

## **Safety Data Sheet**

# Fluoroboric Acid, 48-50% Purified, Low Sodium

#### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Fluoroboric Acid, 48-50% Purified, Low Sodium

Synonyms/Generic Names: Tetrafluoroboric Acid

**Product Number: 2315** 

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.

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For More Information Call: 920-623-2140 (Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30)

In Case of Emergency Call: CHEMTREC - 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**OSHA Hazards:** Corrosive

Target Organs: None

Other Hazards: Lachrymator

Signal Word: Danger

**Pictograms:** 



#### **GHS Classification:**

Skin corrosion	Category 1A
Serious eye damage	Category 1

#### **GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

#### **Hazard Statements:**

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
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#### **Precautionary Statements:**

P260	Do not breathe dusts or mists.		
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.		
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.		
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.		

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P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.		
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact		
	lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.		
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.		
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.		
P405	Store locked up.		
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.		

## **Potential Health Effects**

Eyes	Causes eye burns.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous
	membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.

#### NFPA Ratings

Health	3
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

## **HMIS Ratings**

Health	3
Fire	0
Reactivity	0

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS#	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Fluoroboric Acid	48-50	16872-11-0	240-898-3	HBF <sub>4</sub>	87.81 g/mol
Water	Balance	7732-18-5	231-791-2	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.00 g/mol

## 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not
	breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
Skin	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated
	clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If
	conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.

## **5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.		
Special protective equipment	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective		
and precautions for firefighters	clothing, including eye protection and boots.		
Specific hazards arising from	Emits toxic fumes (hydrogen fluoride, borane/boron oxides) under fire		
the chemical	conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).		

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Neutralize spill with sodium bicarbonate or lime. Absorb spill with noncombustible absorbent material, then place in a suitable container for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of aerosols.

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

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Fluoroboric Acid	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL	OSHA
	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TLV	ACGIH

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes. IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

#### **Personal Protection**

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.	
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an	
	approved respirator.	
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat.	
Other	Not Available	

#### **Other Recommendations**

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Colorless liquid.
Odor	Not Available
Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	Not Available
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	130°C (266°F)
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Density	1.84 (Water = 1)
Solubility (ies)	Easily soluble in cold water. Soluble in methanol.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Not Available
Incompatible Materials	Metals, alkalis.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Hydrogen fluoride, borane/boron oxides.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## **Acute Toxicity**

Fluoroboric Acid

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	Not Available

Carcinogenicity

Carcinogeni	oity
IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified
	as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified
	as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components 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 components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified
	as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Irritation, redness, itchiness.	
Eyes	Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness.	
Respiratory	Irritation, coughing, wheezing.	
Ingestion	Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.	

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Chronic Toxicity	Not Available
Teratogenicity	Not Available
Mutagenicity	Not Available
Embryotoxicity	Not Available
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Available
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Ecotoxicity**

Fluoroboric Acid

Aquatic Vertebrate	Not Available
Aquatic Invertebrate	Not Available
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Product or Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue.	
Product	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or	
Containers	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.	

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, pg II
TDG	UN1775, FLUOROBORIC ACID, 8, pg II
IMDG	UN1775, FLUOROBORIC ACID, 8, pg II
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, pg II

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Class E: Corrosive material
	Class D-2A: Poisonous and infectious material- Other effects- Very toxic

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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