

Safety data sheet Fluorine

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product name
Fluorine

EC No (from EINECS): 231-954-8
CAS No: 7782-41-4
Index-Nr. 009-001-00-0

Chemical formula F₂
REACH Registration number:
Not available.

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

Relevant identified uses
Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.
Uses advised against
Consumer use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification
BOC, PO Box 1201, Bluebell, Dublin
E-Mail Address ReachSDS@boc.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency phone numbers (24h): 1850 333 435

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification acc. to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008/EC (CLP/GHS)

Press. Gas (Compressed gas) - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
Ox. Gas 1 - May cause or intensify fire; oxidiser.
Acute Tox. 1 - Fatal if inhaled.
Skin Corr. 1A - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
EUH071 - Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Classification acc. to Directive 67/548/EEC & 1999/45/EC

O; R8 | T+; R26 | C; R35
Very toxic by inhalation.
Causes severe burns (eyes, respiratory system and skin).
Contact with combustible material may cause fire.
Risk advice to man and the environment
In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation.
Compressed gas.

2.2. Label elements

- Labelling Pictograms



- Signal word

Danger

- Hazard Statements

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
H270 May cause or intensify fire; oxidiser.
H330 Fatal if inhaled.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye

EUH071 damage.
Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

- Precautionary Statements

Precautionary Statement Prevention

P260 Do not breathe gas, vapours.
P244 Keep valves and fittings free from oil and grease.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P220 Keep away from combustible materials.

Precautionary Statement Response

P304+P340+P315 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
P303+P361+P353+P315 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove / Take off immediately all contaminated clothes. Rinse skin with water/shower. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
P305+P351+P338+P315 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
P370 + P376 In case of fire: Stop leak if safe to do so.

Precautionary Statement Storage

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.
P405 Store locked up.

Precautionary Statement Disposal

None.

2.3. Other hazards

None.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture: Substance.

3.1. Substances

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REACH Registration number:
Not available.
Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First Aid General Information:

Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

First Aid Inhalation:

Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

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First Aid Skin / Eye:

Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 15 minutes. In case of skin contact, wearing rubber gloves rub 2.5% calcium gluconate gel continuously into the affected area for 1.5 hours or until further medical care is available. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.

Alternatively irrigate eyes intermittently for 20 minutes with an aqueous Calcium gluconate 1% solution if available. Obtain medical assistance.

First Aid Ingestion:

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

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

Delayed adverse effects possible. Prolonged exposure to small concentrations may result in pulmonary oedema. May cause severe chemical burns to skin and cornea. Suitable first-aid treatment should be immediately available. Seek medical advice before using product.

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

Treat with a corticosteroid spray as soon as possible after inhalation. Obtain medical assistance.

SECTION 5: Fire fighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder. Carbon dioxide.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards

Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode. Supports combustion. Reacts with water.

Hazardous combustion products

None that are more toxic than the product itself.

5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

Specific methods

Use extinguishants to contain the fire. Isolate the source of the fire or let it burn out. If possible, stop flow of product. Avoid contact of the substance with water. Move container away or cool with water from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Gas tight chemically protective clothing (Type 1) in combination with self contained breathing apparatus.

Guideline:

EN 943-2:2002: Protective clothing against liquid and gaseous chemicals, aerosols and solid particles. Performance requirements for gas-tight (Type 1) chemical protective suits for emergency teams (ET).

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Evacuate area. Monitor concentration of released product. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing. Eliminate ignition sources. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous. EN 137 Respiratory protective devices — Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask — Requirements, testing, marking.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Try to stop release. Reduce vapour with fog or fine water spray.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Ventilate area. Absorb excess liquid spillage on inorganic adsorbent material such as fine sand, brick dust etc. Place spent adsorbent in sealed packages and contact specialist waste disposal contractor.

6.4. Reference to other sections

See also sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure. The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt. Avoid exposure, obtain special instructions before use. Use no oil or grease. Passivate all equipment and pipework before introducing gas. Contact supplier for passivation procedure. Do not smoke while handling product. Keep equipment free from oil and grease. Ensure the complete gas system has been (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use. Installation of a cross purge assembly between the container and the regulator is recommended. Purge system with dry inert gas (e.g. helium or nitrogen) before gas is introduced and when system is placed out of service. Avoid suckback of water, acid and alkalis. Refer to supplier's handling instructions. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Protect containers from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop. Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock. When moving containers, even for short distances, use appropriate equipment eg. trolley, hand truck, fork truck etc. Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use. If user experiences any difficulty operating container valve discontinue use and contact supplier. Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices. Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier. Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminates particularly oil and water. Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment. Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment. Never attempt to transfer gases from one container to another. Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container. Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the container contents.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place. Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers. Cylinders should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent falling over. Segregate from flammable gases and other flammable materials in store. Stored containers should be periodically checked for general conditions and leakage. Container valve guards or caps should be in place. Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition. Keep away from combustible materials. Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion. For further information on safe use refer to ELGA "Code of practice - Compressed fluorine and mixtures with inert gases" IGC Document 140.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

None.

