

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Gold(III) chloride trihydrate

Product Number : 520918

Brand : Aldrich

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 16961-25-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

## 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H314  
H317

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

Precautionary statement(s)

P260  
P264  
P272  
P280

Do not breathe dust or mist.  
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
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): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

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.	: 16961-25-4
EC-No.	: 240-948-4

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate</b>		
	Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; H314, H317	-

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

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

#### 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

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

#### If swallowed

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

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

no data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Decomposes on heating to chlorine gas, hydrogen chloride and metallic gold

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

The product itself does not burn.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 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.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 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.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

Moisture sensitive. Light sensitive.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### **Components with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

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

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face 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 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)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

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.

### **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.

### **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).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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|---|---------------------------|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: Crystals with lumps |
| b) Odour  | no data available         |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available         |
| d) pH   | no data available         |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | no data available         |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | no data available         |
| g) Flash point                                  | no data available         |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available         |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available         |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | no data available         |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | no data available         |
| l) Vapour density                               | no data available         |
| m) Relative density                             | no data available         |
| n) Water solubility                             | no data available         |

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|---|-------------------|
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | no data available |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature              | no data available |
| q) Decomposition temperature              | no data available |
| r) Viscosity                              | no data available |
| s) Explosive properties                   | no data available |
| t) Oxidizing properties                   | no data available |

## **9.2 Other safety information**

no data available

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## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

no data available

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

Light.

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

no data available

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Exposure to moisture.

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

Reducing agents, Metals

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Acute toxicity**

no data available

Inhalation: no data available

Dermal: no data available

no data available

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

no data available

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

#### **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.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a

known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: MD5428000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

no data available

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**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)

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

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### SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No Components Listed

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitisation

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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