

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1 Identification of substance:**Product details:****Product name:** Gadolinium chloride**Stock number:** 11286**Manufacturer/Supplier:**

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company
 Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.
 30 Bond Street
 Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
 Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300
 CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300
 Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency information:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

2 Composition/Data on components:**Chemical characterization:****Description: (CAS#)**

Gadolinium chloride, hexahydrate (CAS# 19423-81-5), 100%

Identification number(s):**EINECS Number:** 233-386-6**3 Hazards identification****Hazard description:**

Xi Irritant

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 36/38 Irritating to eyes and skin.

Classification system**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH	1
FIRE	0
REACTIVITY	0

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 0

Reactivity = 0

GHS label elements

Warning

3.2/2 - Causes skin irritation.

3.3/2A - Causes serious eye irritation.

Prevention:

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response:

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Specific treatment (see label).

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

4 First aid measures**After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

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After eye contact

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek immediate medical advice.**5 Fire fighting measures****Suitable extinguishing agents**CO₂, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray.**Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or resulting gases:**

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures**Person-related safety precautions:**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting: Pick up mechanically.**Additional information:**

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage**Handling****Information for safe handling:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: No special measures required.**Storage****Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**

Store away from water/moisture.

Do not store together with alkalies (caustic solutions).

Further information about storage conditions:

This product is hygroscopic.

Store under dry inert gas.

Protect from humidity and water.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

8 Exposure controls and personal protection**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: Not required.**Additional information:** No data**Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.**Protection of hands:** Impervious gloves**Eye protection:** Safety glasses**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

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9 Physical and chemical properties:**General Information**

Form:	Crystalline aggregates
Color:	White
Odor:	Characteristic

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined

Flash point:	Not applicable
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Ignition temperature:	Not determined
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Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
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Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
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Explosion limits:

Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined

Vapor pressure:	Not determined
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Density at 20°C (68°F):	2.424 g/cm ³
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Solubility in / Miscibility with

Water:	Soluble
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10 Stability and reactivity**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Materials to be avoided:

Water/moisture

Bases

Dangerous reactions No dangerous reactions known**Dangerous products of decomposition:**

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Chlorine

Metal oxide fume

11 Toxicological information**Acute toxicity:****Primary irritant effect:****on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.**on the eye:** Irritating effect.**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Lanthanons can cause delayed blood clotting leading to hemorrhages. Exposure may also lead to sensitivity to heat, itching, increased awareness of odor and taste, and liver damage.

Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

12 Ecological information:**General notes:**

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

13 Disposal considerations**Product:****Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.**Uncleaned packagings:****Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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Product name: Gadolinium chloride**Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

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14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

DOT regulations:**Hazard class:** None**Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)****ADR/RID class:** None**Maritime transport IMDG:****IMDG Class:** None**Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:****ICAO/IATA Class:** None**Transport/Additional information:** Not dangerous according to the above specifications.**15 Regulations****Product related hazard informations:****Hazard symbols:**

Xi Irritant

Risk phrases:

36/38 Irritating to eyes and skin.

Safety phrases:

26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL).

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.**16 Other information:**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.**Contact:** Zachariah Holt**Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

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