#### 1. Identification

Product Code 1110870

Product Name HYDROFLUORIC ACID 40% w/w A.R.

Molecular Formula **HF =20.01** 

CAS Number 7664-39-3

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## 2. Composition

Component	CAS No	EEC No	Conc w/w	Classification & Risk Phrases	Exp (See 8.1)
Hydrofluoric acid	7664-39-3	231-634-8	40.0%	T+ C : R26/27/28,R35	WEL

#### 3. Hazards Identification





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

## 4. First Aid Measures

Eyes Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the

eye open. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.

Skin Wash off skin thoroughly with water. If calcium gluconate gel is available immediately rub

into all affected areas and massage until pain goes. If not wash with soap and water for 30

minutes. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.

Inhalation Remove from exposure. Keep warm and at rest. If there is difficulty in breathing give

oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial

resuscitation. If conscious place in a sitting position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.

Ingestion If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. If unconscious place in

the recovery position. If conscious wash out mouth thoroughly with water and give milk or

calcium gluconate to drink. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.

## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Hazards Evacuate area immediately. Keep up wind. Avoid exposure to toxic vapours and fumes. Fire-

fighters should wear protective clothing and breathing apparatus. May evolve toxic fumes if

involved in a fire.

Extinguishing

Media

Dry chemical powder.

Unsuitable Do not allow water to come into direct contact with material.

Media

#### 6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Avoid breathing vapour. Use approved personal protective equipment. Evacuate area

Protection immediately. Do not allow general use of area until it is safe to do so.

Environmental Keep non-neutralised material out of sewers, storm drains, surface waters and soil. Notify

the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.

Major Spillage Treat with massive dilution with water to stop fuming. Contain and absorb on inert

material. Neutralise spill with calcium hydroxide (slaked lime) to precipitate the

insoluble fluoride. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

Minor Spillage Treat with massive dilution with water to stop fuming. Contain and absorb on inert

material. Neutralise spill with calcium hydroxide (slaked lime) to precipitate the

insoluble fluoride. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

### 7. Storage & Handling

Handling Precautions Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath vapours. Do not allow to contaminate

clothing.

Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations below the recommended

limits.

Storage Conditions Well ventilated, cool, dry storage .

# 8.1 Workplace Exposure Limits

Component	CAS No	Workplace Expo	Maximum Exposure Limits				
		Long Term Short Term		Long Term Short Term		t Term	
		ppm mg m-3	ppm mg m-3	ppm	mg m-3	ppm	mg m-3
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## **8.2 Personal Protection**

Respiratory Use L.E.V. or natural ventilation to maintain vapour concentrations below exposure limits.

If not, use a well maintained chemical cartridge respirator, or use self contained

breathing apparatus.

Hands Use PVC gauntlets.

Eyes Use chemical full face shield.

Skin Wear PVC oversuit.

### 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance Colourless fuming liquid.

Odour Pungent and intensely irritating.

pH 1 @ 20 °C
Boiling point 110.0 °C
Melting point 50.0- °C
Flash point Not available
Upper Flammable Limit Not available
Lower Flammable Limit Not available
Auto Ignition Not available

Explosive properties No. Oxidising Properties No.

Vapour Presure 400 mmHg @ 2.5 C Relative Density 1.1600 °C

Water Solubility Completely soluble in water but reacts vigorously with much evolution of heat and fumes.

### 10. Stability & Reactivity

Chemical Stability Stable under normal conditions

Conditions to Avoid No specific conditions.

Materials to Avoid Alkalis. Potassium permanganate. Reacts with most metals to produce extremely flammable

hydrogen gas.

### 10. Stability & Reactivity (continued)

Hazardous Will decompose to emit very toxic and extremely irritant fumes of hydrogen fluoride. Decomposition Products

### 11. Toxicological Information

Eyes The liquid, solutions and vapour are be extremely irritating to eyes and can cause chemical

eye burns. Damage can range from severe irritation and corneal scarring to permanent

blindness.

Skin The liquid and solutions will cause severe burns. Contact with dilute solutions and low

vapour concentrations may not lead to immediate pain but damage begins at once. Burns produced by solutions of under 20% are shown by pain and erythema and may take 24 hours to become evident.Burns from 20-50% solutions become apparent in 1-8 hours, while solutions over 50% cause rapid tissue damage and immediate pain.Marked dermal injury and systemic poisoning may result in humans after skin contact with solutions of 2% for as short as 1

hour.

LD50 Skin Not available

Ingest Ingestion causes necrosis of the oesophagus and stomach, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea,

circulatory collapse and may be fatal if swallowed. Ingestion of an estimated  $1.5\mathrm{g}$  has led

to sudden death.

LD50 Ingest Oral G.Pig 80mg/Kg

Inhalation Exposure to vapour concentrations above the occupational exposure limits will produce

severe irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract. Prolonged exposure to vapour concentrations above the occupational exposure limits may have serious effects with initially no pathological signs. Further exposure may cause acute pulmonary oedema often

with a serious outcome.

Carcinogenicity A cluster of laryngeal cancers has been reported in workers exposed to a combination of

hydrogen fluoride, traces of carcinogenic metals and asbestos.

Mutagenicity May be a mutagen.

Reproductive Effects No information is available.

Other Information The irritant effect provides warning that control of exposure is needed.

#### 12. Ecological

Fluorides are harmful to the environment.

#### 13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal Methods Very carefully dilute with water to stop fuming. Neutralise spill with calcium hydroxide (slaked lime) to precipitate the insoluble fluoride. The liquors can be run to drain and the

solid disposed of at a licensed land-fill site.

Contaminated Packaging Very carefully wash out containers with water. Use a licensed waste disposer.

## 14. Transport Information

Proper Shipping Name Hydrofluoric Acid

UN Number 1790

UN Classification 8 Corrosive
Subsidiary Risk 6.1 Toxic
Flash Point Not available

Packing Group II
Transport Category 2
Marine pollutant No
ADR Hazard ID 86





# 15. Regulatory Information

Labelling Classification Very Toxic, Corrosive.

Label Symbols





Risk & safety Phrases

Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Causes severe burns. Keep locked up and out of reach of children. Keep container tightly closed and in a 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).

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### 16. Other Information

Document Information

This document has been prepared in accordance with directive 88/379/EEC.

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