

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name Fluoroboric Acid, 48%
CAS number 16872-11-0
Synonyms Tetrafluoroboric acid; hydrogen tetrafluoroborate.

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

Identified uses Laboratory chemicals.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company Lab Alley, LLC
12501 Pauls Valley Road
Austin, Texas 78737
U.S.A.

Telephone 512-668-9918
Fax 512-886-4008

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #	US & Canada: 1-800-535-5053	INFOTRAC
	International 1-352-323-3500	INFOTRAC

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - respiratory system.	

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statements

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Response

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice.

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting.

Store

Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

No information available.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Concentration
Fluoroboric acid	Tetrafluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	48-50%
Water	H ₂ O	7732-18-5	47-52%
Boric acid	H ₃ BO ₃	10043-35-3	<3%

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice

If inhaled	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.
In case of skin contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
In case of eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
If swallowed	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

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.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.
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Unsuitable extinguishing media	No information available.
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5.2 Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Corrosive material. Non-combustible. 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: Hydrogen fluoride.

5.3 Special 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.

5.4 Further information

Flash Point No information available

Autoignition Temperature No information available

Explosion limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	0	0	N/A

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed container for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 2 for full list of hazard and precaution statements.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Precautions on safe handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

Incompatibilities

No information available.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Component	Type	Value
Fluoroboric acid	(Vacated) TWA	2.5 mg/m ³

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Component	Type	Value
Fluoroboric acid	TWA	2.5 mg/m ³
Boric acid	TWA	2 mg/m ³
	STEL	6 mg/m ³

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

No information available.

Biological occupational exposure limits

No information available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

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 CRR 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.

Control of environmental exposure

No information available.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Light yellow
Odor	Pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-90 °C / -130 °F
Boiling Point/Range	130 °C / 266 °F @ 760 mmHg
Evaporation Rate	1
Flammability (solid)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limit	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	5.1 mmHg @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	3.0 (Air = 1.0)
Density	1.41
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temp	No information available
Decomposition Temp	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	HBF ₄
Molecular Weight	87.81
VOC Content(%)	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available

9.2 Other safety information

No information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

None known, based on information available.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

None under normal processing.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Metals, bases.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hydrogen fluoride.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Product Information, Component Information

Acute toxicity

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Fluoroboric acid	100 mg/kg (rat)	-	-
Water	-	-	-
Boric acid	2660 mg/kg (rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)	-

Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes burns by all exposure routes.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes burns by all exposure routes.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity

No information available.

Carcinogenicity

Component	CAS	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Respiratory system.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

None known.

Reproductive toxicity

No information available.

Chronic effects

No information available.

11.2 Additional Information

No information available.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Product		Species	Test Results
Fluoroboric acid	LC50	Carassius auratus	20 mg/L 72h
	LC50	Brachydanio rerio	2600 mg/L 96h
Boric acid	LC50	Gambusia affinis	5600 mg/L 96h
	EC50	Daphnia magna	115 - 153 mg/L 48h

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No information available.

12.3 Bio accumulative potential

No information available

12.4 Mobility in soil

Boric acid: log Pow: -0.757

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information available

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No information available

12.7 Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 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.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)

UN-No	UN1775
Proper Shipping Name	FLUOROBORIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

IMDG

UN-No	UN1775
Proper Shipping Name	FLUOROBORIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

IATA
UN-No UN1775
Proper Shipping Name FLUOROBORIC ACID
Hazard Class 8
Packing Group II

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)
Not listed.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)
Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification
Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)
Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)
SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance
Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous
Listed, Acute Health Hazard.

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)
Not regulated

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List
Not regulated

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)
Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act
Not regulated

FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace
Not listed

US state regulations
US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List
Not listed

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Listed, Boric acid, Fluoroboric acid.

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Not listed

California Proposition 65

Not listed

SECTION 16: Other information

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SECTION 17: Disclaimer

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