

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Holmium(III) fluoride

Product Number : 432075

Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 13760-78-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 Spruce Street  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765

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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)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311

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)

H301 + H311 + H331

Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.  
P322 Specific measures (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
P361 Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
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**

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.  
Strong hydrogen fluoride-releaser

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**3.1 Substances**

Formula : F<SB>3</>Ho  
Molecular weight : 221.93 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 13760-78-6  
EC-No. : 237-352-1

**Hazardous components**

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Holmium trifluoride</b>		
	Acute Tox. 3; H301 + H311 + H331	<= 100 %

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

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**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. Hydrofluoric (HF) acid burns require immediate and specialized first aid a hours depending on the concentration of HF. After decontamination with wa penetration/absorption of the fluoride ion. Treatment should be directed exposure. Skin exposures can be treated with a 2.5% calcium gluconate gel exposures may require subcutaneous calcium gluconate except for digital a technique, due to the potential for tissue injury from increased pressure and should be considered when undergoing decontamination. Prevention of a obtained by giving milk, chewable calcium carbonate tablets or Milk of Ma hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and cardiac arrhythmias should be monitored

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician. First treatment with calcium gluconate paste.

**In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

**If swallowed**

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**  
Dry powder
- 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
Hydrogen fluoride, holmium oxides
- 5.3 Advice for firefighters**  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.
- 5.4 Further information**  
No data available

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear respiratory protection. 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**  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. 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. Do not flush with water. 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.  
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.  
  
Keep in a dry place. Do not store in glass
- 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**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Holmium trifluoride	13760-78-6	TWA	2.500000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Remarks	CAS number varies with compound		
		TWA	2.500000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.28-1969		

		TWA	2.500000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Bone damage Fluorosis Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		TWA	2.500000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Bone damage Fluorosis Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		
		TWA	2.5 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		CAS number varies with compound		
		TWA	2.5 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Bone damage Fluorosis Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Not classifiable as a human carcinogen varies		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Holmium trifluoride	13760-78-6	Fluoride	3.0000 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	Prior to shift (16 hours after exposure ceases)			
		Fluoride	10.0000 mg/g	In urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			
		Fluoride	2 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Prior to shift (16 hours after exposure ceases)			
		Fluoride	3 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

### 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 industria 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 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If th 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**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. 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: powder      |
| 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                                  | ( )Not applicable |
| 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 |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | No data available |
| q) Decomposition                                | No data available |

temperature

- 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

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.

Reacts dangerously with glass.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong reducing agents/glass

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen fluoride, holmium oxides

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(Holmium trifluoride)

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

#### 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.

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(Holmium trifluoride)

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available(Holmium trifluoride)

**Additional Information**

RTECS: Not available

Fluoride ion can reduce serum calcium levels possibly causing fatal hypocalcemia.

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated., Salivation, Abdominal pain(Holmium trifluoride)

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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(Holmium trifluoride)

**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 chem scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3288      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Holmium trifluoride)  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 3288      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Holmium trifluoride)

**IATA**

UN number: 3288      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Holmium trifluoride)

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

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

**SARA 313 Components**

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 are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Holmium trifluoride	13760-78-6	2008-06-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Holmium trifluoride	13760-78-6	2008-06-01

**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.**

H301                      Toxic if swallowed.  
H301 + H311 +        Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.  
H331  
H311                      Toxic in contact with skin.  
H331                      Toxic if inhaled.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:                      2  
Chronic Health Hazard:  
Flammability:                        0  
Physical Hazard                      0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:                      2  
Fire Hazard:                         0  
Reactivity Hazard:                   0

**Further information**

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