

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier

SRM Number: 3120a
SRM Name: Germanium (Ge) Standard Solution
Other Means of Identification: Not applicable.

Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use as a primary calibration standard for the quantitative determination of germanium. A unit of SRM 3120a consists of 50 mL of a single element solution in a high density polyethylene bottle sealed in an aluminized bag. The solution is prepared gravimetrically to contain a known mass fraction of germanium. The solution contains nitric acid at a volume fraction of approximately 10 % and hydrofluoric acid at a volume fraction of approximately 2 %.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification

Physical Hazard: Not classified.
Health Hazard: Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 1B
 Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 1

Label Elements

Symbol



Signal Word

DANGER

Hazard Statement(s)

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary Statement(s)

P260 Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapors, or spray.
 P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
 P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection.
 P301+P330+P331 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
 P303+P361+P353 If on skin (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
 P304+P340 If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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 doctor.
 P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.

Hazards Not Otherwise Classified: Not applicable.

Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity: Not applicable.

3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Substance: Germanium in nitric/hydrofluoric acid solution

Other Designations:

Nitric acid (aqua fortis; hydrogen nitrate; azotic acid; engraver's acid)

Hydrofluoric acid (hydrogen fluoride; fluorhydric acid)

Germanium oxide (germania; germanium dioxide)

NOTE: Germanium in nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid solution forms a solvated germanium oxide salt. The health and physical hazard information provided in this SDS are for nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and germanium oxide. No physical or chemical data are listed for this solution. The actual effects of the solution may differ from the individual components.

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

| Hazardous Component(s) | CAS Number | EC Number (EINECS) | Nominal Mass Concentration (%) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nitric acid | 7697-37-2 | 231-714-2 | 10 |
| Hydrofluoric acid | 7664-39-3 | 231-634-8 | 2 |
| Germanium oxide | 1310-53-8 | 215-180-8 | 1.44 |
| Non-Hazardous Component(s) | | | |
| Water | 7732-18-5 | 231-791-2 | >85 |

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of First Aid Measures:

Inhalation: If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Contact a poison control center immediately for instructions. Do not induce vomiting. Give water to rinse out mouth. Never give liquids to a person with reduced awareness or becoming unconscious. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to prevent aspiration. If not breathing, give artificial respiration by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed: Acid burns to skin, eyes, and lungs.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary: If any of the above symptoms are present, seek immediate medical attention.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and Explosion Hazards: Negligible fire hazard. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

Extinguishing Media:

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical: Miscellaneous decomposition products.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters: Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

NFPA Ratings (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 3 Fire = 0 Reactivity = 0

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures: Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up: Do not touch spilled material. Notify safety personnel of spills. Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Isolate hazard area and deny entry.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Safe Handling Precautions: See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

Storage: Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10, “Stability and Reactivity”).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

| Exposure Limits | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Component(s) | OSHA (PEL) | ACGIH (TLV) | NIOSH (REL) |
| Nitric acid | 5 mg/m ³ (2 ppm) TWA | 5 mg/m ³ (2 ppm) TWA 10 mg/m ³ (4 ppm) STEL | 5 mg/m ³ (2 ppm) TWA 10 mg/m ³ (4 ppm) STEL 65 mg/m ³ (25 ppm) IDLH |
| Hydrofluoric acid | 2.5 mg/m ³ (3 ppm) TWA (as F) | 0.5 ppm TWA (as F) 2 ppm Ceiling (as F) Skin - potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous route | 2.5 mg/m ³ (3 ppm) TWA 5 mg/m ³ (6 ppm) Ceiling 15 min 30 ppm IDLH |
| Germanium oxide | No occupational limits established. | | |

Engineering Controls: Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

Personal Protection: In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

Respiratory Protection: If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

Eye/Face Protection: Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eyewash station should be readily available near areas of use.

