

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** (3N) 99.9% Mercury Chloride

**Product Code:** HG2-CL2-03

**CAS Number:** 7487-94-7

**Relevant identified uses of the substance:** Scientific research and development

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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

GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.

GHS08 Health hazard

Muta. 2 H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Repr. 2 H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

STOT RE 1 H372 Causes damage to the lung, the kidneys, the liver, the heart, the reproductive system, the blood, the brain, the endocrine system and the immune system through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative, Dermal.

GHS05 Corrosion

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

Hazards not otherwise classified

No data available

GHS label elements

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictogram



GHS05

GHS06

GHS08

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

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Precautionary statements

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P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

WHMIS classification

D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects

D2A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects

E - Corrosive material

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH

FIRE

REACTIVITY

3

0

1

Health (acute effects) = 3

Flammability = 0

Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: N/A

vPvB: N/A

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances

CAS No. / Substance Name: 7487-94-7 Mercury(II) chloride

Identification number(s):

EC number: 231-299-8

Index number: 080-010-00-X

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## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Description of first aid measures

General information

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

If inhaled:

Supply patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of skin contact:

Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

In case of eye contact:

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.

If swallowed:

Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes severe skin burns.

Causes serious eye damage.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING 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:

Mercury oxide

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

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## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Environmental precautions:

Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.

Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:

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.

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## SECTION 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

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:

No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from strong bases.

Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.

Specific end use(s)

No data available

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## SECTION 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:

7487-94-7 Mercury(II) chloride (100.0%)

PEL (USA) Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Hg; see OSHA standard interpretation memo

REL (USA) Long-term value: 0.05\* mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Ceiling limit value: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Hg; \*Vapor; Skin

TLV (USA) Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Hg; Skin; BEI

EL (Canada) Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Hg; Skin, R

EV (Canada) Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

as Hg, Skin

Ingredients with biological limit values:

7487-94-7 Mercury(II) chloride (100.0%)

BEI (USA) 35 µg/L

Medium: urine

Time: prior to shift

Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

15 µg/L

Medium: blood

Time: end of shift at end of workweek

Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

Additional information:

No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.

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.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment:

Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Inspect gloves prior to use.

Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.

Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)

No data available

Eye protection:

Tightly sealed goggles

Full face protection

Body protection:

Protective work clothing.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:

Form: Powder

Color: White

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: No data available.

pH: N/A

Melting point/Melting range: 280-282 °C (536-540 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: 302 °C (576 °F)

Sublimation temperature / start: No data available

Flammability (solid, gas): No data available.

Ignition temperature: No data available

Decomposition temperature: No data available

Autoignition: No data available.

Danger of explosion: No data available.

Explosion limits:

Lower: No data available

Upper: No data available

Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F): 0.0001 hPa

Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 5.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (45.063 lbs/gal)

Relative density: No data available.

Vapor density: N/A

Evaporation rate: N/A  
Solubility in / Miscibility with Water at 20 °C (68 °F): 69 g/l  
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): No data available.  
Viscosity:  
Dynamic: N/A  
Kinematic: N/A  
Other information: No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

No data available

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

Reacts with strong oxidizing agents

Conditions to avoid

No data available

Incompatible materials:

Bases

Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products:

Mercury oxide

Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity:

Fatal 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 this substance.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

Oral LD50 1 mg/kg (rat)

Skin irritation or corrosion:

Causes severe skin burns.

Eye irritation or corrosion:

Causes serious eye damage.

Sensitization:

No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains mutation data for this substance.

Carcinogenicity:

EPA-C: Possible human carcinogen: limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animals in the absence of

human data.

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.

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains tumorigenic and/or carcinogenic and/or neoplastic data for this substance.

Reproductive toxicity:

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains reproductive data for this substance.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:

Causes damage to the lung, the kidneys, the liver, the heart, the reproductive system, the blood, the brain, the endocrine system and the immune system through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative, Dermal.

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

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicity

Aquatic toxicity:

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Ecotoxicological effects:

Remark:

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

Additional ecological information:

Do not allow product to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems, even in small quantities.

Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.

May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Avoid transfer into the environment.

Very toxic for aquatic organisms

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT:

N/A

vPvB:

N/A

Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Recommendation

Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation:

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number

DOT, IMDG, IATA

UN1624

UN proper shipping name

DOT

Mercuric chloride

IMDG

MERCURIC CHLORIDE, MARINE POLLUTANT

IATA

MERCURIC CHLORIDE

Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Class

6.1 Toxic substances.

Label

6.1

Class

6.1 (T5) Toxic substances

Label

6.1

IMDG

Class

6.1 Toxic substances.

Label

6.1

IATA

Class

6.1 Toxic substances

Label

6.1

Packing group

DOT, IMDG, IATA

II

Environmental hazards:

Environmentally hazardous substance, solid; Marine Pollutant

Marine pollutant (IMDG):

Symbol (fish and tree)

Special precautions for user

Warning: Toxic substances

EMS Number:



F-A,S-A

Segregation groups

Heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), mercury and mercury compounds

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

N/A

Transport/Additional information:

DOT

Marine Pollutant (DOT):

No

Remarks:

Special marking with the symbol (fish and tree).

UN "Model Regulation":

UN1624, Mercuric chloride, 6.1, II

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

GHS GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

Hazard pictograms

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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)

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California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

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Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female

Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male

Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use:

For use only by technically qualified individuals.

This product is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Substance is not 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.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)

Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment:

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2019 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.