.hopper@airliquide.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : 01675 462695 (Available 24/7)

# **SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

## 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

# Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Health hazards Acute toxicity (oral), Category 2 H300
Acute toxicity (dermal), Category 1 H310
Acute toxicity (inhalation:gas) Category 2 H330

Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1A H314
Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1 H318

#### 2.2. Label elements

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#### Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms (CLP)





GHS05

GH

Signal word (CLP) : Danger

Hazard statements (CLP) : H300 - Fatal if swallowed.

H310 - Fatal in contact with skin.

H330 - Fatal if inhaled.

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

EUH071 - Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Precautionary statements (CLP)

- Prevention : P260 - Do not breathe gas, vapours.

P262 - Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection.

Response : P303+P361+P353+P315 - IF ON SKIN : (or hair) Remove/Take off immediately all

contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Get immediate medical advice / attention.

P304+P340+P315 - IF INHALED : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position

comfortable for breathing. Get immediate medical advice / attention.

P305+P351+P338+P315 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical

advice / attention.

- Storage: P405 - Store locked up.

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

2.3. Other hazards

: None.

# **SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

### 3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Hydrogen fluoride	(CAS-No.) 7664-39-3 (EC-No.) 231-634-8 (EC Index-No.) 009-002-00-6 (Registration-No.) 01-2119458860-33	100	Acute Tox. 2 (Oral), H300 Acute Tox. 1 (Dermal), H310 Acute Tox. 2 (Inhalation:gas), H330 Skin Corr. 1A, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

3.2. Mixtures : Not applicable

### **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

#### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- Inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep

victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation if breathing

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stopped.



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- Skin contact : Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 15 minutes.

In case of skin contact, wearing rubber gloves rub 2.5% calcium gluconate gel continuously into

the affected area for 1.5 hours or until further medical care is available.

- Eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.

- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

#### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

: May cause severe chemical burns to skin and cornea. Suitable first-aid treatment should be

immediately available. Seek medical advice before using product.

Prolonged exposure to small concentrations may result in pulmonary oedema.

Delayed adverse effects possible.

Material is destructive to tissue of the mucuous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Cough,

shortness of breath, headache, nausea.

Refer to section 11

#### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

: Obtain medical assistance.

Treat with corticosteroid spray as soon as possible after inhalation.

# **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog.

- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.

Hazardous combustion products : None that are more toxic than the product itself.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Specific methods : Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat

radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and

drainage systems.

If possible, stop flow of product.

Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.

Move containers away from the fire area if this can be done without risk.

Special protective equipment for fire fighters

Wear gas tight chemically protective clothing in combination with self contained breathing

Standard EN 943-2: Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, aerosols and

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solid particles. Gas-tight chemical protective suits for emergency teams. Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full

face mask

apparatus.

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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: Try to stop release.

Evacuate area.

Monitor concentration of released product.

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.

Use chemically protective clothing. Ensure adequate air ventilation.

Act in accordance with local emergency plan.

Stay upwind.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

: Reduce vapour with fog or fine water spray.

Try to stop release.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

: Hose down area with water.

Wash contaminated equipment or sites of leaks with copious quantities of water.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

: See also sections 8 and 13.

# **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Safe use of the product

: Do not breathe gas.

Avoid release of product into atmosphere.

Use only lubricants and sealings approved for the specific gas service.

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The product must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.

Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure.

Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations.

Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularily) checked for leaks before use.

Do not smoke while handling product.

Avoid exposure, obtain special instructions before use.

Avoid contact with aluminium.

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.

Installation of a cross purge assembly between the cylinder and the regulator is recommended.

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Purge system with dry inert gas (e.g. helium or nitrogen) before gas is introduced and when system is placed out of service.

Avoid suck back of water, acid and alkalis.



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Safe handling of the gas receptacle

: Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.

Do not allow backfeed into the container.

Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop.

When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders.

Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use.

If user experiences any difficulty operating valve discontinue use and contact supplier.

Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices.

Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.

Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water.

Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.

Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.

Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.

Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.

Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the content of the container.

Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

: Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.

Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.

Container valve guards or caps should be in place.

Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.

Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.

Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.

Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition.

Keep away from combustible materials.

EIGA recommends a pressure check be conducted every two years for continued storage of unused product. Excess pressure must be vented through an appropriate scrubber system. If user wishes to return cylinder after two years, please contact your supplier for return.

