

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. IDENTIFICATION

#### Product identifier

**Product code:** F1075  
**Product Name:** FLUOBORIC ACID, REAGENT

#### Other means of identification

**Synonyms:** Borate(1-), tetrafluoro-, hydrogen  
 Borofluoric acid  
 Acide fluoborique (French)  
 Ácido fluobórico (Spanish)  
 Hydrofluoboric acid  
 Hydrogen tetrafluoroborate  
 Hydrogen tetrafluoroborate(1-)  
 Fluoroboric acid

**CAS #:** 16872-11-0  
**RTECS #** ED2685000  
**CI#:** Not available

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use:** Catalyst for acetal synthesis and cellulose esters. Metal surface cleaning agent. an aluminum electrolytic finishing agent. Stripping solution. Intermediate in making Fluoroborate salt.

**Uses advised against** No information available

**Supplier:** Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp  
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 Gardena, CA 90248  
 (310) 516-8000

**Order Online At:** <https://www.spectrumchemical.com>  
**Emergency telephone number** Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300  
**Contact Person:** Martin LaBenz (West Coast)  
**Contact Person:** Ibad Tirmiz (East Coast)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Considered a dangerous substance or mixture according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 3
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category B
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1

#### Label elements

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## Danger

### Hazard statements

Toxic if swallowed  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage



### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not Applicable

### Other hazards

Not available

### Precautionary Statements - Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

### Precautionary Statements - Response

*Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician*  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
Rinse mouth  
Do NOT induce vomiting

### Precautionary Statements - Storage

Store locked up

### Precautionary Statements - Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS-No.	Weight %
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	100

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### First aid measures

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<b>General Advice:</b>	National Capital Poison Center in the United States can provide assistance if you have a poison emergency and need to talk to a poison specialist. Call 1-800-222-1222. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water. Continue flushing with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Immediate medical attention is required. Call a physician or Poison Control Centre immediately.
<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. <b>WARNING!</b> It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled or ingested material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

<b>Symptoms</b>	Corrosive Severe skin irritation Causes severe skin burns Severe eye irritation Vapors irritating to eyes and respiratory tract Choking sensation May cause coughing and shortness of breath Severe over-exposure can result in death Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering and itching Skin contact may result in redness, pain, inflammation, itching, scaling blistering
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**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

<b>Notes to Physician:</b>	Treat symptomatically.
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**Protection of first-aiders**

First-Aid Providers: Avoid exposure to blood or body fluids. Wear gloves and other necessary protective clothing. Dispose of contaminated clothing and equipment as bio-hazardous waste.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Media**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media:</b>	The product is not flammable. If it is involved in a fire, extinguish the fire using an agent suitable for the type of surrounding fire.
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<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:</b>	No information available.
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**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

<b>Hazardous Combustion Products:</b>	If it is involved in a fire the following can be released: Hydrogen fluoride. Borane/Boron oxides.
<b>Specific hazards:</b>	Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

## **Special Protective Actions for Firefighters**

### **Specific Methods:**

No information available.

### **Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

#### **Personal Precautions:**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.

#### **Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

### **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

#### **Methods for containment**

Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Absorb spill with inert material (e.g. vermiculite, dry sand or earth). In case of large spill, dike if needed. Dike far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal.

#### **Methods for cleaning up**

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled material in a suitable chemical waste disposal container. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Technical Measures/Precautions:**

Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. Keep away from incompatible materials.

#### **Safe Handling Advice**

Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not ingest. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Technical Measures/Storage Conditions:**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Store at room temperature in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials.

#### **Incompatible Materials:**

Metals  
Bases

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **Control parameters**

### **National occupational exposure limits**

#### **United States**

Components	CAS-No.	OSHA	NIOSH	ACGIH	AIHA WEEL
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)	None	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)	None

## Canada

Components	CAS-No.	Canada - Alberta	Canada - British Columbia	Canada - Ontario	Canada - Quebec
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)	2.5 mg/3 TWA EV (as F)

## Australia and Mexico

Components	CAS-No.	Australia	Mexico
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)	2.5 mg/3 TWA (as F)

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### Engineering measures to reduce exposure:

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors and mist below their respective threshold limit value.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

#### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye protection:** Goggles or Face-shield.

**Skin and body protection:** Chemical resistant apron  
Long sleeved clothing  
Gloves  
If working with large quantities:  
Chemical resistant protective suit  
Boots

**Respiratory protection:** Respiratory protection is not necessary for normal handling. Good room ventilation or use of local exhaust (fume hood) is sufficient. Use a vapor respirator under conditions where exposure to the substance is apparent (e.g. generation of high concentrations of mist or vapor, inadequate ventilation, development of respiratory tract irritation), and engineering controls are not feasible. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.

