

Camlab Limited – Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Identification


Product Code CC/0364-DH

Product Name **HYDROFLUORIC ACID 40% w/w pure**

Molecular Formula **HF =20.01**

CAS Number **7664-39-3**

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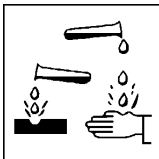
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2. Composition

| Component | CAS No | EEC No | Conc w/w | Classification & Risk Phrases | Exp (See 8.1) |
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| 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 Media Do not allow water to come into direct contact with material.

6. Accidental Release Measures

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

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| 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

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| Workplace Exposure Limits | Long Term (8hr TWA): | - | ppm | - | mg m ⁻³ |
| | Short Term (15min Period): | 3.000 | ppm | 2.500 | mg m ⁻³ |

8.2 Personal Protection

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| 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

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| 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 Pressure | 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

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

11. Toxicological Information

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| Eyes | The liquid, solutions and vapour are 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 1.5g 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

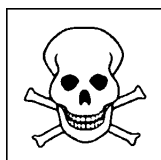


15. Regulatory Information

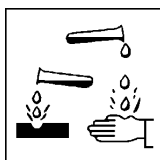
Labelling Very Toxic, Corrosive.
Classification

Label Symbols

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15. Regulatory Information (continued)

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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