STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
Safe Use of Hydrofluoric Acid (HF)

Hydrofluoric acid, a solution of hydrogen fluoride gas (HF) in water, is one of the most corrosive and dangerous chemicals encountered in the laboratory. Exposure to HF can cause severe tissue damage and even death. Deaths have been reported from concentrated acid burns (involving ≥ 50% HF solutions) to as little as 2.5% of body surface area. In lower concentrations, symptoms may be delayed. The following special safety precautions are necessary when using this chemical, regardless if using diluted or concentrated HF.

SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS):
Review carefully the attached Safety Data Sheet (or the Safety Data Sheet on the manufacturer’s web site) before working with Hydrofluoric Acid.

CEMS:
Go to Chemical Environmental Management System (CEMS) http://cems.uta.edu to locate Hydrofluoric Acid in your laboratory.

TRAINING:
Complete online Hazard Communication and Waste Management training and receive Site Specific training from your PI/Lab Manager/Chemical Owner which includes reviewing the hazards of Hydrofluoric Acid (HF), safety precautions, and emergency procedures. Fill out the attached Site Specific training form and submit to ehsafety@uta.edu.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT:
Plan the operation to eliminate risk of Hydrofluoric Acid (HF) splash/spray. Ensure the nearest emergency safety shower/eye wash is accessible and has been tested within the last 12 months. Ensure laboratory fume hood has been tested within last 12 months and is functioning properly.

FIRST AID:
Ensure 2.5% Calcium Gluconate gel (intended for dermal exposures) is available in the laboratory and not expired. It is used in responding to Hydrofluoric Acid exposure to the body, mitigating or preventing the related pain and potential tissue burns and bone damage. Calcium gluconate combines with hydrofluoric acid to neutralize the powerful fluoride ion. Familiarize yourself with FIRST AID MEASURES described in the attached Safety Data Sheet.

Remember: all HF burns or exposure should be referred to a hospital after washing and starting initial first-aid procedures with Calcium Gluconate gel.
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

Check PPE for damage before using. Wear appropriate PPE, which minimally includes:

- Goggles and face shield.
- Butyl rubber or neoprene gloves (consider double gloving).
- Lab coat and neoprene long-sleeve apron.
- Closed-toe shoes.

WORK PRACTICES:

- Work in the fume hood with the sash opened as little as possible.
- Purchase and use the smallest quantities of HF necessary.
- Establish designated area for HF use and post sign “Hydrofluoric Acid Use Area.” Also post sign on lab door when in use.
- Do not work alone; others present in the laboratory must be familiar with the operation’s hazards and emergency procedures.
- Add acid to water, not water to acid.
- Do not use glass, ceramic, or other incompatible containers with HF.
- Ensure secondary containment and segregation of incompatible chemicals.
- Store HF solutions below eye level.
SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Hydrofluoric acid

Product Number: 695068
Brand: SIGALD
CAS-No.: 7664-39-3

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
Fax: +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #: +1-703-527-3887

SECTION 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 2), H300
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

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

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H300 + H310 + H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
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/ eye protection/ face protection.
P284 Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P302 + P350 + P310 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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/doctor.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash 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 - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2 Mixtures

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

SECTION 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. Hydrofluoric (HF) acid burns require immediate and specialized first aid and medical treatment.

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Symptoms may be delayed up to 24 hours depending on the concentration of HF. After decontamination with water, further damage can occur due to penetration/absorption of the fluoride ion. Treatment should be directed toward binding the fluoride ion as well as the effects of exposure. Skin exposures can be treated with a 2.5% calcium gluconate gel repeated until burning ceases. More serious skin exposures may require subcutaneous calcium gluconate except for digital areas unless the physician is experienced in this technique, due to the potential for tissue injury from increased pressure. Absorption can readily occur through the subungual areas and should be considered when undergoing decontamination. Prevention of absorption of the fluoride ion in cases of ingestion can be obtained by giving milk, chewable calcium carbonate tablets or Milk of Magnesia to conscious victims. Conditions such as hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia and cardiac arrhythmias should be monitored for, since they can occur after exposure. Move out of dangerous area.

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

In case of skin contact
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. 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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Hydrogen fluoride

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
No data available
SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
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
Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.
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. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.
Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

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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
Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). 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: Chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm
Break through time: > 480 min
Material tested:Camapren® (KCL 722 / Aldrich Z677493, Size M)

Splash contact
Material: Nature latex/chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm
Break through time: 180 min
Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, 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 industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific 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 a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a 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.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance
Form: liquid

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
   ()No data available
h) Evaporation rate
   No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)
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j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
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k) Vapour pressure
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l) Vapour density
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m) Relative density
   No data available
n) Water solubility
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o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
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p) Auto-ignition temperature
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q) Decomposition temperature
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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

SECTION 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
   No data available

10.5 Incompatible materials
   Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
   Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen fluoride
   Other decomposition products - No data available
   In the event of fire: see section 5
SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity**
No data available

Inhalation: No data available
Dermal: No data available
No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**
No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
No data available

**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 on OSHA’s list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

**Additional Information**
RTECS: Not available

Fluoride ion can reduce serum calcium levels possibly causing fatal hypocalcemia. Material can cause severe burns and blistering which may not be immediately painful or visible. The full extent of tissue damage may not exhibit itself for 12-24 hours after exposure. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin, necrosis of the skin

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
SECTION 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

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

SECTION 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 chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

   Contaminated packaging
   Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
   UN number: 1790  Class: 8 (6.1)  Packing group: II
   Proper shipping name: Hydrofluoric acid
   Reportable Quantity (RQ): 208 lbs
   Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
   UN number: 1790  Class: 8 (6.1)  Packing group: II  EMS-No: F-A, S-B
   Proper shipping name: HYDROFLUORIC ACID

IATA
   UN number: 1790  Class: 8 (6.1)  Packing group: II
   Proper shipping name: Hydrofluoric acid

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components
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**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**

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