**Hygiene measures:** Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical state:**  
Liquid

**Appearance:**  
No information available.

**Color:**  
Colorless.

**Odor:**  
Odorless.

**Taste**  
No information available.

**Formula:**  
HBF<sub>4</sub>

**Molecular/Formula weight (g/mole):**  
87.81

**Flammability:**  
No information available

**Flashpoint (°C/°F):**  
No information available.

**Flash Point Tested according to:**  
Not available

**Autoignition Temperature (°C/°F):**  
No information available

**Lower Explosion Limit (%):**  
No information available

**Upper Explosion Limit (%):**  
No information available

**Melting point/range(°C/°F):**  
-75°C/ -103°F

**Decomposition temperature(°C/°F):**  
No information available

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**Boiling point/range(°C/°F):**  
130°C/ 266°F

**Bulk density:**  
No information available

**Density (g/cm3):**  
No information available

**Specific gravity:**  
1.84

**pH:**  
No information available

**Vapor pressure @ 20°C (kPa):**  
0.7

**Evaporation rate:**  
No information available

**Vapor density:**  
3

**VOC content (g/L):**  
No information available

**Odor threshold (ppm):**  
No information available

**Partition coefficient  
(n-octanol/water):**  
No information available

**Viscosity:**  
No information available

**Miscibility:**  
No information available

**Solubility:**  
Easily soluble in cold water  
Easily soluble in hot water

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Reactive with metals  
Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas  
Reactive with alkalis

### Chemical stability

**Stability:** Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur

**Conditions to avoid:** Incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Metals  
Bases

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Hydrogen fluoride. Boron oxides.

### Other Information

**Corrosivity:** Extremely corrosive in presence of aluminum  
Slightly corrosive in presence of stainless steel (304)  
Slightly corrosive in presence of stainless steel (316)

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Minor corrosive effect on bronze

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Principal Routes of Exposure:**  
Skin. Eyes.

### Acute Toxicity

### Component Information

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**LD50/oral/rat** = 100 - 200 mg/kg Oral LD50 Rat; 100 mg/kg Oral LD50 Rat

**LD50/oral/mouse** = 50 mg/kg

**LD50/dermal/rabbit** = No information available

**LD50/dermal/rat** = No information available

**LC50/inhalation/rat** = No information available

**LC50/inhalation/mouse** = No information available

**Other LD50 or LC50 information** = No information available

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**LD50/oral/rat** =

**VALUE- Acute Tox Oral** = 100 mg/kg

**LD50/oral/mouse** =

**Value - Acute Tox Oral** = 50 mg/kg

**LD50/dermal/rabbit**

**VALUE-Acute Tox Dermal** = No information available

**LD50/dermal/rat**

**VALUE -Acute Tox Dermal** = No information available

**LC50/inhalation/rat**

**VALUE-Vapor** = No information available

**VALUE-Gas** = No information available

**VALUE-Dust/Mist** = No information available

**LC50/Inhalation/mouse**

**VALUE-Vapor** = No information available

**VALUE - Gas** = No information available

**VALUE - Dust/Mist** = No information available

## Symptoms

**Skin Contact:**

Corrosive. Causes severe irritation and burns.

**Eye Contact:**

Corrosive. Causes severe eye irritation and possible burns. Possible eye damage.

**Inhalation**

Causes respiratory tract irritation with possible chemical burns. Symptoms may include coughing and shortness of breath. It may cause pulmonary edema.

**Ingestion**

Harmful if swallowed. Causes digestive tract/gastrointestinal tract burns with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, headache, weakness, ataxia, somnolence, convulsions, collapse, and possible death. May affect the kidneys. May affect the blood.

**Aspiration hazard**

No information available.

## Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Chronic Toxicity**

Prolonged or repeated ingestion may affect the kidneys. Prolonged or repeated ingestion may affect the blood (anemia). Prolonged or repeated ingestion may affect the blood (leukopenia). It may cause discoloration of teeth, malaise, weight loss.

**Sensitization:**

No information available.

**Mutagenic Effects:** No information available

**Carcinogenic effects:** Not considered carcinogenic.

Components	CAS-No.	IARC	ACGIH - Carcinogens	NTP	OSHA HCS - Carcinogens	Australia - Notifiable Carcinogenic Substances	Australia - Prohibited Carcinogenic Substances
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

*ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

*NTP (National Toxicology Program)*

*OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)*

**Reproductive toxicity** No data is available

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available

**Developmental Effects:** No information available

**Teratogenic Effects:** No information available

#### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity**

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Target Organs:** Lungs. Mucous membrane.

