

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Copper etchant

Product Number : 667528  
Brand : Aldrich

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P234 Keep only in original container.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection.  
P280 Wear protective gloves.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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.

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

P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

P406 Store in corrosive resistant stainless steel container with a resistant inner liner.

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : Copper etching solution

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Iron trichloride</b>		
CAS-No. 7705-08-0 EC-No. 231-729-4	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 2; H290, H302, H315, H318, H401	>= 30 - < 50 %
<b>Hydrochloric acid</b>		
CAS-No. 7647-01-0 EC-No. 231-595-7 Index-No. 017-002-01-X Registration number 01-2119484862-27-XXXX	Met. Corr. 1; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H290, H314, H335	>= 1 - < 5 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

## 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Iron trichloride	7705-08-0	TWA	1.000000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Skin irritation varies		
		TWA	1.000000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Skin irritation varies		

		TWA	1 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	1 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	C	2.000000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		C	5.000000 ppm 7.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Often used in an aqueous solution.		
		C	5.000000 ppm 7.000000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate. Ceiling limit is to be determined from breathing-zone air samples.		
		C	2 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		C	5 ppm 7 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Often used in an aqueous solution.		
		C	5 ppm 7 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		The value in mg/m3 is approximate. Ceiling limit is to be determined from breathing-zone air samples.		
		C	5 ppm 7 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		PEL	0.3 ppm 0.45 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		C	2 ppm	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls.

If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: liquid
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	No data available
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapour pressure	No data available
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	1.190 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

### **9.2 Other safety information**

No data available

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## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

No data available

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

No data available

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

No data available

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Bases, Alkali metals, Strong oxidizing agents, Potassium, Metals, Amines, permanganates, e.g. potassium permanganate, Fluorine, hexalithium disilicide, Exothermic in contact with water, Forms shock-sensitive mixtures with certain other materials.

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas, Iron oxides  
Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

Inhalation: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

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.

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.

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

No data available

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

#### Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

No data available

**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**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Toxic to aquatic life.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 2582      Class: 8      Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Ferric chloride, solution

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 3333 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2582      Class: 8      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-B

Proper shipping name: FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION

Marine pollutant:yes

**IATA**

UN number: 2582      Class: 8      Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Ferric chloride solution

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	1993-04-24

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Iron trichloride	7705-08-0	1993-04-24
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Water	7732-18-5	
Iron trichloride	7705-08-0	1993-04-24
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	1993-04-24

## New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Water	7732-18-5	
Iron trichloride	7705-08-0	1993-04-24
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	1993-04-24

## California Prop. 65 Components

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

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
Met. Corr.	Corrosive to metals
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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