

**Material Safety Data Sheet**

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**1 Identification of substance:****Product details:****Product name:** 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate**Stock number:** L19763**Manufacturer/Supplier:**

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company  
 Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.  
 30 Bond Street  
 Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099  
 Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300  
 CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300  
 Web Site: www.alfa.com

**Information Department:** Health, Safety and Environmental Department**Emergency information:**

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

**2 Composition/Data on components:****Chemical characterization:****Description: (CAS#)**

1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

(CAS# 143314-16-3): ≥97%

Water (CAS# 7732-18-5): ≤3%

**3 Hazards identification****Hazard description:**

Xi Irritant

**Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment**

R 36/38 Irritating to eyes and skin.

**Classification system****HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH	1
FIRE	1
REACTIVITY	1

Health (acute effects) = 1

Flammability = 1

Reactivity = 1

**GHS label elements**

Warning

3.2/2 - Causes skin irritation.

3.3/2A - Causes serious eye irritation.

**Prevention:**

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response:**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

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

Specific treatment (see on this label).

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**4 First aid measures****After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After skin contact**

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

**After eye contact**

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

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**After swallowing** Seek immediate medical advice.

### 5 Fire fighting measures

**Suitable extinguishing agents**

Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

**Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or resulting gases:**

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Hydrogen fluoride (HF)

Boron oxide

Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

**Protective equipment:**

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

### 6 Accidental release measures

**Person-related safety precautions:**

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

**Measures for environmental protection:**

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

**Measures for cleaning/collecting:**

Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).

**Additional information:**

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

### 7 Handling and storage

**Handling**

**Information for safe handling:**

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

**Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep ignition sources away.

**Storage**

**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.

**Information about storage in one common storage facility:**

Store away from water/moisture.

Store away from oxidizing agents.

**Further information about storage conditions:**

This product is hygroscopic.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Protect from humidity and water.

### 8 Exposure controls and personal protection

**Additional information about design of technical systems:**

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

**Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

Fluorides (as F)

	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
ACGIH TLV	2.5
Austria MAK	2.5
Belgium TWA	2.5
Finland TWA	2.5
France TWA	2.5
Germany MAK	2.5
Hungary TWA	1; 2-STEL
Netherlands MAC-K	3.5
Norway TWA	0.6
Poland TWA	1; 3-STEL
Sweden NGV	2
Switzerland MAK-W	1.5; 3-KZG-W

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 Russia TWA 2  
 Denmark TWA 2.5  
 USA PEL 2.5

**Additional information:** No data**Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

**Breathing equipment:** Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.**Protection of hands:**

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

**Material of gloves**

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality.

Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.**9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

<b>Form:</b>	Liquid
<b>Color:</b>	Colorless Pale yellow
<b>Odor:</b>	Not determined

**Change in condition**

<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	15°C (59°F)
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Not determined
<b>Sublimation temperature / start:</b>	Not determined

**Flash point:** Not determined**Ignition temperature:** Not determined**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined**Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.**Explosion limits:**

<b>Lower:</b>	Not determined
<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined

**Vapor pressure:** Not determined**Density at 20°C (68°F):** 1.28 g/cm<sup>3</sup>**10 Stability and reactivity****Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

**Materials to be avoided:**Water/moisture  
Oxidizing agents**Dangerous reactions** No dangerous reactions known**Dangerous products of decomposition:**Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Hydrogen fluoride  
Boron oxide  
Nitrogen oxides**11 Toxicological information****Acute toxicity:****Primary irritant effect:****on the skin:** Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.**on the eye:** Irritating effect.**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.

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**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Fluorides may cause salivation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, followed by weakness, tremors, shallow respiration, convulsions and coma. May cause brain and kidney damage. Chronic fluoride poisoning can cause severe bone changes, loss of weight, anorexia, anemia and dental defects.

**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**

Boron affects the central nervous system. Boron poisoning causes depression of the circulation, persistent vomiting and diarrhea, followed by profound shock and coma. The temperature may become subnormal and a scarletina form rash may cover the entire body.

**Additional toxicological information:**

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

EPA-I: Data are inadequate for an assessment of human carcinogenic potential.

**12 Ecological information:****Additional ecological information:****General notes:**

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

**13 Disposal considerations****Product:**

**Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

**Uncleaned packagings:**

**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**14 Transport information**

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

**DOT regulations:**

**Hazard class:** None

**Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)**

**ADR/RID class:** None

**Maritime transport IMDG:**

**IMDG Class:** None

**Marine pollutant:** No

**Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:**

**ICAO/IATA Class:** None

**Transport/Additional information:** Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

**15 Regulations****Product related hazard informations:****Hazard symbols:**

Xi Irritant

**Risk phrases:**

36/38 Irritating to eyes and skin.

**Safety phrases:**

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

37 Wear suitable gloves.

**National regulations**

This product is not listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory. Use of this product is restricted to research and development only.

Some or all of the components of this product are not listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

**Information about limitation of use:** For use only by technically qualified individuals.

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**16 Other information:**

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

**Department issuing MSDS:** Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

**Contact:** Zachariah Holt

**Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

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