

## Safety data sheet Tungsten hexafluoride

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

#### 1.1. Product identifier

##### Product name

Tungsten hexafluoride

EC No (from EINECS): 232-029-1

CAS No: 7783-82-6

Index-Nr.

**Chemical formula** WF6

**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. 1A - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

EUH071 - Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

##### 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.

#### 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.

EUH071

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

##### - Precautionary Statements

#### Precautionary Statement Prevention

P260

Do not breathe gas, vapours.

P280

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

#### Precautionary Statement Response

P303+P361+P353+P315

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove / Take off immediately all contaminated clothes. Rinse skin with water/shower. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

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.

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.

P405

Store locked up.

#### Precautionary Statement Disposal

None.

#### 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

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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:

Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 15 minutes. In case of skin contact, wearing rubber gloves rub 2.5% calcium gluconate gel continuously into the affected area for 1.5 hours or until further medical care is available. In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Alternatively irrigate eyes intermittently for 20 minutes

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with an aqueous Calcium gluconate 1% solution if available. Obtain medical assistance.

**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 headache, nausea and irritation of respiratory tract. May cause severe chemical burns to cornea. Suitable first-aid treatment should be immediately available. Seek medical advice before using product. Prolonged exposure to small concentrations may result in pulmonary oedema. Delayed adverse effects possible. The potential for Hydrogen fluoride formation exists with every exposure, therefore its toxicity must also be considered.

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

Treat with a corticosteroid spray as soon as possible after inhalation. Obtain medical assistance.

**SECTION 5: Fire fighting measures**

**5.1. Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media**

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

**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: Tungsten and its oxides.

**5.3. Advice for fire-fighters**

**Specific methods**

If possible, stop flow of product. Specialist clean-up methods may be required. Use of water may result in the formation of very toxic aqueous solutions. Move container away or cool with water from a protected position. 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. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. Monitor concentration of released product. 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. Reduce vapour with fog or fine water spray.

**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.

**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. Use no oil or grease. Passivate all equipment and pipework before introducing gas. Contact supplier for passivation procedure. Do not smoke while handling product. Ensure the complete gas system has been (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use. Installation of a cross purge assembly between the container and the regulator is recommended. 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. Refer to supplier's handling instructions. Do not allow backfeed into the container. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Protect containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. 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. Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. 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**

Segregate from flammable gases and other flammable materials in store. 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
Great Britain - LTEL	5 mg/m3	EH 40/07
Great Britain - STEL	10 mg/m3	EH 40/07

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DNEL not available  
PNEC not available.

### 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 and under strictly controlled conditions. Keep concentrations well below occupational exposure limits. Use only permanent leak-tight installations (e.g. welded pipes). Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Gas detectors should be used when toxic quantities may be released. Provide adequate general or local ventilation. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye and face protection

Protect eyes, face and skin from contact with product. 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: 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.

Advice: Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers.

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

Guideline:

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

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

Specific risk management measures are not required beyond good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. 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

**Odour threshold:**

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

**Melting point:** 2,3 °C

**Boiling point:** 17,10 °C

**Flash point:** Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

**Evaporation rate:**

Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

**Flammability range:** Non flammable.

**Vapour Pressure 20 °C:** 1,1 bar

**Relative density, gas:** 10,3

**Solubility in water:** No reliable data available.

**Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:**

Not applicable.

**Autoignition temperature:** Not applicable.

**Molecular weight:** 297,84 g/mol

**Critical temperature:** 170,00 °C

**Relative density, liquid:** 3,4

### 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

Violently oxidises organic material.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture in installation systems.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

May react violently with reducing agents. May react violently with combustible materials. For material compatibility see latest version of ISO-11114.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute oral toxicity

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No data available.

### Acute inhalation toxicity

Value: LC50  
Species: Rat  
Exposure time: 1 h  
Value in non-standard unit: 213 ppm

Value: LC50  
Species: Rat  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Value in non-standard unit: 80 ppm  
Delayed fatal pulmonary oedema possible., 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

Severe corrosion to the skin at high concentrations.

### Eye irritation

Severe corrosion to the eyes at high concentrations., Risk of serious damage to eyes.

### Sensitization

No known effects from this product.

### Assessment mutagenicity

No known effects from this product.

### Assessment carcinogenicity

No known effects from this product.

### Assessment toxicity to reproduction

No known effects from this product.

### Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure

Organ: Lungs

Organ: Kidneys

Organ: Liver

Organ: Heart

Severe corrosion to the respiratory tract at high concentrations.

### Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Repeated Exposure

Organ: Kidneys

Organ: Lungs

Organ: Heart

Organ: Liver

Death from respiratory tract damage would likely occur before significant amounts of fluoride are absorbed., The potential for Hydrogen fluoride formation exists with every exposure, therefore its toxicity must also be considered.

### Aspiration hazard

Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Endangering to drinking water.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No data available.

### 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

May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Must not be discharged to atmosphere. Contact supplier if guidance is required. Gas may be scrubbed in alkaline solution under controlled conditions to avoid violent reaction. Refer to the EIGA code of practice (Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org>) for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### ADR/RID

#### 14.1. UN number

2196

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Tungsten hexafluoride

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 2

Classification Code: 2TC

Labels: 2.3, 8

Hazard number: 268

Tunnel restriction code: (D)

Emergency Action Code: 2WE

#### 14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)

P200

#### 14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

#### 14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

### IMDG

#### 14.1. UN number

2196

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Tungsten hexafluoride

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 2.3

Labels: 2.3, 8

EmS: FC,SU,

#### 14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)

P200

#### 14.5. Environmental hazards

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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 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. Ensure that the container valve is closed and not leaking.

### 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

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)

#### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

CSA has not been carried out.

### SECTION 16: Other information

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Ensure operators understand the toxicity hazard. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained. Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

#### Advice

Whilst proper care has been taken in the preparation of this document, no liability for injury or damage resulting from its use can be accepted. Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

#### Further information

Note:

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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: 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 (CEPIC) 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. EH40 (as amended) Workplace exposure limits.

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