# **Tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile**

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**Material Safety Data Sheet** 



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Hazard Alert Code Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

### Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### **PRODUCT NAME**

Tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile

#### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

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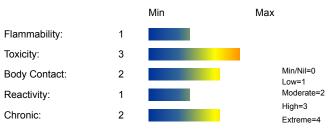
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#### **SYNONYMS**

C8-F4-N2, "1, 4-benzenedicarbonitrile, 2, 3, 5, 6-tetrafluoro-", "terephthalonitrile, tetrafluoro-"

### **Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

#### **CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS**



#### **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS**



## **EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

#### **RISK**

Toxic if swallowed.

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

Harmful by inhalation and in contact with skin.

Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.

\* (limited evidence).

#### **POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

#### **ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS**

#### **SWALLOWED**

- Toxic effects may result from the accidental ingestion of the material; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 40 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
- Nitrile poisoning exhibits similar symptoms to poisoning due to hydrogen cyanide.

The substances irritate the eyes and skin, and are absorbed quickly and completely through the skin.

■ Cyanide poisoning can cause increased saliva output, nausea without vomiting, anxiety, confusion, vertigo, dizziness, stiffness of the lower jaw, convulsions, spasm, paralysis, coma and irregular heartbeat, and stimulation of breathing followed by failure. Often the skin becomes cyanosed (blue-grey), and this is often delayed.

#### FYF

■ This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

#### SKIN

- Skin contact with the material may be harmful; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- This material can cause inflammation of the skin oncontact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects.

#### **INHALED**

- Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normalhandling, may be harmful.
- The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons.

The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.

■ Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.

#### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

■ Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems.

Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Chronic exposure to cyanides and certain nitriles may result in interference to iodine uptake by thyroid gland and its consequent enlargement. This occurs following metabolic conversion of the cyanide moiety to thiocyanate. Thyroid insufficiency may also occur as a result of metabolic conversion of cyanides to the corresponding thiocyanate. Exposure to small amounts of cyanide compounds over long periods are reported to cause loss of appetite, headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, abdominal pain, changes in taste and smell, muscle cramps, weight loss, flushing of the face, persistent runny nose and irritation of the upper respiratory tract and eyes. These symptoms are not specific to cyanide exposure and therefore the existence of a chronic cyanide toxicity remains speculative. Repeated minor contact with cyanides produce a characteristic rash with itching, papules (small, superficial raised spots on the skin) and possible sensitisation. Concerns have been expressed that low-level, long term exposures may result in damage to the nerves of the eye.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS				
NAME	CAS RN	%		
tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile	1835-49-0	>98		

#### **Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### **SWALLOWED**

- Give a slurry of activated charcoal in water to drink. NEVER GIVE AN UNCONSCIOUS PATIENT WATER TO DRINK.
- At least 3 tablespoons in a glass of water should be given.
- Although induction of vomiting may be recommended (IN CONSCIOUS PERSONS ONLY), such a first aid measure is dissuaded
  due to the risk of aspiration of stomach contents. (i) It is better to take the patient to a doctor who can decide on the necessity and
  method of emptying the stomach. (ii) Special circumstances may however exist; these include non- availability of charcoal and the
  ready availability of the doctor.

NOTE: If vomiting is induced, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

#### EYE

If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

- Immediately hold evelids apart and flush the eve continuously with running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the
  upper and lower lids.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.

#### SKIN

If skin contact occurs:

- Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

#### **INHALED**

- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN**

- For cyanide intoxication (and for certain nitriles which produce cyanide ion)
- Signs symptoms of acute cyanide poisoning reflect cellular hypoxia and are often non-specific.
- Cyanosis may be a late finding.
- A bradycardic, hypertensive and tachypneic patient suggests poisoning especially if CNS and cardiovascular depression subsequently occurs.
- Immediate attention should be directed towards assisted ventilation, administration of 100% oxygen, insertion of intravenous lines and institution of cardiac monitoring.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES				
Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible			
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available.			
Specific Gravity (water=1):	Not available			
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available			

#### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.

#### **FIRE FIGHTING**

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.

#### GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty; it is estimated that most organic dusts are combustible (circa 70%) - according to the circumstances under which the combustion process occurs, such materials may cause fires and / or dust explosions.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust (420 micron or less) may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited particles exceeding this limit will generally not form flammable dust clouds.; once initiated, however, larger particles up to 1400 microns diameter will contribute to the propagation of an explosion.
- In the same way as gases and vapours, dusts in the form of a cloud are only ignitable over a range of concentrations; in principle, the concepts of lower explosive limit (LEL) and upper explosive limit (UEL).are applicable to dust clouds but only the LEL is of practical use; this is because of the inherent difficulty of achieving homogeneous dust clouds at high temperatures (for dusts the LEL is often called the "Minimum Explosible Concentration", MEC)
- A dust explosion may release of large quantities of gaseous products; this in turn creates a subsequent pressure rise of explosive force capable of damaging plant and buildings and injuring people.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), hydrogen fluoride, nitrogen oxides (NOx), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes.

#### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

#### Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### MINOR SPILLS

Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.

#### MAJOR SPILLS

Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.

#### Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

#### **RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS**

- Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.
- Plastic pail.
- Polyliner drum.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

For low viscosity materials

- Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
- Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.

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#### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.

#### Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL mg/m³	Peak mg/m³	Notes
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile (Fluorides, as F)		2.5			TLV® Basis: Bone dam; fluorosis; BEI

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION









#### RESPIRATOR

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

#### **EYE**

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]

#### HANDS/FEET

- Wear chemical protective gloves, eq. PVC.
- Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eq. Rubber

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

#### **OTHER**

- Overalls.
- Eyewash unit.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.