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# 7.3. Specific end use(s)

: None.

#### **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

#### 8.1. Control parameters

Hydrogen fluoride (7664-39-3)		
United Kingdom - Occupational Exposure Limits		
Local name	Hydrogen fluoride	
WEL TWA (mg/m³)	1.5 mg/m³ (as F)	
WEL TWA (ppm)	1.8 ppm (as F)	
WEL STEL (mg/m³)	2.5 mg/m³ (as F)	
WEL STEL (ppm)	3 ppm (as F)	
Regulatory reference	EH40/2005 (Third edition, 2018). HSE	

Hydrogen fluoride (7664-39-3)	
DNEL: Derived no effect level (Workers)	
Acute - local effects, inhalation	2.5 mg/m³
Acute - systemic effects, inhalation	2.5 mg/m³
Long-term - local effects, inhalation	1.5 mg/m³
Long-term - systemic effects, inhalation	1.5 mg/m³



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Hydrogen fluoride (7664-39-3)		
PNEC: Predicted no effect concentration		
Aqua (freshwater)	0.9 mg/l	
Aqua (marine water)	0.9 mg/l	
Soil, agricultural	11 mg/kg dwt	
Micro-organisms in sewage treatment plant (STP)	51 mg/l	

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### 8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

: Product to be handled in a closed system and under strictly controlled conditions.

Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.

Preferably use permanent leak-tight installations (e.g. welded pipes).

Systems under pressure should be regularily checked for leakages.

Ensure exposure is below occupational exposure limits (where available).

Gas detectors should be used when toxic gases may be released.

Consider the use of a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

### 8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment

: A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered:

PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.

• Eye/face protection : Wear goggles and a face shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.

Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection - specifications. Provide readily accessible eye wash stations and safety showers.

· Skin protection

- Other

Hand protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.

Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.

Wear chemically resistant protective gloves.

Standard EN 374 - Protective gloves against chemicals.

Permeation time: minimum >480min long term exposure: material / thickness [mm]

Fluoroelastomer (FKM) 0.7.

Consult glove manufacturer's product information on material suitability and material thickness.

The breakthrough time of the selected gloves must be greater than the intended use period. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use.

Standard EN943-1 - Full protective suits against liquid, solid and gaseous chemicals.

Wear safety shoes while handling containers.

Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

Respiratory protection
 Gas filters may be used if all surrounding conditions e.g. type and concentration of the

contaminant(s) and duration of use are known.

Use gas filters with full face mask, where exposure limits may be exceeded for a short-term

period, e.g. connecting or disconnecting containers.

Recommended: Filter E (yellow).

Gas filters do not protect against oxygen deficiency.

Standard EN 14387 - Gas filter(s), combined filter(s) and standard EN136, full face masks .

Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.

Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full

face mask

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Self contained breathing apparatus is recommended, where unknown exposure may be

expected, e.g. during maintenance activities on installation systems.

• Thermal hazards : None in addition to the above sections.

#### 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls



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 Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

# **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

#### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa
 Gas

• Colour : Colourless. Gives off white fumes in moist air.

Odour : Pungent

Odour threshold : Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure.

: Not applicable.

pH : If dissolved in water pH-value will be affected.

Melting point / Freezing point :  $-83 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ Boiling point :  $19.5 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

Flash point : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures. Evaporation rate : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Flammability (solid, gas) : Non flammable.

Explosive limits : Non flammable.

Vapour pressure [20°C] : 1 bar(a)

Vapour pressure [50°C] : Not applicable.

Relative density, liquid (water=1) : 0.97

Relative density, gas (air=1) : Lighter or similar to air.

Water solubility : Completely soluble.

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow) : Not applicable for inorganic products.

Auto-ignition temperature : Non flammable.

Decomposition temperature : Not applicable.

Viscosity : No reliable data available.

Explosive properties : Not applicable.

Oxidising properties : Not applicable.

9.2. Other information

Vapour density

Molar mass : 20 g/mol Critical temperature [°C] : 188 °C

Other data : Considered heavier than air because of hydrogen bonding between molecules. May

accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

# **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

10.1. Reactivity

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

: Avoid moisture in installation systems.

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#### 10.5. Incompatible materials

: Reacts with most metals in the presence of moisture, liberating hydrogen, an extremely

flammable gas

With water causes rapid corrosion of some metals.

