

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Section 1 - Product and Company Information

Product Name GOLD(III) CHLORIDE HYDRATE, 99.999%
METALS BASIS
Product Number 254169
Brand ALDRICH

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Section 2 - Composition/Information on Ingredient

Substance Name	CAS #	SARA 313
GOLD (III) CHLORIDE HYDRATE	27988-77-8	No

Formula H₂AuCl₄ · xH₂O
Synonyms Brown gold chloride * Chloroauric acid

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Corrosive.

Causes burns. May cause sensitization by skin contact.

HMIS RATING

HEALTH: 3

FLAMMABILITY: 0

REACTIVITY: 1

NFPA RATING

HEALTH: 3

FLAMMABILITY: 0

REACTIVITY: 1

For additional information on toxicity, please refer to Section 11.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

ORAL EXPOSURE

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician immediately.

INHALATION EXPOSURE

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

DERMAL EXPOSURE

In case of skin contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

Call a physician.

EYE EXPOSURE

In case of contact with eyes, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure adequate flushing by separating the eyelids with fingers. Call a physician.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

FLASH POINT

N/A

AUTOIGNITION TEMP

N/A

FLAMMABILITY

N/A

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Dry chemical powder.

FIREFIGHTING

Protective Equipment: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.
Specific Hazard(s): Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE OF LEAK OR SPILL

Evacuate area.

PROCEDURE(S) OF PERSONAL PRECAUTION(S)

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

HANDLING

User Exposure: Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

STORAGE

Suitable: Keep tightly closed.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Light sensitive. Very hygroscopic.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls / PPE

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Safety shower and eye bath. Use only in a chemical fume hood.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory: Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU). Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering

controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator.

Hand: Compatible chemical-resistant gloves.

Eye: Chemical safety goggles.

GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Discard contaminated shoes. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Section 9 - Physical/Chemical Properties

Appearance	Physical State: Solid Color: Red Yellow	
Property	Value	At Temperature or Pressure
Molecular Weight	339.79 AMU	
pH	N/A	
BP/BP Range	N/A	
MP/MP Range	N/A	
Freezing Point	N/A	
Vapor Pressure	N/A	
Vapor Density	N/A	
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A	
SG/Density	3.9 g/cm ³	
Bulk Density	N/A	
Odor Threshold	N/A	
Volatile%	N/A	
VOC Content	N/A	
Water Content	N/A	
Solvent Content	N/A	
Evaporation Rate	N/A	
Viscosity	N/A	
Surface Tension	N/A	
Partition Coefficient	N/A	
Decomposition Temp.	N/A	
Flash Point	N/A	
Explosion Limits	N/A	
Flammability	N/A	
Autoignition Temp	N/A	
Refractive Index	N/A	
Optical Rotation	N/A	
Miscellaneous Data	N/A	
Solubility	N/A	

N/A = not available

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY

Stable: Stable.

Conditions to Avoid: Light. Moisture.

Materials to Avoid: Reducing agents.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Decomposes on heating to chlorine gas, hydrogen chloride and metallic gold.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Skin Contact: Causes burns.

Skin Absorption: May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.

Eye Contact: Causes burns.

Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.

SENSITIZATION

Skin: May cause allergic skin reaction.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

Inhalation may result in spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis, and pulmonary edema. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin. Exposure can cause stomatitis, metallic taste, itching, erythema, eczema, erythema multiforme, exfoliative dermatitis, thrombocytopenia, leucopenia, agranulocytosis, and aplastic anemia. Exposure can also cause a gray-to-blue pigmentation (chrysiasis) in the skin and mucous membranes, especially in areas exposed to light. Gold deposits may occur in the eyes causing keratitis and corneal ulceration.

TOXICITY DATA

Oral

Rat

> 464 mg/kg

LD50

Section 12 - Ecological Information

No data available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

APPROPRIATE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF SUBSTANCE OR PREPARATION

Catalysts and expensive metals should be recovered for reuse or recycling. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

Section 14 - Transport Information

DOT

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.

UN#: 3260

Class: 8

Packing Group: Packing Group III

Hazard Label: Corrosive

PIH: Not PIH

IATA

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Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

EU ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Symbol of Danger: C

Indication of Danger: Corrosive.

R: 34-43

Risk Statements: Causes burns. May cause sensitization by skin contact.

S: 26-36/37/39-45

Safety Statements: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, and eye/face protection. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

US CLASSIFICATION AND LABEL TEXT

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UNITED STATES REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA LISTED: No

CANADA REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHMIS Classification: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

DSL: No

NDSL: No

Section 16 - Other Information

DISCLAIMER

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

WARRANTY

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