

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name	Gold trichloride trihydrate
Cat No. :	G54-1, G54-5
Synonyms	Auric chloride,; Gold trichloride hydrochloride trihydrate; Chloroauric acid trihydrate
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific Company
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Harmful if swallowed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
 May cause respiratory irritation
 May cause an allergic skin reaction



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
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower
 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
 Do NOT induce vomiting

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Sensitivity to light

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	99
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	-

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.

Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
Ingestion	Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. May cause allergic skin reaction. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	Not applicable
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Chlorine. Hydrogen chloride gas.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	0	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
Storage.	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from light. Air sensitive. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Incompatible Materials. Bases. Carbonates. Cyanides. Sulfides.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

<u>Exposure Guidelines</u>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
Engineering Measures	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<u>Personal Protective Equipment</u>	
Eye/face Protection	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
Skin and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
Respiratory Protection	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended Filter type:	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

<u>Appearance</u>			
Physical State	Solid		
Color	Yellow		
Odor	Odorless		
Odor Threshold	No information available		
<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Method</u>
Melting Point/Range	254 °C / 489.2 °F		
Softening Point	No data available		
Boiling Point/Range	No information available		
Flash Point	Not applicable	Method -	No information available
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid	
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available		
Explosion Limits	No data available		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available		
Decomposition Temperature	No data available		
pH	No information available		
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid	
Water Solubility	Soluble		
Solubility in other solvents	No information available		

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Vapor Pressure	negligible	
Density / Specific Gravity	3.9	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

Other Information

Molecular Formula	HAuCl ₄ .3H ₂ O
Molecular Weight	393.83
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Hygroscopic. Light sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Protect from light. Don't use. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Bases, Carbonates, Cyanides, Sulfides
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Chlorine, Hydrogen chloride gas
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. Causes burns. Skin Corrosion/Irritation.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Tetrachloroauric acid	LD50 = 464 mg/kg (rat)	-	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 B

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	Category 1
	No information available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity;

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity;

No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure;

No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure;

No data available

Target Organs

No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard;

Not applicable
Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

Other Adverse Effects

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Tetrachloroauric acid	EC50 = 1.91 mg/L (1.30–2.83, 95% IC) (72-h) OECD 201 Scenedesmus subspicatus.	LC50 = 15.7 mg/L (96h) OECD 203 Rainbow trout	Not listed	LC50 ~2 mg/l (48h) OECD 202 Daphnia magna

Persistence and Degradability

Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation

No information available.

Mobility

Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No

UN3260

Proper Shipping Name	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	III
TDG	
UN-No	UN3260
Proper Shipping Name	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	III
IATA	
UN-No	UN3260
Proper Shipping Name	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	III
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN3260
Proper Shipping Name	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	III

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	-	-	-
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	X	-	240-948-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-33284

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations Not applicable

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	-	-	-
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	-	-	-

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)

		Notification	Requirements		
Gold chloride, trihydrate	16961-25-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Tetrachloroauric acid	16903-35-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

Prepared By	Product stewardship (Regulatory Affairs) Thermo Fisher Scientific email - begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com
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Disclaimer

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