

## Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information

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**Phone Number (800) 424-9300**  
For laboratory use only.  
Not for drug, food or household use.

**Product** FERRIC CHLORIDE, HEXAHYDRATE

**Synonyms** Iron(III) Chloride, Hexahydrate

## Section 2 Hazards Identification

**Signal word:** DANGER

**Pictograms:** GHS05 / GHS07

**Target organs:** Eyes, Skin, Respiratory system, Liver, Gastrointestinal tract



**GHS Classification:**

Corrosive to metals (Category 1)

Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Eye damage (Category 1)

**GHS Label information: Hazard statement:**

H290: May be corrosive to metals.

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

H315: Causes skin irritation.

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

**Precautionary statement:**

P234: Keep only in original container.

P406: Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+P330+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap.

P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.

P362+P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

P501: Dispose of contents/container to a licensed chemical disposal agency in accordance with local/regional/national regulations.

Ca Prop 65 - This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

## Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Ferric chloride, hexahydrate	10025-77-1	100%	231-729-4 [anhydrous]

## Section 4 First Aid Measures

**INGESTION:** HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. MAY CAUSE LIVER OR KIDNEYS DAMAGE. Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**INHALATION:** MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED. MAY CAUSE RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**EYE CONTACT:** MAY CAUSE EYE DAMAGE. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** MAY BE HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES SKIN IRRITATION. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

## Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Do NOT use water! Dry chemicals, CO<sub>2</sub> or other agents as appropriate for surrounding fires.

**Protective Actions for Fire-fighters:** In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Specific Hazards:** During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. May release toxic fumes of Hydrogen chloride gas in a fire.

## Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

**Personal Precautions:** Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

**Environmental Precautions:** Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

**Containment and Cleanup:** Recover for reuse if not contaminated. Remove all sources of ignition. Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts or vapors. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from ignition sources. Avoid contact with humid or wet areas. Keep away from metals.

## Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Iron salts, soluble, as Fe	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	No listing	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Respiratory protection:** None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

## Section 9 Physical &amp; Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Solid. Yellow-brown lumps

**Odor:** Hydrochloric acid odor.

**Odor threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** 2 (0.1M solution)

**Melting / Freezing point:** 37°C (99°F)

**Boiling point:** Data not available

**Flash point:** Data not available

**Evaporation rate ( = 1):** Data not available

**Flammability (solid/gas):** Data not available.

**Explosion limits: Lower / Upper:** Data not available

**Vapor pressure (mm Hg):** Data not available

**Vapor density (Air = 1):** >1

**Relative density (Specific gravity):** Data not available

**Solubility(ies):** 920 g/L in water.

**Partition coefficient:** Data not available

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Data not available

**Decomposition temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Molecular formula:** FeCl<sub>3</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O

**Molecular weight:** 270.30

## Section 10 Stability &amp; Reactivity

**Chemical stability:** Stable

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Excessive temperatures, heat, water, potassium, sodium, incompatible materials.

**Incompatible materials:** Water, oxidizing agents, metals, strong bases, reducing agents, alcohols.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Hydrogen gas on contact with metals.

## Section 11 Toxicological Information

**Acute toxicity:** Oral-rat LD50: 1,872 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Data not available

**Serious eye damage/irritation:** Data not available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Data not available

**Germ cell mutagenicity:** Data not available

**Carcinogenicity:** Data not available

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity:** Data not available

**STOT-single exposure:** Data not available

**STOT-repeated exposure:** Data not available

**Aspiration hazard:** Data not available

**Potential health effects:**

Inhalation: Dust or vapors may be corrosive or irritating to the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Symptoms may include burning sensation, coughing, shortness of breath, lung inflammation and pulmonary edema.

Ingestion: May cause severe liver or kidneys damage. May also cause gastrointestinal damage.

Skin: May cause severe irritation and/or burns.

Eyes: May cause severe irritation, tearing, blurred vision, burns, severe damage, and permanent blindness.

**Signs and symptoms of exposure:** See Potential health effects above. Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

**Additional information:** RTECS #: LJ9100000 (Anhydrous)

## Section 12 Ecological Information

**Toxicity to fish:** No data available

**Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates:** No data available

**Toxicity to algae:** No data available

**Persistence and degradability:** No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No data available

**Mobility in soil:** No data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available

**Other adverse effects:** An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

## Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

## Section 14 Transport Information (US DOT / CANADA TDG)

**UN/NA number:** UN1759

**Shipping name:** Corrosive solids, n.o.s., (Ferric chloride, hexahydrate)

**Hazard class:** 8

**Packing group:** III

**Reportable Quantity:** 1,000 lbs (454 kg)


**Marine pollutant:** No

**Exceptions:** Limited quantity equal to or less than 5 Kg

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## Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Ferric chloride, anhydrous	Listed	1,000 lbs (454 kg)	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	 E

## Section 16 Additional Information

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