

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY

Product name	Chlorine trifluoride
Chemical formula	ClF <sub>3</sub>
Company identification	see heading and/or footer
Emergency phone numbers	see heading and/or footer

## 2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Preparation	Substance.
Components/Impurities	Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.
CAS Nr	07790-91-2
EC Nr (from EINECS)	232-230-4

## 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazards identification	Liquefied gas Toxic by inhalation. Very corrosive to eyes, respiratory system and skin. Oxidant. Strongly supports combustion. May react violently with combustible materials.
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## 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation	Toxic by 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.
Skin/eye contact	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. May cause severe chemical burns to skin and cornea. Suitable first-aid treatment should be immediately available. Seek medical advice before using product. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 15 minutes Obtain medical assistance
Ingestion	Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

## 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Specific hazards	Non flammable Supports combustion. Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
Hazardous combustion products	None that are more toxic than the product itself.
Suitable extinguishing media	Dry powder Carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Water Foam Halons

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Specific methods	If possible, stop flow of product. Move away from the container and cool with water from a protected position.
Special protective equipment for fire fighters	Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing.

## 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions	Evacuate area. Eliminate ignition sources. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing.
Environmental precautions	Try to stop release. Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.
Clean up methods	Ventilate area.

## 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling and storage	Use no oil or grease. Avoid contact with pure copper, mercury, silver and brass with greater than 70% copper. Passivate all equipment and pipework before introducing gas. Contact supplier for passivation procedure. Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock. Segregate from flammable gases and other flammable materials in store. Suck back of water into the container must be prevented. Do not allow backfeed into the container. Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt. Refer to supplier's container handling instructions. Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.
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## 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure limit value for country	UK: STEL; 0.1ppm (EH40/2002) Germany: MAK; 0.1ppm
Personal protection	Ensure adequate ventilation. Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes. Do not smoke while handling product. Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use.

## 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Molecular weight	92.5
Melting point	-76.3 °C
Boiling point	12 °C

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Critical temperature	154 °C
Relative density, gas	2.8 (air=1)
Relative density, liquid	1.9 (water=1)
Vapour Pressure 20°C	1.5 bar
Solubility mg/l water	Hydrolyses.
Appearance/Colour	Colourless gas Gives off white fumes in moist air
Odour	Pungent
Flammability range	Oxidiser.
Autoignition temperature	Not applicable
Other data	Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

## 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability and reactivity	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. May react violently with reducing agents. Violently oxidises organic material.
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## 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General	Delayed fatal pulmonary oedema possible. Severe corrosion to skin, eyes and respiratory tract at high concentrations. May cause inflammation of the respiratory system and skin. Absorption of excessive F- can result in acute systemic fluorosis with hypocalcemia, interference with various metabolic functions and organ damage (heart, liver, kidneys).
LC50/1h (ppm)	299 ppm

## 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General	May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems. Toxic to water organisms.
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## 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General	Avoid discharge to atmosphere. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Contact supplier if guidance is required.
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## 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Nr	1749
Class	2.3 (Toxic gases)

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Subsidiary risk 5.1 (Oxidising substances)  
8 (Corrosive substances)

ADR/RID Classification code 2, 2<sup>o</sup>TOC  
ADR/RID Hazard Nr 265  
Labelling ADR Label 8: corrosive substance.  
Label 5.1: fire intensifying risk.  
Label 2.3: toxic substance.

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 and:  
- cylinder valve is closed and not leaking  
- valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted  
- valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted  
- there is adequate ventilation.  
- compliance with applicable regulations.

## 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548 Not included in Annex I.  
EC Classification O;R8|T;R23|C;R35  
-Symbols O: Oxidising  
T: Toxic  
C: Very corrosive

Labelling of cylinders  
-Symbols Label 2.3: toxic substance.  
Label 5.1: fire intensifying risk.  
Label 8: corrosive substance.

-Risk phrases R8 Contact with combustible material may cause fire.  
R23 Toxic by inhalation.  
R35 Cause severe burns (eyes, respiratory system and skin).

-Safety phrases S9 Keep container in well ventilated place.  
S17 Keep away from combustible material.  
S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

## 16 OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.  
Ensure operators understand the toxicity hazard.

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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.

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