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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limit value

Value type	value	Note
IOELV 8 hrs (EU)	1 ppm	
IOELV 15 min (EU)	2 ppm	
DNEL not available		
PNEC not available.		

8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered. Product to be handled in a closed system and under strictly controlled conditions. Keep concentrations well below occupational exposure limits. Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities. Preferably use permanent leak-tight connections (eg. welded pipes). Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages. Provide adequate general or local ventilation. Gas detectors should be used when toxic quantities may be released. Gas detectors should be used when quantities of oxidising gases may be released.

Personal protective equipment

Eye and face protection

Protect eyes, face and skin from contact with product. Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Wear goggles and a face-shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections. Wear eye protection to EN 166 when using gases. Full-face mask recommended

Guideline:

EN 136 Respiratory protective devices. Full face masks. Requirements, testing, marking

Skin protection

Hand protection

Advice: Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers., Chemically resistant gloves complying with EN 374 should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Material: Neoprene

Guideline: EN 374-1/2/3 Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms.

Body protection

Protect eyes, face and skin from contact with product. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use. Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved.

Guideline:

EN 13034 Protective clothing against liquid chemicals — Performance requirements for chemical protective clothing offering limited protective performance against liquid chemicals (Type 6 and Type PB [6] equipment).

Other protection

Wear working gloves and safety shoes while handling containers. EN ISO 20345 Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

Respiratory protection

Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use., Use SCBA in the event of high concentrations, The selection of the Respiratory Protective Device (RPD) must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected RPD., When allowed by a

risk assessment Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) may be used.

Guideline:

EN 136 Respiratory protective devices. Full face masks. Requirements, testing, marking

Material:

Filter B

Material:

Filter E

Guideline:

EN 14387: Respiratory protective devices. Gas filter(s) and combined filter(s). Requirements, testing, marking

Environmental Exposure Controls

Specific risk management measures are not required beyond good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Refer to local regulations for restriction of emissions to the atmosphere. See section 13 for specific methods for waste gas treatment.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

General information

Appearance/Colour: Colourless gas.

Odour: Pungent

Odour threshold:

Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn for over exposure.

pH value: If dissolved in water pH-value will be affected.

Melting point: -220 °C

Boiling point: -188,10 °C

Flash point: Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Evaporation rate:

Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Flammability range: Non flammable. Oxidiser.

Vapour Pressure 20 °C: Not applicable.

Relative density, gas: 1,3

Solubility in water: Reacts with water.

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:

Not applicable.

Autoignition temperature: Not applicable.

Molecular weight: 38,00 g/mol

Critical temperature: -129,00 °C

Relative density, liquid: 1,5

9.2. Other information

Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Unreactive under normal conditions.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violently oxidises organic material.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture in installation systems.

10.5. Incompatible materials

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May react violently with combustible materials. Reacts with water to form corrosive acids. May react violently with alkalis. With water causes rapid corrosion of some metals. Moisture. May react violently with reducing agents. For material compatibility see latest version of ISO-11114.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. None that are more toxic than the product itself.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute inhalation toxicity

Value: LC50

Species: Rat

Exposure time: 1 h

Value in non-standard unit: 185 ppm

Value: LC50

Species: Rat

Exposure time: 4 h

Value in non-standard unit: 92,5 ppm

Delayed fatal pulmonary oedema possible., Absorption of excessive F- can result in acute systemic fluorosis with hypocalcaemia interference with various metabolic functions and organ damage (heart, liver, kidneys).

Value: IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health)

Value in non-standard unit: 25 ppm

Skin irritation

Severe corrosion to the skin at high concentrations.

Eye irritation

Severe corrosion to the eyes at high concentrations.

Sensitization

Test type: LC50 150 ppm

Species: Mouse

Method: Inhalation

Inhalation can cause damage to respiratory tract and lungs., Damage to kidneys and liver.

Assessment mutagenicity

No known effects from this product.

Assessment carcinogenicity

No known effects from this product.

