

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Fluosilicic acid

Product Number : 01302  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 16961-83-4

**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 Inc.  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone**

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527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24  
Hours/day; 7 Days/week

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Skin corrosion (Category 1), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

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)	
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
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.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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

Strong hydrogen fluoride-releaser

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2 Mixtures

Formula :  $\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{Si}$   
Molecular weight : 144.09 g/mol

Component		Classification	Concentration
<b>hexafluorosilicic acid</b>			
CAS-No.	16961-83-4	Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; H314, H318	>= 30 - < 50 %
EC-No.	241-034-8		
Index-No.	009-011-00-5		
<b>Hydrofluoric acid</b>			
CAS-No.	7664-39-3	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 1; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; H300, H330, H310, H314, H318 Concentration limits: >= 7 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 1 - < 7 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 0.1 - < 1 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319;	>= 0.1 - < 1 %
EC-No.	231-634-8		
Index-No.	009-003-00-1		

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

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Hydrofluoric (HF) acid burns require immediate and specialized first aid and medical treatment. Symptoms may be delayed up to 24 hours depending on the concentration of HF. After decontamination with water, further damage can occur due to penetration/absorption of the fluoride ion. Treatment should be directed toward binding the fluoride ion as well as the effects of exposure. Skin exposures can be treated with a 2.5% calcium gluconate gel repeated until burning ceases. More serious skin exposures may require subcutaneous calcium gluconate except for digital areas unless the physician is experienced in this technique, due to the potential for tissue injury from increased pressure. Absorption can readily occur through the subungual areas and should be considered when undergoing decontamination. Prevention of absorption of the fluoride ion in cases of ingestion can be obtained by giving milk, chewable calcium carbonate tablets or Milk of Magnesia to conscious victims. Conditions such as hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and cardiac arrhythmias should be monitored for, since they can occur after exposure. First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

First treatment with calcium gluconate paste. In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

### 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

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

## **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Hydrogen fluoride  
silicon oxides  
Not combustible.  
Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

## **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

## **5.4 Further information**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

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

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up with liquid-absorbent and neutralising material (e.g. Chemizorb® HF, Merck Art. No. 101591). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Do not store in glass

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1D: Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

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

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
hexafluorosilicic acid	16961-83-4	TWA	2.5 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	2.5 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		PEL	2.5 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
Hydrofluoric acid	7664-39-3	TWA	0.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		C	2 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		C	6 ppm 5 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	3 ppm 2.5 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	3 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		TWA	3 ppm	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		STEL	6 ppm	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		PEL	0.4 ppm 0.33 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		STEL	1 ppm 0.83 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
hexafluorosilicic acid	16961-83-4	Fluoride	2 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)

	Remarks	Prior to shift (16 hours after exposure ceases)			
		Fluoride	3 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
Hydrofluoric acid	7664-39-3	Fluoride	2 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Prior to shift (16 hours after exposure ceases)			
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		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

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

#### 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.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### Body Protection

Acid-resistant protective clothing

**Respiratory protection**

required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

**Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties****9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: clear, liquid Color: light yellow
b) Odor	pungent
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	1.0 - 1.2 at 10 g/l
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) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	1.31 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	Not applicable
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
t) Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Reacts dangerously with glass.  
no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Alkalies, Strong acids, Stoneware, glassglass

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Mixture

#### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Mixture causes serious eye damage. Risk of blindness!

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient 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 ingredient 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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.



**Reproductive toxicity**

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

**11.2 Additional Information**

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

Fluoride ion can reduce serum calcium levels possibly causing fatal hypocalcemia.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Components****hexafluorosilicic acid****Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.

Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

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

## Hydrofluoric acid

### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 1 h - 1.34 mg/l - vapor

Remarks: (IUCLID)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 0.6 mg/l - vapor  
(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Symptoms: burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, Resultant lesions may affect the following:, bronchitis, Pneumonia, Lung edema

Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.

Dermal: No data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns. - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Symptoms may be delayed. Possible damages: Necrosis Tendency of poor wound-healing after penetration of the substance.

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: (IUCLID)

Causes serious eye damage.

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: Positive results were obtained in some in vitro tests.

Species: Rat

Remarks: Cytogenetic analysis

### Carcinogenicity

No data available

### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Acute inhalation toxicity - burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, Resultant lesions may affect the following:, bronchitis, Pneumonia, Lung edema

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

## **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

#### **Mixture**

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 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

### **12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

#### **Components**

##### **hexafluorosilicic acid**

No data available

##### **Hydrofluoric acid**

No data available

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **DOT (US)**

UN number: 1778 Class: 8

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Fluorosilicic acid

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

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Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1778 Class: 8

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-A, S-B

Proper shipping name: FLUOROSILICIC ACID

**IATA**

UN number: 1778 Class: 8

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Fluorosilicic acid

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

**SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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