

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Tetrafluoroboric acid, 48% min w/w aqueous solution

**Cat No. :** 11484

**Synonyms** Tetrafluoroboric acid; Hydrogen tetrafluoroborate

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

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

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause respiratory irritation

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	49-52
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	48-51
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	10043-35-3	<2.5

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. 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. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	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

## Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** No information available

**Flash Point** No information available  
**Method -** 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

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Hydrogen fluoride.

**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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
3

**Flammability**  
1

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Strong bases. Acid anhydrides. Cyanides. Combustible material. Carbonates.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWA/EV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Fluoroboric acid	TWA: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 250 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )		TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		

**Legend**

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles

**Hand Protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber	recommendations		
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. 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.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey conforming to EN14387

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls**

No information available.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless - Light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	pungent
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	0.1
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-90 °C / -130 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	130 °C / 266 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	~ 1.0 (Butyl Acetate = 1.0)
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available

Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	5.1 mmHg @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	3.0
Specific Gravity	1.410
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	H B F <sub>4</sub>
Molecular Weight	87.81

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Strong bases, Acid anhydrides, Cyanides, Combustible material, Carbonates
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen fluoride
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

**Oral LD50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

**Dermal LD50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

**Vapor LC50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
Fluoroboric acid	LD50 100 - 200 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	2660 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic** No information available

#### Products

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Causes burns by all exposure routes
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	10043-35-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	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
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Fluoroboric acid	Not listed	LC50: = 2600 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	Not listed	Not listed
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	Gambusia affinis: LC50: 5600 mg/L/96h	-	EC50: 115 - 153 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757

## 13. Disposal considerations

**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.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1775
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	FLUOROBORIC ACID
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### TDG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1775
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<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### IATA

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<b>Packing Group</b>	II

**IMDG/IMO**

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<b>Packing Group</b>	II

**15. Regulatory information****International Inventories**

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	X	ACTIVE	231-791-2	-	-
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	X	-	X	ACTIVE	240-898-3	-	-
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	10043-35-3	X	-	X	ACTIVE	233-139-2	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Water	7732-18-5	X	KE-35400	X	-	X	X	X	X
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	X	KE-33424	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	10043-35-3	X	KE-03499	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances**Canada**

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

**Other International Regulations****Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Fluoroboric acid	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	-	Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 233-139-2 - Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c

After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

**REACH links**<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach><https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list><https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	10043-35-3	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Fluoroboric acid	16872-11-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Boric acid (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	10043-35-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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## Revision Summary

New emergency telephone response service provider.

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