

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Gold(III) chloride trihydrate

Product Number : G4022

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Product Use : For laboratory research purposes.

Supplier : Sigma-Aldrich Canada Co.  
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Product Safety - Americas Region  
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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### WHMIS Classification

D2B	Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects	Severe eye irritant
E	Corrosive Material	Skin sensitiser
		Corrosive to skin

##### GHS Classification

Skin corrosion/irritation (Sub-category 1B)  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 1)  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260 Do not breathe dust or mist.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
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.  
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P305 + P351 + P338 + IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if

P310 present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
 P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
 P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
 P405 Store locked up.  
 P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**HMIS Classification**

**Health hazard:** 3  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Physical hazards:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

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

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Tetrachloroauric(III) acid  
 Hydrogen tetrachloroaurate(III)  
 Formula :  $\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 Molecular weight : 393.83 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
<b>Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate</b>			
16961-25-4	240-948-4	-	<=100%

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**General advice**

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

**If inhaled**

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

**In case of skin contact**

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**Suitable extinguishing media**

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

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

**Explosion data - sensitivity to mechanical impact**

No data available

**Explosion data - sensitivity to static discharge**

No data available

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### **Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

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

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

### **Conditions for safe storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive.

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## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **Personal protective equipment**

#### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) 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).

#### **Hand 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)

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If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE 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.

#### **Eye protection**

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

#### **Skin and 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.

#### **Hygiene measures**

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

#### **Specific engineering controls**

Use mechanical exhaust or laboratory fumehood to avoid exposure.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	solid
Colour	No data available

### Safety data

pH	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	No data available
Boiling point	No data available
Flash point	No data available
Ignition temperature	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Lower explosion limit	No data available
Upper explosion limit	No data available
Vapour pressure	No data available
Density	No data available
Water solubility	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
Relative vapour density	No data available
Odour	No data available
Odour Threshold	No data available
Evaporation rate	No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Light. Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture

### Materials to avoid

Reducing agents, Metals

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas  
Other decomposition products - No data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

No data available

#### Inhalation LC50

No data available

**Dermal LD50**

No data available

**Other information on acute toxicity**

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

May cause allergic skin reaction.

**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.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Teratogenicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

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**Skin**

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**Eyes**

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**Synergistic effects**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: MD5428000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

No data available

**Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

No data available

**Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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

UN number: 3260 Class: 8 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 3260 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 3260 Class: 8 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****WHMIS Classification**

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This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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