

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Mercury(II) chloride

Cat No. : 12274

CAS-No 7487-94-7
Synonyms Mercuric chloride

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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Emergency Telephone Number

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After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Acute oral toxicity	Category 2
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 1

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Fatal if swallowed
Fatal in contact with skin
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Suspected of causing genetic defects
 Suspected of damaging fertility
 May cause respiratory irritation
 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Use personal protective equipment as required
 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
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

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

Storage

Store locked up

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
 WARNING. Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Mercuric chloride	7487-94-7	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation

Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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. Immediate medical attention is required.

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 Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point No information available

Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature

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

Very toxic. Corrosive Material. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Highly toxic fumes

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.

NFPA

Health
4

Flammability
1

Instability
1

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from direct sunlight.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Mercuric chloride	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³ Skin	(Vacated) Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m ³	IDLH: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

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	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	3.3
Melting Point/Range	277 °C / 530.6 °F
Boiling Point/Range	302 °C / 575.6 °F
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	5.44 @ 25°C
Solubility	7.4 g/100 ml (20°C)
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	Cl ₂ Hg
Molecular Weight	271.5

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions. Light sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to light.
Incompatible Materials	Organic materials, Acids, Bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Ammonia, Sulfides, lead, Metals, copper
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Highly toxic fumes
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Mercuric chloride	25.9 mg/kg (Rat) 1 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 41 mg/kg (Rabbit) LD50 = 41 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

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

Irritation	Causes 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
Mercuric chloride	7487-94-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects	Possible risk of irreversible effects
Reproductive Effects	Possible risk of impaired fertility.
Developmental Effects	No information available.
Teratogenicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	Respiratory system
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	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Mercuric chloride	Not listed	LC50: 0.02 - 0.26 mg/L, 96h static (Cyprinus carpio) LC50: = 0.4 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 4.425 mg/L, 96h (Cyprinus carpio) LC50: 0.014 - 0.019 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 0.13 - 0.19 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 0.155 mg/L, 96h (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 0.1 - 0.182 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 0.096 - 0.133 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 5.933 - 10.34 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata) LC50: = 0.041 mg/L, 96h (Poecilia reticulata)	Not listed	EC50=0.0015mg/L 48 h EC50=0.012mg/L >48 h

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

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

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

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.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN1624
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURIC CHLORIDE
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1624
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURIC CHLORIDE
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1624
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURIC CHLORIDE
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1624
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURIC CHLORIDE
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Mercuric chloride	X	X	-	231-299-8	-		X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Mercuric chloride	7487-94-7	>95	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
Mercuric chloride	-	-	X	-

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Mercuric chloride	X		-

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Not applicable

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
Mercuric chloride	-	500 lb

California Proposition 65 This product contains the following proposition 65 chemicals

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Mercuric chloride	7487-94-7	Developmental	-	Developmental

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Mercuric chloride	X	X	X	X	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

16. Other information

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