Skin and Body Protection: 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. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

NOTE: The physical and chemical data provided are for the pure components.

| Descriptive Properties | Nitric acid (10 % of this SRM) | Hydrofluoric acid (2 % of this SRM) | Germanium oxide (1.44 % of this SRM) |
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| Appearance (physical state, color, etc.) | colorless to yellow liquid | colorless liquid | colorless to white crystals |
| Molecular Formula | HNO ₃ | HF | GeO ₂ |
| Molar Mass (g/mol) | 63.01 | 20.01 | 104.61 |
| Odor | irritating odor | irritating odor | not available |
| Odor threshold (mg/m ³) | not available | 0.03 to 0.11 | not available |
| pH | 1 (1 M) | (strongly acidic in solution) | not available |
| Evaporation rate | not available | not available | not applicable |
| Melting point/freezing point | -42 °C (-43 °F) | ≈ -35 °C (≈ -31 °F) | 1115 °C (2039 °F) |
| Relative Density as specific gravity (water = 1) | 1.5027 at 25 °C | 1.1 to 1.2 | 4.228 |
| Vapor Pressure (mmHg) | 47.9 at 20 °C | ≈14 at 20 °C | not available |
| Vapor Density (air = 1) | 3.2 | 0.7 | not available |
| Viscosity | not available | 0.256 cP at 0 °C (liquid) | not available |
| Solubility(ies) | miscible with water and ether | reacts violently with water; soluble in alcohol and organic solvents | soluble in water (0.45 %), acids, and alkali |
| Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) | not available | not available | not available |
| Particle Size | not applicable | not applicable | not available |
| Thermal Stability Properties | | | |
| Autoignition Temperature | not applicable | not applicable | not available |
| Thermal Decomposition | not applicable | not applicable | not available |
| Initial boiling point and boiling range | 83 °C (181 °F) | 103 °C to 110 °C (217 °F to 230 °F) | not available |
| Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %) | not applicable | not applicable | not available |
| Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %) | not applicable | not applicable | not available |
| Flash Point | not applicable | not applicable | not available |
| Flammability (solid, gas) | not applicable | not applicable | not available |

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Stability: X Stable _____ Unstable

Possible Hazardous Reactions: None listed.

Conditions to Avoid: Contact with combustible or incompatible materials.

Incompatible Materials: Acids, combustible materials, halo carbons, amines, bases, oxidizing materials, metals, halogens, metal salts, metal oxides, reducing agents, peroxides, metal carbide, cyanides.

Fire/Explosion Information: See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

Hazardous Decomposition: Thermal decomposition will produce oxides of nitrogen, hydrogen fluoride, germanium, and other miscellaneous decomposition products.

Hazardous Polymerization: _____ Will Occur X Will Not Occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Exposure: X Inhalation X Skin X Ingestion

Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics: Acid burns to skin, eyes, and lungs.

Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):

Inhalation: Inhalation of acid fumes can damage the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Short term exposure may cause irritation and inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, coughing, choking, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness, and nausea. Long term exposure to acid fumes may cause damage to teeth, bronchial irritation, chronic cough, bronchial pneumonia, and gastrointestinal disturbances.

Skin Contact: Nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid can cause severe skin burns. Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure. Effects of acid burns may be delayed.

Eye Contact: Nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid cause severe eye irritation, corneal burns, permanent eye damage, or blindness. Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure.

Ingestion: If ingested, nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid can cause severe burns and damage to the gastrointestinal tract.

Numerical Measures of Toxicity

Acute Toxicity: Not classified.

Nitric acid: Rat, Inhalation LC50: 130 mg/m³ (4 h)

Hydrofluoric acid: Rat, Inhalation LC50: 1276 ppm (1 h); 1100 mg/m³ (1 h)

Germanium oxide: Rat, Oral LD50: 1250 mg/kg

Rat, Inhalation LC50: >1420 mg/m³ (4 h)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: This SRM contains >1 % of nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid and it is classified as Category 1B.

Serious Eye damage/Eye irritation: This SRM contains >1 % nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid and it is classified as Category 1.

Respiratory Sensitization: No data available.

Skin Sensitization: No data available.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity: No data available.

Carcinogenicity: Not classified.

Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen _____ Yes X No

Nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and germanium oxide are not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as carcinogens/potential carcinogens.

Reproductive Toxicity: Not classified.