# **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

■ Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.

The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment.

#### **Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Solid

Does not mix with water.

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

State Divided solid Molecular Weight 200.09

Melting Range (°F)	387- 390	Viscosity	Not available
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Immiscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapour Density (air=1)	>1
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

#### **APPEARANCE**

Crystalline powder; does not mix well with water.

#### **Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY**

#### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

#### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid strong acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides and chloroformates.
- Nitriles may polymerise in the presence of metals and some metal compounds.
- They are incompatible with acids; mixing nitriles with strong oxidising acids can lead to extremely violent reactions.
- Nitriles are generally incompatible with other oxidising agents such as peroxides and epoxides.
- The combination of bases and nitriles can produce hydrogen cyanide. Nitriles are hydrolysed exothermally in both aqueous acid and base to give carboxylic acids (or salts of carboxylic acids).
- The covalent cyano group is endothermic and many organic nitriles are reactive under certain conditions; N-cyano derivatives are reactive or unstable.
- The majority of endothermic compounds are thermodynamically unstable and may decompose explosively under various circumstances of initiation.
- Many but not all endothermic compounds have been involved in decompositions, reactions and explosions and, in general, compounds with significantly positive values of standard heats of formation, may be considered suspect on stability grounds.

BRETHERICK L.: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards.

Avoid reaction with oxidising agents

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

#### Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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#### **TOXICITY AND IRRITATION**

■ Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound.

#### **CARCINOGEN**

Fluorides, as F US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens Carcinogen Category A4

#### **Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

Avoid release to the environment.

Refer to special instructions/ safety data sheets.

#### **Ecotoxicity**

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile	HIGH	No Data Available	LOW	MED

#### **Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions**

A. General Product Information

Reactivity characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D003 (waste code R).

#### **Disposal Instructions**

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.

#### Otherwise

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- Where possible retain label warnings and MSDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.

- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: burial in a land-fill specifically licenced to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

## **Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**



#### DOT:

Symbols:	None	Hazard class or Division:	6.1
Identification Numbers:	UN3439	PG:	III
Label Codes:	6.1	Special provisions:	IB8, IP3, T1, TP33
Packaging: Exceptions:	153	Packaging: Non-bulk:	213
Packaging: Exceptions:	153	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	100 kg
Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only:	200 kg	Vessel stowage: Location:	A
Vessel stowage: Other:	52		

Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:

Nitriles, toxic, solid, n.o.s.

**Air Transport IATA:** 

ICAO/IATA Class: 6.1 ICAO/IATA Subrisk: None UN/ID Number: 3439 Packing Group: III

Special provisions: A3

Cargo Only

Packing Instructions: 677 Maximum Qty/Pack: 200 kg

Passenger and Cargo Passenger and Cargo

Packing Instructions: 670 Maximum Qty/Pack: 100 kg

Passenger and Cargo
Limited Quantity
Passenger and Cargo
Limited Quantity

Packing Instructions: Y645 Maximum Qty/Pack: 10 kg

Shipping name: NITRILES, TOXIC, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile)

**Maritime Transport IMDG:** 

IMDG Class:6.1IMDG Subrisk:NoneUN Number:3439Packing Group:IIIEMS Number:F-A,S-ASpecial provisions:223 274

Limited Quantities: 5 kg Marine Pollutant: Yes

Shipping name:NITRILES, TOXIC, SOLID, N.O.S.(contains tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile)

#### **Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**





#### tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile (CAS: 1835-49-0) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Alberta Ambient Air Quality Guidelines", "Canada - Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives", "Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)","Canada List of Prohibited and Restricted Cosmetic Ingredients (The Cosmetic Ingredient ""Hotlist"")","Canada National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)","International Maritime Dangerous Goods Requirements (IMDG Code) - Substance Index"."US - California Air Toxics ""Hot Spots"" List (Assembly Bill 2588) Substances for Which Emissions Must Be Quantified","US -California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants", "US - Georgia Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels for Drinking Water - Inorganics", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits", "US - Massachusetts Drinking Water - Inorganic Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)","US - Massachusetts Drinking Water - Secondary Contaminants Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)","US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants"."US - North Dakota Air Pollutants - Guideline Concentrations","US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)", "US - South Dakota Drinking Water Standards - Inorganic Chemicals", "US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants", "US - Utah Primary Drinking Water Standards - Inorganic Contaminants", "US - Utah Secondary Drinking Water Standards - Inorganic Contaminants", "US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants", "US -Washington Toxic air pollutants and their ASIL, SQER and de minimis emission values", "US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) -Carcinogens", "US Clean Air Act (CAA) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)", "WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality -Guideline values for chemicals that are of health significance in drinking-water"

### **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.
- \* (limited evidence).

#### Denmark Advisory list for selfclassification of dangerous substances

Substance CAS Suggested codes tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile 1835- 49- 0 T; R25 N; R51/53

- Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

  A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at: www.chemwatch.net/references.
- The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings.
- For detailed advice on Personal Protective Equipment, refer to the following U.S. Regulations and Standards:

OSHA Standards - 29 CFR:

1910.132 - Personal Protective Equipment - General requirements

1910.133 - Eye and face protection

1910.134 - Respiratory Protection

1910.136 - Occupational foot protection

1910.138 - Hand Protection

Eye and face protection - ANSI Z87.1

Foot protection - ANSI Z41

Respirators must be NIOSH approved.

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