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Ecotoxicity**

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**Freshwater Fish Species Data:** 2600 mg/L LC50 Brachydanio rerio 96 h static 1 20 mg/L LC50 Carassius auratus 72 h 1

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.

**Mobility:** No information available.

## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal Methods**

#### **Waste from residues / unused products:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulation.

#### **Contaminated packaging:**

Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery or waste disposal

Components	CAS-No.	RCRA - F Series Wastes	RCRA - K Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	None	None	None	None

## **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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**DOT**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Subsidiary Class:** No information available  
**Packing group:** II  
**Emergency Response Guide Number:** 154  
**Marine Pollutant:** No data available  
**DOT RQ (lbs):** No information available  
**Special Provisions:** A6, A7, B2, B15, IB2, N3, N34, T7, TP2  
**Symbol(s):** No information available  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

**TDG (Canada)**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Marine Pollutant:** No Information available  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

**ADR**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

**IMO / IMDG**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Marine Pollutant:** No information available  
**EMS:** F-A  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

**RID**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

**ICAO**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

**IATA**

**UN-No:** UN1775  
**Proper Shipping Name:** Fluoroboric acid  
**Hazard Class:** 8  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** II  
**ERG Code:** 8L  
**Special Provisions** No information available  
**Description:** UN1775, Fluoroboric acid, 8, II

<b>15. REGULATORY INFORMATION</b>
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**International Inventories**

Components	CAS-No.	U.S. TSCA	KOREA KECL	Philippines (PICCS)	Japan ENCS	CHINA	Australia (AICS)	EINECS-No.
<i>Fluoboric Acid</i>	16872-11-0	Present ACTIVE	Present KE-33424	Present	Present (1)-46	Present	Present	Present 240-898-3

**U.S. Regulations***Fluoboric Acid***New Jersey RTK Hazardous Substance List:** sn 0934**California Prop. 65: Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.****Chemicals Known to the State of California to Cause Cancer:**

This product does not contain a chemical requiring a warning under California Prop. 65. (See table below)

**Chemicals Known to the State of California to Cause Reproductive Toxicity:**

This product does not contain a chemical requiring a warning under California Prop. 65. (See table below)

Components	CAS-No.	Carcinogen	Developmental Toxicity	Male Reproductive Toxicity	Female Reproductive Toxicity:
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed

**CERCLA/SARA**

Components	CAS-No.	CERCLA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable Quantities	Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances and TPQs	Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances and RQs	Section 313 - Chemical Category	Section 313 - Reporting de minimis
<i>Fluoboric Acid</i>	16872-11-0	None	None	None	None	None

**U.S. TSCA**

Components	CAS-No.	TSCA Section 5(a)2 - Chemicals With Significant New Use Rules (SNURS)	TSCA 8(d) -Health and Safety Reporting
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**Canada****WHMIS 2015 - GHS Classifications**

WHMIS 2015 Hazard Classification Information:

The WHMIS 2015 classification of this product has not been validated or reviewed yet.

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**Canada Hazardous Products Regulation** This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the HPR (Hazardous Products Regulation) and the SDS contains all of the information required by the HPR

## Inventory

Components	CAS-No.	Canada (DSL)	Canada (NDSL)
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	Present	Not Listed

Components	CAS-No.	CEPA Schedule I - Toxic Substances
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	Not listed
Components	CAS-No.	CEPA - 2010 Greenhouse Gases Subject to Mandatory Reporting
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	Not listed

## EU Classification

### EU GHS - SV - CLP 1272/2008

Components	CAS-No.	EU GHS - SV - CLP (1272/2008)
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	<p>Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin Corr. 1B: H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. (C <math>\geq</math> 25 %) 009-010-00-X</p> <p>Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin Corr. 1B: H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. (C <math>\geq</math> 25 %); Skin corrosion/irritation - Skin Irrit. 2: H315 Causes skin irritation. (10 % <math>\leq</math> C &lt; 25 %); Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation - Eye Irrit. 2: H319 Causes serious eye irritation. (10 % <math>\leq</math> C &lt; 25 %) 009-010-00-X</p>

### EU - CLP (1272/2008)

### R-phrases

R34 - Causes burns.

### S-phrases

S26 - In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S27 - Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

S45 - In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

S 1/2 - Keep locked up and out of the reach of children.

Components	CAS-No.	Classification	Concentration Limits:	Safety Phrases
Fluoboric Acid	16872-11-0	C; R34	10% $\leq$ C<25% Xi; R36/38 25% $\leq$ C C; R34	S: (1/2)-26-27-45

The product is classified in accordance with Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC

### Indication of danger:

C - Corrosive.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Preparation Date:** 07/13/2015  
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**Prepared by:** Sonia Owen

**Disclaimer:**

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