

Safety data sheet Germanium tetrafluoride.

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product name

Germanium tetrafluoride.

EC No (from EINECS): 232-011-3

CAS No: 7783-58-6

Index-Nr.

Chemical formula GeF₄

REACH Registration number:

Not available.

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses

Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.

Uses advised against

Consumer use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification

BOC, Priestley Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 2UT

E-Mail Address ReachSDS@boc.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency phone numbers (24h): 0800 111 333

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification acc. to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008/EC (CLP/GHS)

Press. Gas (Liquefied gas) - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Acute Tox. 1 - Fatal if inhaled.

Skin Corr. 1 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

STOT RE 1 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Classification acc. to Directive 67/548/EEC & 1999/45/EC

T+; R26 | C; R35

Very toxic by inhalation.

Causes severe burns (eyes, respiratory system and skin).

Risk advice to man and the environment

Liquefied gas.

Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite.

2.2. Label elements

- Labelling Pictograms



- Signal word

Danger

- Hazard Statements

H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H372	Causes damage to organs through

prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Precautionary Statements

Precautionary Statement Prevention

P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Precautionary Statement Response

P304+P340+P315	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P305+P351+P338+P315	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Precautionary Statement Storage

P403	Store in a well-ventilated place.
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2.3. Other hazards

Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture: Substance.

3.1. Substances

Germanium tetrafluoride.

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Not available.

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First Aid General Information:

Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

First Aid Inhalation:

Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

First Aid Skin / Eye:

May cause severe chemical burns to skin and cornea. Suitable first-aid treatment should be immediately available. Seek medical advice before using product. For liquid spillage - flush with water for at least 15 minutes. In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15

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minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.

First Aid Ingestion:

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

May cause severe chemical burns to cornea. Suitable first-aid treatment should be immediately available. Seek medical advice before using product.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Obtain medical assistance.

SECTION 5: Fire fighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water fog. Foam. Use water spray or fog to control fire fumes.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do not use a solid water stream.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards

Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.

Hazardous combustion products

If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition: Germanium and its oxides
Hydrogen fluoride.

5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

Specific methods

Move container away or cool with water from a protected position. If possible, stop flow of product. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Gas tight chemically protective clothing (Type 1) in combination with self contained breathing apparatus.

Guideline:

EN 943-2:2002: Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, aerosols and solid particles. Performance requirements for gas-tight (Type 1) chemical protective suits for emergency teams (ET).

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Evacuate area. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. EN 137 Respiratory protective devices — Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask — Requirements, testing, marking.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Ventilate area. Hose down area with water. Wash contaminated equipment or sites of leaks with copious quantities of water. Keep area evacuated and free from ignition sources until any spilled liquid has evaporated. (Ground free from frost).

6.4. Reference to other sections

See also sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt. Avoid exposure, obtain special instructions before use. Do not smoke while handling product. Ensure the complete gas system has been (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use. Purge system with dry inert gas (e.g. helium or nitrogen) before gas is introduced and when system is placed out of service. Avoid suckback of water, acid and alkalis. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Protect containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Refer to supplier's handling instructions. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. If user experiences any difficulty operating container valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water. Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to transfer gases from one container to another. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the container contents.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Secure cylinders to prevent them from falling. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place. Cylinders should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent falling over. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general conditions and leakage. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep away from combustible materials. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

None.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limit value

Value type	value	Note
TLV (ACGIH)	2,5 mg/m3	2011

8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered. Product to be handled in a closed system. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Provide adequate general or local ventilation. Gas detectors should be used when toxic quantities may be released.

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Personal protective equipment

Eye and face protection

Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes. Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Wear a face-shield when transfilling and breaking transfer connections. Safety eyewear, goggles or face-shield to EN166 should be used to avoid exposure to liquid splashes. Wear eye protection to EN 166 when using gases. Full-face mask recommended

Guideline:

EN 136 Respiratory protective devices. Full face masks. Requirements, testing, marking

Skin protection

Hand protection

Advice: Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers., Chemically resistant gloves complying with EN 374 should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Material: Neoprene

Guideline: EN 374-1/2/3 Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms.

Body protection

Protect eyes, face and skin from contact with product. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use. Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved.

Guideline:

EN 943: Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, including liquid aerosols and solid particles.

Other protection

Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers. EN ISO 20345 Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

Respiratory protection

Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use., Use SCBA in the event of high concentrations, The selection of the Respiratory Protective Device (RPD) must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected RPD.