Nitric acid: Rat, Oral TDLo: 21 150 mg/kg (pregnant 1 d to 21 d)

Rat, Oral TDLo: 2345 mg/kg (pregnant 18 d)

Hydrofluoric acid: Rat, Inhalation TCLo: 470 µg/m³ (4 h, pregnant 1 d to 22 d)

Germanium oxide: Rat, Unreported TDLo: 133 mg/kg (4 h, pregnant 7 d to 13 d)

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure: No data available.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure: No data available.

Aspiration Hazard: No data available.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data

Nitric acid: Fish, hooknose or pogge (*Agonus cataphractus*) LC50: 100 mg/L to 330 mg/L (48 h)

Hydrofluoric acid: Invertebrate, water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50: 270 mg/L (48 h)

Germanium oxide: No data available.

Persistence and Degradability: No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential: No bioaccumulation expected for hydrofluoric acid.

Mobility in Soil: No data available.

Other Adverse effects: No data available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal: Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Numbers: nitric acid (D001, D002) and hydrofluoric acid (U134).

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. DOT and IATA: UN1760, Corrosive liquid, n.o.s. (contains nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid), Hazard Class 8, Packing Group II, Excepted Qty: E2.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Regulations:

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| CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): | Nitric acid, 1000 lbs. (454 kg) final RQ Hydrofluoric acid, 100 lbs. (45.4 kg) final RQ |
| SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): | Nitric acid, 1000 lbs. (454 kg) TPQ Hydrofluoric acid, 100 lbs. (45.4 kg) TPQ |
| SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): | Nitric acid, 1000 lbs. (454 kg) EPCRA RQ Hydrofluoric acid, 100 lbs. (45.4 kg) EPCRA RQ |
| SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): | 1 % de minimis concentration for nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid. |
| OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): | Regulated for nitric acid at higher concentrations 500 lbs. TQ (≥ 94.5 % by weight). Hydrofluoric acid, 1000 lbs. (454 kg) TQ (anhydrous) |
| SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21): | |
| ACUTE HEALTH: | Yes |
| CHRONIC HEALTH: | Yes |
| FIRE: | No |
| REACTIVE: | No |
| PRESSURE: | No |

State Regulations: Not listed under California Proposition 65.

U.S. TSCA Inventory: Nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and germanium oxide are listed.

TSCA 12(b), Export Notification: Not listed.

Canadian Regulations: WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Sources: ChemAdvisor, Inc., SDS *Nitric Acid*, 10 September 2014.

ChemAdvisor, Inc., SDS *Hydrofluoric Acid*, 10 September 2014.

ChemAdvisor, Inc., SDS *Germanium Dioxide*, 10 September 2014.

CDC; NIOSH; *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Safety and Health; *Nitric Acid*, 18 November 2010; available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0447.html> (accessed Dec 2014).

Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB), National Library of Medicine's TOXNET system, *Nitric Acid CAS No. 7697-37-2*; available at <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov> (accessed Dec 2014).

Key of Acronyms:

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| ACGIH | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists | NRC | Nuclear Regulatory Commission |
| ALI | Annual Limit on Intake | NTP | National Toxicology Program |
| CAS | Chemical Abstracts Service | OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| CERCLA | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act | PEL | Permissible Exposure Limit |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations | RCRA | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act |
| DOT | Department of Transportation | REL | Recommended Exposure Limit |
| EC50 | Effective Concentration, 50 % | RM | Reference Material |
| EINECS | European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances | RQ | Reportable Quantity |
| EPCRA | Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act | RTECS | Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer | SARA | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act |
| IATA | International Air Transportation Agency | SCBA | Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus |
| IDLH | Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health | SRM | Standard Reference Material |
| LC50 | Lethal Concentration, 50 % | STEL | Short Term Exposure Limit |
| LD50 | Lethal Dose, 50 % | STOT | Specific Target Organ Toxicity |
| LEL | Lower Explosive Limit | TLm | Threshold Limit, median |
| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet | TLV | Threshold Limit Value |
| NFPA | National Fire Protection Association | TPQ | Threshold Planning Quantity |
| NIOSH | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health | TSCA | Toxic Substances Control Act |
| NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology | TWA | Time Weighted Average |
| n.o.s. | Not Otherwise Specified | UEL | Upper Explosive Limit |
| | | WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |

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