Reacts with water to form corrosive acids.

May react violently with alkalis.

Moisture.

For additional information on compatibility refer to ISO 11114.

#### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be

produced.

# **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Fatal if inhaled.

Fatal in contact with skin.

Absorption of excessive fluorides can result in acute systemic fluorosis with hypocalcemia, interference with various metabolic functions and organ damage (heart, liver, kidneys).

### LC50 inhalation rat (ppm) 483 ppm/4h

**Skin corrosion/irritation** : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

 Serious eye damage/irritation
 : Causes serious eye damage.

 Respiratory or skin sensitisation
 : No known effects from this product.

 Germ cell mutagenicity
 : No known effects from this product.

 Carcinogenicity
 : No known effects from this product.

 Toxic for reproduction : Fertility
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STOT-single exposure : Severe corrosion to the respiratory tract at high concentrations.

Target organ(s) : Respiratory system.

STOT-repeated exposure : No known effects from this product.

Target organ(s) : Respiratory system.

Kidneys. liver.

Cardiovascular system.
Central nervous system.

Aspiration hazard : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

#### 12.1. Toxicity

Assessment : Classification criteria are not met.

 EC50 48h - Daphnia magna [mg/l]
 : 97 - 352 mg/l

 EC50 72h - Algae [mg/l]
 : 43 - 122 mg/l

 LC50 96 h - Fish [mg/l]
 : 51 - 340 mg/l

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Assessment : Not applicable for inorganic products.

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#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment : No data available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Assessment : Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution.

Partition into soil is unlikely.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Assessment : Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects : May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.

Effect on the ozone layer : None

Effect on global warming : No known effects from this product.

### **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Contact supplier if guidance is required.

Must not be discharged to atmosphere.

Gas may be scrubbed in alkaline solution under controlled conditions to avoid violent reaction. Ensure that the emission levels from local regulations or operating permits are not exceeded.

Refer to the EIGA code of practice Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at

http://www.eiga.org for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

Return unused product in original container to supplier.

List of hazardous waste codes (from

Commission Decision 2000/532/EC as

amended)

: 16 05 04 \*: Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing hazardous substances.

13.2. Additional information

: External treatment and disposal of waste should comply with applicable local and/or national

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regulations.

# **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### 14.1. UN number

UN-No. : 1052

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, ANHYDROUS

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Hydrogen fluoride, anhydrous

Transport by sea (IMDG) : HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, ANHYDROUS

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Labelling



8 : Corrosive substances.6.1 : Toxic substances.



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Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)

Class : 8
Classification code : CT1
Hazard identification number : 886

Tunnel Restriction : C/D - Tank carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category C, D and E. Other

carriage: Passage forbidden through tunnels of category D and E

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 8 (6.1)

Transport by sea (IMDG)

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 8 (6.1)

Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire : F-C

Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage : S-U

14.4. Packing group

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : I - substances presenting high danger.

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not applicable

Transport by sea (IMDG) : I - substances presenting high danger.

14.5. Environmental hazards

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : None.

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : None.

Transport by sea (IMDG) : None.

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

Packing Instruction(s)

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

: P200

Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : Forbidden.
Cargo Aircraft only : Forbidden.
Transport by sea (IMDG) : P200

Special transport precautions : Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's

compartment.

Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the

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event of an accident or an emergency.

Before transporting product containers:
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation.
- Ensure that containers are firmly secured.
- Ensure valve is closed and not leaking.

- Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.

- Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

#### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

: Not applicable.

## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

# 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

**EU-Regulations** 

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Restrictions on use

: None.

Other information, restriction and prohibition

: Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

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Seveso Directive: 2012/18/EU (Seveso III)

: Listed.

#### National regulations

No additional information available

#### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

: A CSA has been carried out.

### **SECTION 16: Other information**

Indication of changes

Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 2015/830.

Abbreviations and acronyms

: ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC)

No 1907/2006

EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number

LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population

RMM - Risk Management Measures

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

STOT- SE: Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

CSA - Chemical Safety Assessment

EN - European Standard UN - United Nations

ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

Road

IATA - International Air Transport Association

IMDG code - International Maritime Dangerous Goods

RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

WGK - Water Hazard Class

STOT - RE: Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

Training advice : Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.

Ensure operators understand the toxicity hazard.

Further information : This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European

Union legislation.

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: Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility

and safety study should be carried out.

Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

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