1 Identification

Product identifier

Product name: **Copper etchant**

Stock number: 44583
Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.
Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
Manufacturer/Supplier:
Alfa Aesar
Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
Tel: 800-343-0660
Fax: 800-322-4757
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www.alfa.com
Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department
Emergency telephone number:
During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660. After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2 Hazard(s) identification

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1C H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.
Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.

Label elements
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Hazard pictograms

GHS05 GHS07

Signal word Danger

Hazard-determining components of labeling:
Iron(III) chloride
Hydrochloric acid
Hazard statements
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statements
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
WHMIS classification
D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects
E - Corrosive material

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

Health (acute effects) = 3
Flammability = 0
Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization: Mixtures

Dangerous components:			
7705-08-0	Iron(III) chloride	Skin Corr. 1C, H314; Eye Dam. 1, H318; Acute Tox. 4, H302	42.0%
7647-01-0	Hydrochloric acid	Skin Corr. 1B, H314; Eye Dam. 1, H318; STOT SE 3, H335	1.1%

Additional information None known.

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Non-Hazardous Ingredients		
7732-18-5	Water	56.9%

4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures
General information Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
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.
After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
After swallowing Seek medical treatment.
Information for doctor
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
Causes severe skin burns.
Harmful if swallowed.
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing agents Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:
Hydrogen chloride (HCl)
Iron oxides
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment:
Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Ensure adequate ventilation
Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).
Use neutralizing agent.
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.
Reference to other sections
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
Precautions 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: The product is not flammable

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Storage
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility:
Store away from strong bases.
Water reacts with many metals to give hydrogen, often violently. Water is also incompatible with many reactive organic and inorganic chemicals.
Store away from metals.
Store away from amines.
Further information about storage conditions:
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.
Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/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.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:	
7705-08-0 Iron(III) chloride (42.0%)	
REL (USA)	Long-term value: 1 mg/m³ as Fe
TLV (USA)	Long-term value: 1 mg/m³ as Fe
EL (Canada)	Short-term value: 2 mg/m³ Long-term value: 1 mg/m³ as Fe
7647-01-0 Hydrochloric acid (1.1%)	
PEL (USA)	Ceiling limit value: 7 mg/m³, 5 ppm
REL (USA)	Ceiling limit value: 7 mg/m³, 5 ppm
TLV (USA)	Ceiling limit value: 2.98 mg/m³, 2 ppm
EL (Canada)	Short-term value: C 2 ppm

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Additional information: No data

Exposure controls
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.
Do not inhale dust / smoke / mist.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.
Recommended filter device for short term use:
Use a respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (USA) or CEN (EU).
Protection of hands:
Impervious gloves
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
Eye protection:
Tightly sealed goggles
Full face protection
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
General Information
Appearance:

Form:	Liquid
Odor:	Acidic
Odor threshold:	Not determined.
pH-value:	Not determined.
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Not determined.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Product is not selfigniting.
Danger of explosion:	Not determined.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not determined
Density at 20 °C (68 °F):	1.19 g/cm³ (9.931 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapor density	Not determined.
Evaporation rate	Not determined.
Solubility in / Miscibility with	
Water:	Fully miscible
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not determined.
kinematic:	Not determined.
Solvent content:	
Organic solvents:	0.0 %
Solids content:	42.0 %
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity No information known.
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions
Water reacts with many metals to give hydrogen, often violently. Water is also incompatible with many reactive organic and inorganic chemicals.
Water reacts violently with alkali metals.
Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials:
Bases
Metals
Amines
Hazardous decomposition products:
Hydrogen chloride (HCl)
Iron oxides

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Harmful if swallowed.
Swallowing will lead to a strong corrosive effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for components in this product.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

7705-08-0 Iron(III) chloride

Oral	LD50	316 mg/kg (rat)

Skin irritation or corrosion: Causes severe skin burns.

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Eye irritation or corrosion: Causes serious eye damage.
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains mutation data for components in this product.
Carcinogenicity:
IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.
Reproductive toxicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains reproductive data for components in this product.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains multiple dose toxicity data for this substance.
Additional toxicological information:
To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.
The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:
Harmful
Corrosive

Carcinogenic categories

OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)
None of the ingredients is listed.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.
Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

14 Transport information

UN-Number **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	UN3264
UN proper shipping name **DOT** **IMDG, IATA**	Corrosive liquid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Ferric chloride, Hydrochloric acid) CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (FERRIC CHLORIDE, HYDROCHLORIC ACID)
Transport hazard class(es)	
DOT	
	
Class **Label** **Class** **Label**	8 Corrosive substances. 8 8 (C1) Corrosive substances 8
IMDG, IATA	
	
Class **Label**	8 Corrosive substances. 8
Packing group **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	III
Environmental hazards: **Marine pollutant (IMDG):**	No
Special precautions for user **EMS Number:** **Segregation groups**	Warning: Corrosive substances F-A,S-B Acids
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
Transport/Additional information:	
DOT **Marine Pollutant (DOT):**	No
UN "Model Regulation":	UN3264, Corrosive liquid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Ferric chloride, Hydrochloric acid), 8, III

15 Regulatory information

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

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

7647-01-0	Hydrochloric acid	1.1%

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer
None of the ingredients are listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity
None of the ingredients are listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female
None of the ingredients are listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male
None of the ingredients are listed.

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.
Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.
None of the ingredients are listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.
None of the ingredients is listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)
None of the ingredients is listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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.

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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)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity, Hazard Category 4
Skin Corr. 1B: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1B
Skin Corr. 1C: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1C
Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Hazard Category 1
STOT SE 3: Specific target organ toxicity - Single exposure, Hazard Category 3