

SAFETY DATA SHEET



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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product identifier

Product Name HYDROFLUOROSILICIC ACID

Product Code(s) 000000015539

Other means of identification

UN number 1778

Synonyms Hydrofluorosilicic acid; Hydrofluosilicic acid; Hydrosilicofluoric acid; Silicate(2-), hexafluoro-, dihydrogen; Fluorosilicic acid; HFA.

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Fluoridation of water.

Uses advised against No information available.

Supplier

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Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number **1 800 033 111 (ALL HOURS)**

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG).

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category B
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1

SIGNAL WORD

Danger

Label elements

Corrosion

**Hazard statements**

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

Precautionary Statements - Prevention

Do not breathe dusts or mists

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection

Precautionary Statements - Response

Specific treatment (see First aid on this SDS)

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

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

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

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

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

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Precautionary Statements - Storage

Store locked up

Precautionary Statements - Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

Other hazards which do not result in classification

May be harmful if swallowed

May be harmful if inhaled

General Hazards

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3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**Mixture**

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Fluorosilicic acid	16961-83-4	20% ± 0.5%
Water	7732-18-5	to 100%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES**Description of first aid measures****General advice**

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor. Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. If breathing is irregular or stopped,

	administer artificial respiration. Seek immediate medical attention/advice.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Immediate medical attention is required.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then apply calcium gluconate gel. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth immediately and drink plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness). Burning.
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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians	Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Delayed health effects.
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5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Dry chemical, CO2, water spray or regular foam.
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Unsuitable extinguishing media	No information available.
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Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Corrosive hazard. Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection. Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.
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Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.
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Hazchem code	2X
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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Personal precautions	Attention! Corrosive material. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and inhalation of vapors. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing and eye/face protection. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
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For emergency responders	Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.
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Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Dike far ahead of spill to collect runoff water. Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers for later disposal. Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways.

Methods for cleaning up Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers. Use personal protective equipment as required.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Precautions for safe handling**

Advice on safe handling Do not breathe vapor or mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protection equipment. Use according to package label instructions. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Always add the acid to water, never the reverse. Keep out of reach of children. Not to be available except to authorised or licensed persons.

General hygiene considerations Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep out of the reach of children. Keep container closed when not in use.

This material is a Scheduled Poison and must be stored, maintained and used in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Incompatible materials Alkalis. Organic compounds. Metals.

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Control parameters**

Exposure Limits No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s) and decomposition product(s):

Fluorides (as F): 8hr TWA = 2.5 mg/m³

Hydrogen fluoride (as F): Peak Limitation = 2.6 mg/m³ (3 ppm)

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

Peak Limitation - a maximum or peak airborne concentration of a particular substance determined over the shortest analytically practicable period of time which does not exceed 15 minutes.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls

Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, FACE SHIELD, GLOVES (Long), APRON, RUBBER BOOTS.



Eye/face protection

Tight sealing safety goggles. If splashes are likely to occur: Face protection shield.

Skin and body protection

Overalls. Boots. Splash apron or equivalent chemical impervious outer garment.

Hand protection

Elbow-length impervious gloves.

Respiratory protection

If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a suitable mist respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	No information available.
Color	Pale Yellow
Odor	Characteristic , Pungent , Acidic
Odor threshold	No information available.

Property

pH	No data available
pH (as aqueous solution)	No data available
Melting point / freezing point	ca. 0°C
Boiling point / boiling range	>100°C
Flash point	Not applicable

Remarks • Method

None known
None known
None known
None known
None known

Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	Not applicable	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	Not applicable	
Vapor pressure	18 mm Hg @20°C	None known
Vapor density	No data available	None known
Relative density	1.16-1.22 @20°C	None known
Water solubility	Miscible in water	None known
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	Not applicable	None known
Decomposition temperature	105°C	None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

Other information**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**Reactivity

Reactivity Reacts with alkalis.

Chemical stability

Stability Stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Hydrogen fluoride will react with all silicon containing materials such as glass, concrete, and chemical spill sorbents such as vermiculite. This reaction will cause the generation of the highly toxic gas, silicon tetrafluoride.

Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid Do not contaminate food or feed stuffs.

Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials Alkalis. Organic compounds. Metals.

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products Hydrogen fluoride. Oxides of silicon. Fluorides.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATIONAcute toxicityInformation on likely routes of exposure

Product Information	No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:
Inhalation	May cause irritation. Delayed (up to 48hours) fluid build up in the lungs may occur.
Eye contact	Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
Skin contact	Contact causes severe skin irritation and possible burns.
Ingestion	Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach.
Symptoms	Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness). Burning.

Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

Refer to component information below.

Component Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Fluorosilicic acid	= 430 mg/kg (Rat)	-	= 1.11 mg/L (Rat) 1 h

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

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

Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes burns. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based on component data.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye damage. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based on component data.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	No information available.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No information available.
Carcinogenicity	Fluoride ion has been classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 3 agent. Group 3 - The agent is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans. Data available is insufficient for an assessment to be made.
Reproductive toxicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	No information available.
STOT - repeated exposure	No information available.
Aspiration hazard	No information available.
Chronic effects:	Repeated or prolonged exposure may result in bone changes (fluorosis). Fluorosis in humans can result with the repeated ingestion of >6mg of fluorine per day. The fluoride accumulates in bone and can lead to the development of osteosclerosis and other bone changes. Teeth may also be affected. Symptoms of fluorosis may include weight loss, brittle bones, anaemia, weakness and stiffness of joints.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity**

Ecotoxicity Keep out of waterways. Avoid contaminating waterways.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Fluorosilicic acid	-	LC50: =65mg/L (96h, Poecilia reticulata) LC50: =28.7mg/L (96h, Pimephales promelas)	-	-

Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation No information available.

Mobility

Mobility in soil No information available.

Other adverse effects**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste treatment methods**

Waste from residues/unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**ADG**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN number 1778
Proper shipping name FLUOROSILICIC ACID
Hazard class 8
Packing group II
Hazchem code 2X

IATA

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN number 1778
UN proper shipping name FLUOROSILICIC ACID
Transport hazard class(es) 8
Packing group II

IMDG

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN number	1778
UN proper shipping name	FLUOROSILICIC ACID
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Packing group	II
IMDG EMS Fire	F-A
IMDG EMS Spill	S-B
Marine pollutant	No

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****National regulations****Australia**

Classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG).

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)

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National pollutant inventory

Subject to reporting requirement

Chemical name	National pollutant inventory
Fluorosilicic acid - 16961-83-4	10 tonne/yr Threshold category 1 400 tonne/yr Threshold category 2a 1 tonne/h Threshold category 2a 2000 tonne/yr Threshold category 2b 60000 MWH Threshold category 2b 20 MW Threshold category 2b

International Inventories

AiIC All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.

NZIoC All the constituents of this material are listed on the New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals.

Legend:

AiIC- Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

International Regulations

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Not applicable

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants Not applicable

The Rotterdam Convention Not applicable

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Reason(s) For Issue: Revised Primary SDS
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This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).

Revision Note:

The symbol (*) in the margin of this SDS indicates that this line has been revised.

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation
C	Carcinogen		

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals
Food Research Journal
Hazardous Substance Database
International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)
Japan GHS Classification
Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)
NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)
National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)
National Toxicology Program (NTP)
New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set
RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
World Health Organization

Disclaimer

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.

End of Safety Data Sheet