Guideline:

EN 136 Respiratory protective devices. Full face masks. Requirements, testing, marking

When allowed by a risk assessment a supplied air respirator may be used.

Guideline:

EN 137 Respiratory protective devices — Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask — Requirements, testing, marking.

Thermal hazards

If there is a risk of contact with the liquid, all protective equipment should be suitable for extremely low temperatures.

Environmental Exposure Controls

Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

General information

Appearance/Colour: Colourless gas. Gives off white fumes in moist air.

Odour: Pungent Garlic like. Extremely disagreeable.

Odour threshold:

Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn for over exposure.

Melting point: -15 °C

Boiling point: -37 °C

Flash point: Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Vapour Pressure 10 °C: 5 bar

Relative density, gas (Air=1): Heavier than air.

Solubility in water: Hydrolyses.

Molecular weight: 148,6 g/mol

Sublimation point: -37 °C

Relative density, liquid (Water=1): Not known.

9.2. Other information

Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Unreactive under normal conditions.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

None.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Heat. Avoid moisture in installation systems.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Reacts with water to form corrosive acids. May react violently with acids. With water causes rapid corrosion of some metals.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition: Germanium and its oxides Hydrogen fluoride.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

General

May cause chemical burns to skin and cornea (with temporary disturbance to vision)

Acute oral toxicity

No data available.

Acute inhalation toxicity

Absorption of excessive F- can result in acute systemic fluorosis with hypocalcaemia interference with various metabolic functions and organ damage (heart, liver, kidneys).

Acute dermal toxicity

No data available.

Skin irritation

Corrosive.

Eye irritation

Corrosive.

Assessment carcinogenicity

No evidence of carcinogenic effects.

Assessment toxicity to reproduction

No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure

Organ: Lungs

Irritation of respiratory tract

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Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Repeated Exposure

Organ: Kidneys, Skeletal system.

Aspiration hazard

Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

No data available. Toxic to water organisms., Endangering to drinking water.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Hydrolyses.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No data available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

No data available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available.

12.6. Other adverse effects

No data available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Contact supplier if guidance is required. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Must not be discharged to atmosphere. Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances

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SECTION 14: Transport information

ADR/RID

14.1. UN number

3308

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Liquefied gas, toxic, corrosive, n.o.s. (Germanium tetrafluoride)

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 2

Classification Code: 2TC

Labels: 2.3, 8

Hazard number: 268

Tunnel restriction code: (C/D)

Emergency Action Code: 2XE

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)

P200

14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

IMDG

14.1. UN number

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14.2. UN proper shipping name

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14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 2.3

Labels: 2.3, 8

EmS: F-C, S-U

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)

P200

14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable.

IATA

14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

Other transport information

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured. Ensure that the container valve is closed and not leaking. Ensure that the valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure that the valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure adequate ventilation. Ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Seveso Directive 96/82/EC: Covered

Other regulations

Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR 2002 No. 2776)

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (1999 No. 3242)

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (2005 No. 1541)

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH, 2002 No. 2677)

Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER, 1998 No. 2306)

Personal Protective Equipment Regulations (1992 No. 2966)

Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH, 1999 No. 743)

Chemical Hazards Information and Packaging for Supply (CHIP, 1994 No. 3247)

Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PER, 2000 No. 128)

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15.2. Chemical safety assessment

CSA has not been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

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References

Various sources of data have been used in the compilation of this SDS, they include but are not exclusive to:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>)

European Chemical Agency: Guidance on the Compilation of Safety Data Sheets.

European Chemical Agency: Information on Registered Substances <http://apps.echa.europa.eu/registered/registered-sub.aspx#search>

European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) Doc. 169/11 Classification and Labelling guide.

ISO 10156:2010 Gases and gas mixtures -- Determination of fire potential and oxidizing ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets.

International Programme on Chemical Safety (<http://www.inchem.org/>)

Matheson Gas Data Book, 7th Edition.

National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard Reference Database Number 69

The ESIS (European chemical Substances 5 Information System) platform of the former European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) ESIS (<http://ecb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/esis/>).

The European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) ERICards.

United States of America's National Library of Medicine's toxicology data network TOXNET (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/index.html>)

Substance specific information from suppliers.

Threshold Limit Values (TLV) from the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

EH40 (as amended) Workplace exposure limits.

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