

# Material Safety Data Sheet



Silicon Tetrachloride

## Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

<b>Product name</b>	: Silicon Tetrachloride
<b>Supplier</b>	: AIRGAS INC., on behalf of its subsidiaries 259 North Radnor-Chester Road Suite 100 Radnor, PA 19087-5283 1-610-687-5253
<b>Synonym</b>	: Silicon tetrachloride; Silicon chloride (SiCl <sub>4</sub> ); Tetrachlorosilane; Tetrachlorosilicon; SiCl <sub>4</sub> ; Silicon chloride; Silicon(IV) chloride; Chlorid kremicity; Extrema; Silicio(tetracloruro di); Siliciumtetrachlorid; Siliciumtetrachloride; Silicium(tetrachlorure de); Tetrachlorure de silicium; UN 1818; CT1800; SIC-L(TM)
<b>Material uses</b>	: Other non-specified industry: SMOKE SCREENS; MANUFACTURE OF ETHYL SILICATE AND SIMILAR COMPOUNDS; PRODUCTION OF SILICONES; MANUFACTURE OF HIGH-PURITY SILICA AND FUSED SILICA GLASS; SOURCE OF SILICON, SILICA, AND HYDROGEN CHLORIDE; LABORATORY REAGENT.
<b>MSDS #</b>	: 001075
<b>Date of Preparation/Revision</b>	: <b>11/15/2011.</b>
<b><u>In case of emergency</u></b>	: 1-866-734-3438

## Section 2. Hazards identification

<b>Physical state</b>	: Liquid. [COLORLESS TO LIGHT YELLOW LIQUID WITH A SUFFOCATING ODOR]
<b>Emergency overview</b>	: DANGER!  CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN BURNS. MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA. CONTACT WITH WATER MAY CAUSE VIOLENT REACTION. REACTS WITH WATER TO FORM CORROSIVE ACIDS.  Corrosive to the eyes, skin and respiratory system. Causes burns. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. May cause target organ damage, based on animal data. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Wash thoroughly after handling.
<b>Target organs</b>	: May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
<b><u>Potential acute health effects</u></b>	
<b>Eyes</b>	: Corrosive to eyes. Causes burns.
<b>Skin</b>	: Corrosive to the skin. Causes burns.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: Corrosive to the respiratory system.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.
<b><u>Potential chronic health effects</u></b>	
<b>Chronic effects</b>	: May cause target organ damage, based on animal data.
<b>Target organs</b>	: May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
<b>Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure</b>	: Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

## Section 3. Composition, Information on Ingredients

### United States

Name	CAS number	% Volume	Exposure limits
Silicon tetrachloride	10026-04-7	100	AIHA WEEL (United States, 5/2010). CEIL: 1 ppm

## Section 4. First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

## Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Non-flammable.  
Not applicable.
- Products of combustion** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
halogenated compounds  
metal oxide/oxides
- Extinguishing media**
- Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Not suitable** : None known.
- Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.  
In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Methods for cleaning up** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilled product. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

## Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

- Recommended monitoring procedures** : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.
- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.
- Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- Personal protection**
- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.
- Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory** : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
- Hands** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
- Personal protection in case of a large spill** : Full chemical-resistant suit and self-contained breathing apparatus should be worn only by trained and authorized persons.

### Product name

### Exposure limits

### United States

Silicon tetrachloride

AIHA WEEL (United States, 5/2010).  
CEIL: 1 ppm

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

- Physical state** : Liquid. [COLORLESS TO LIGHT YELLOW LIQUID WITH A SUFFOCATING ODOR]
- Color** : Colorless. Yellowish.
- Odor** : Suffocating.
- Molecular weight** : 169.9 g/mole
- Molecular formula** : Cl<sub>4</sub>-Si

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Boiling/condensation point	: 57°C (134.6°F)
Melting/freezing point	: -70°C (-94°F)
Critical temperature	: 233.7°C (452.7°F)
Specific gravity	: 1.48 (Water = 1)
Vapor pressure	: 26 kPa (195 mm Hg) (at 20°C)
Vapor density	: 5.9 (Air = 1)
VOC	: 0 % (w/w)

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Stability and reactivity	: The product is stable.
Incompatibility with various substances	: Extremely reactive or incompatible with the following materials: moisture. Highly reactive or incompatible with the following materials: combustible materials, metals and alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
Hazardous polymerization	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

## Section 11. Toxicological information

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Silicon tetrachloride	LC50 Inhalation Vapor	Rat	16000 ppm	1 hours
	LC50 Inhalation Gas.	Rat	8000 ppm	4 hours

Chronic effects on humans	: May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
Other toxic effects on humans	: Hazardous by the following route of exposure: of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of inhalation (lung irritant).
Specific effects	
Carcinogenic effects	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenic effects	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Reproduction toxicity	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## Section 12. Ecological information

### Aquatic ecotoxicity

Not available.




