

## Safety Data Sheet

# Hydrofluoric Acid 49% Technical

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Hydrofluoric Acid 49% Technical

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** Hydrogen fluoride, Fluoric acid, Fluorhydric acid, Fluorine hydride

**Product Number:** 2637

**Product Use:** Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.  
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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Hazard Not Otherwise Classified (HNOC):** None

**Signal Words:** Danger

**Pictograms:**



**GHS Classification:**

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 2
Acute toxicity, Inhalation	Category 2
Acute toxicity, Dermal	Category 1
Skin corrosion	Category 1A
Serious eye damage	Category 1

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

**Hazard Statements:**

H300+H310+H330	Fatal if swallowed, if inhaled or in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Precautionary Statements:**

P260	Do not breathe fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P262	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P284	In case of inadequate ventilation, wear respiratory 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.
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.
P361+P364	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

**Potential Health Effects**

<b>Eyes</b>	Causes severe eye burns.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
<b>Skin</b>	May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be fatal if swallowed.

**NFPA Ratings**

<b>Health</b>	3
<b>Flammability</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	2
<b>Specific hazard</b>	Not Available

**HMIS Ratings**

<b>Health</b>	4
<b>Fire</b>	0
<b>Reactivity</b>	1

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Hydrofluoric Acid	48-51	7664-39-3	231-634-8	HF	20.01 g/mol
Water	Balance	7732-18-5	231-791-2	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.00 g/mol

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

<b>Eyes</b>	Immediately rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately. Cold water may be used. Keep the eyelids apart and away from the eyeballs during irrigation. Do not use oily drops or ointment or HF skin burn treatments on the eyes. Get medical attention immediately, preferably an eye specialist. Place ice pack on eyes until reaching emergency room.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin</b>	Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Cold water may be used. Material is absorbed through the skin. Get medical attention immediately. While waiting for medical attention, it has been shown that flushing the affected area with water for one minute and then massaging HF Antidote Gel into the wound until there is a cessation of pain is a most effective first aid treatment. HF Antidote Gel contains Calcium Gluconate which combines with HF for

	insoluble Calcium Fluoride, thus preventing the extraction of calcium from the body tissue and bones. Another alternative first aid treatment, after thorough washing of the burned area, is to immerse the burned area in a solution of 0.2% iced aqueous Hyamine 1622 or 0.13% iced aqueous Zephiran Chloride. If immersion is impractical, towels could be soaked with one of the above solutions and used as compresses for the burn area. Hyamine 1622 is a trade name for Tetracaine Benzethonium Chloride. Zephiran is a trade name for Benzalkonium Chloride.
<b>Ingestion</b>	<b>Do Not Induce Vomiting!</b> Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water, keep away from common metals.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots. Material can react violently with water (spattering and misting) and react with metals to produce flammable hydrogen gas.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Emits toxic fumes (hydrogen fluoride) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Neutralize spill. 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 a cool, dry, well ventilated area. Do not store in glass for prolonged periods of time. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Occupational exposure controls:

Component	Exposure Limits	Basis	Entity
Hydrofluoric Acid	0.5 ppm 0.41 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TLV	ACGIH
	2 ppm 1.64 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	ACGIH

	3 ppm	PEL	OSHA
	3 ppm 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	REL	NIOSH
	6 ppm 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	CEIL	NIOSH

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

<b>Eyes</b>	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles, and face shield.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator.
<b>Skin</b>	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, and full body (synthetic) covering. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
<b>Other</b>	Not Available

### Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling. Have supplies and equipment for neutralization and running water available. HF antidote gel for skin burns or other solutions discussed in Section 4, First Aid.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Clear, colorless liquid
Odor	Acrid, suffocating odor
Odor threshold	0.5 - 3 ppm
pH	1
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
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
Relative density	1.17 (water = 1)
Solubility (ies)	Completely soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	Will not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Uncontrolled addition of water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Moisture, bases, organic material, metals, glass, ceramics, aluminum, stainless steel, carbonates, cyanides, sulfides.

	Reacts violently with acetic anhydride, ammonium hydroxide, arsenic trioxide, calcium oxide, potassium permanganate, sodium, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Hydrogen fluoride.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

<b>Skin</b>	Not Available
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	LC50- rat- 1 hour: 2240-2340 ppm
<b>Ingestion</b>	LD100- guinea pig- 80 mg/kg

### Carcinogenicity

<b>IARC</b>	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.
<b>ACGIH</b>	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.
<b>NTP</b>	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.
<b>OSHA</b>	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

<b>Eyes</b>	Burns, pain, watering eyes.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Burning, choking, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache or nausea.
<b>Skin</b>	Burning, irritation
<b>Ingestion</b>	Severe and rapid corrosive burns of the mouth, gullet and gastrointestinal tract, burning, choking, nausea, vomiting and severe pain.

<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	May cause Fluorosis or hypocalcaemia
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Not available
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	May cause genetic effects based on animal data.
<b>Embryotoxicity</b>	May cause fetal toxicity based on animal data.
<b>Target Organ(s)</b>	Liver, Kidney
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not Available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	Aquatic fish; EC50 (48 hours): 270 mg/l
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Not Available
<b>Terrestrial</b>	Not Available

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Not Available
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Not Available
<b>Mobility in Soil</b>	Not Available
<b>PBT and vPvB Assessment</b>	Not Available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	Not Available
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not Available

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>Waste Product or Residues</b>	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.
<b>Product Containers</b>	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 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	UN1790, Hydrofluoric Acid, 8 (6.1), pg II
TDG	UN1790, HYDROFLUORIC ACID, 8 (6.1), PG II
IMDG	UN1790, HYDROFLUORIC ACID, 8 (6.1), PG II
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	UN1790, Hydrofluoric Acid, 8 (6.1), pg II

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
DSL / NDSL	All ingredients are listed on the DSL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List, Right to Know	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
SARA 302	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
SARA 304	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard.
SARA 313	Listed: Hydrofluoric Acid
WHMIS Canada	Class D1A: Poisonous and infectious material – Immediate and serious effects – Very toxic. Class D2A: Poisonous and infectious material – Other effects – Very toxic. Class E: Corrosive material.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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