Toxicity to reproduction/fertility

Species: Rat

Assessment toxicity to reproduction

Toxic effect

Causes degenerative damage to the Testes.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Single Exposure

Value: 55 ppm

Species: Mouse

Value: 75 ppm

Species: Rat

Organ: Liver

Organ: Kidneys

Organ: Lungs

Severe corrosion to the respiratory tract at high concentrations.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) - Repeated Exposure

Value: 18 ppm

Species: Rat

Exposure time: 5 Weeks

Causes degenerative damage to the Testes., Irritation of respiratory tract, Prolonged exposure to small concentrations may result in pulmonary oedema.

Exposure time: 5 Weeks

Exposure time greater than the given no. of weeks., Irritation of respiratory tract, Prolonged exposure to small concentrations may result in pulmonary oedema.

Aspiration hazard

Not applicable to gases and gas mixtures

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Acute and prolonged toxicity fish

Species: Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Exposure time: 96 h

Value type: LC50

Value in standard unit mg/l: 51 mg/l

Acute toxicity aquatic invertebrates

Test type: Fresh water

Species: Water flea (*Daphnia magna*)

Exposure time: 48 h

Value type: EC50

Value in standard unit mg/l: 97 mg/l

Test type: Salt water

Species: Crustaceans

Exposure time: 96 h

Value type: EC50

Value in standard unit mg/l: 10,5 mg/l

Toxicity aquatic plants

Species: Algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*)

Exposure time: 96 h

Value type: EC50

Value in standard unit mg/l: 43 mg/l

Chronic toxicity fish

Species: Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Exposure time: 21 d

Value type: LC50

Value in standard unit mg/l: 2,7 - 4,7 mg/l

Chronic toxicity aquatic invertebrates

Species: Water flea (*Daphnia magna*)

Exposure time: 21 d

Value type: NOEC

Value in standard unit mg/l: 3,7 mg/l

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Stability in water

Complexation/precipitation of inorganic materials.

Stability in water

Hydrolyses.

Stability in soil

Complexation/precipitation of inorganic materials.

Stability in soil

Hydrolyses.

Biodegradation

Not readily biodegradable. Inorganic compound.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Not applicable.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Reacts with water.

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12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available.

12.6. Other adverse effects

May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Must not be discharged to atmosphere. Gas may be scrubbed in alkaline solution under controlled conditions to avoid violent reaction. Refer to the EIGA code of practice (Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org>) for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

Gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing dangerous substances

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SECTION 14: Transport information

ADR/RID

14.1. UN number

1045

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Fluorine, compressed

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 2

Classification Code: 1TOC

Labels: 2.3, 5.1, 8

Hazard number: 265

Tunnel restriction code: (D)

Emergency Action Code: 2PE

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)

P200

14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

IMDG

14.1. UN number

1045

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Fluorine, compressed

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Class: 2.3

Labels: 2.3, 5.1, 8

EmS: F-C, S-W

14.4. Packing group (Packing Instruction)

P200

14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable.

IATA

14.5. Environmental hazards

None.

14.6. Special precautions for user

None.

Other transport information

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency. Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured. Ensure that the container valve is closed and not leaking. Ensure that the valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure that the valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted. Ensure adequate ventilation. Ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Seveso Directive 96/82/EC: Listed

Other regulations

Council Directive 89/391/EEC on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work
Directive 89/686/EEC on personal protective equipment

Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances
Directive 1999/45/EC concerning the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations

Directive 97/23/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment.

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

CSA has not been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Ensure operators understand the toxicity hazard. Users of breathing apparatus must be trained. Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

Advice

Whilst proper care has been taken in the preparation of this document, no liability for injury or damage resulting from its use can be accepted. Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

Further information

Note:

When using this document care should be taken, as the decimal sign and its position complies with rules for the structure and drafting of international standards, and is a comma on the line.

As an example 2,000 is two (to three decimal places) and not two thousand, whilst 1.000 is one thousand and not one (to three decimal places).

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European Chemical Agency: Guidance on the Compilation of Safety Data Sheets.

European Chemical Agency: Information on Registered Substances

<http://apps.echa.europa.eu/registered/registered-sub.aspx#search>

European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) Doc. 169/11 Classification and Labelling guide.

ISO 10156:2010 Gases and gas mixtures -- Determination of fire potential and oxidizing ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets.

International Programme on Chemical Safety
(<http://www.inchem.org/>)

Matheson Gas Data Book, 7th Edition.

National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard Reference Database Number 69

The European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) ERICards.

United States of America's National Library of Medicine's toxicology data network TOXNET (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/index.html>)

The ESIS (European chemical Substances 5 Information System) platform of the former European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) ESIS (<http://ecb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/esis/>).

Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR) (<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>)

Substance specific information from suppliers.

2010 Code of Practice for the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (S.I. No. 619 of 2001).

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