Products of degradation	: Products of degradation: halogenated compounds. Some metallic oxides.
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## Section 13. Disposal considerations

Waste disposal	: The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Significant quantities of waste product residues should not be disposed of via the foul sewer but processed in a suitable effluent treatment plant. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
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Product removed from the cylinder must be disposed of in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, local regulation. Return cylinders with residual product to Airgas, Inc. Do not dispose of locally.

## Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Class	Packing group	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b>	UN1818	SILICON TETRACHLORIDE	8	II		<p><b><u>Limited quantity</u></b> Yes.</p> <p><b><u>Packaging instruction</u></b> <b>Passenger aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 1 L</p> <p><b>Cargo aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 30 L</p> <p><b><u>Special provisions</u></b> A3, A6, B2, B6, IB2, T7, TP2, TP7, T3</p>
<b>TDG Classification</b>	UN1818	SILICON TETRACHLORIDE	8	II		<p><b><u>Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index</u></b> 1</p> <p><b><u>Passenger Carrying Road or Rail Index</u></b> 1</p>
<b>Mexico Classification</b>	UN1818	SILICON TETRACHLORIDE	8	II		<p><b><u>Limited quantity</u></b> Yes.</p> <p><b><u>Packaging instruction</u></b> <b>Passenger aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 1 L</p> <p><b>Cargo aircraft</b> Quantity limitation: 30 L</p> <p><b><u>Special provisions</u></b> A3, A6, B2, B6, IB2, T7, TP2, TP7, T3</p>

“Refer to CFR 49 (or authority having jurisdiction) to determine the information required for shipment of the product.”

## Section 15. Regulatory information

### United States

- HCS Classification** : Corrosive material  
Target organ effects
- U.S. Federal regulations** : **TSCA 8(a) IUR**: Partial exemption  
**United States inventory (TSCA 8b)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
**SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances**: No products were found.  
**SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification**: No products were found.  
**SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals**: Silicon tetrachloride  
**SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification**:  
Silicon tetrachloride: reactive, Immediate (acute) health hazard

### State regulations

- : **Connecticut Carcinogen Reporting**: This material is not listed.  
**Connecticut Hazardous Material Survey**: This material is not listed.  
**Florida substances**: This material is not listed.  
**Illinois Chemical Safety Act**: This material is not listed.  
**Illinois Toxic Substances Disclosure to Employee Act**: This material is not listed.  
**Louisiana Reporting**: This material is not listed.  
**Louisiana Spill**: This material is not listed.  
**Massachusetts Spill**: This material is not listed.  
**Massachusetts Substances**: This material is not listed.  
**Michigan Critical Material**: This material is not listed.  
**Minnesota Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.  
**New Jersey Hazardous Substances**: This material is listed.  
**New Jersey Spill**: This material is not listed.  
**New Jersey Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act**: This material is not listed.  
**New York Acutely Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.  
**New York Toxic Chemical Release Reporting**: This material is not listed.  
**Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.  
**Rhode Island Hazardous Substances**: This material is not listed.

### Canada

- WHMIS (Canada)** : Class E: Corrosive material  
**CEPA Toxic substances**: This material is not listed.  
**Canadian ARET**: This material is not listed.  
**Canadian NPRI**: This material is not listed.  
**Alberta Designated Substances**: This material is not listed.  
**Ontario Designated Substances**: This material is not listed.  
**Quebec Designated Substances**: This material is not listed.

## Section 16. Other information

- Label requirements** : CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN BURNS. MAY CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.  
CONTACT WITH WATER MAY CAUSE VIOLENT REACTION.  
REACTS WITH WATER TO FORM CORROSIVE ACIDS.

### Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)

Health	*	3
Flammability		0
Physical hazards		2

### National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)



### Notice to reader

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Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.