

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier

SRM Number: 3169
SRM Name: Zirconium (Zr) 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 zirconium. A unit of SRM 3169 consists of 50 mL of an acidified aqueous solution in a high-density polyethylene bottle sealed in an aluminized bag. This SRM contains an acidified aqueous solution prepared gravimetrically to contain a known mass fraction of zirconium.

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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): Take off 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: Zirconium in nitric/hydrofluoric acid solution

Other Designations:

Nitric acid (aqua fortis; hydrogen nitrate; azotic acid; engraver's acid)
Hydrofluoric acid (hydrogen fluoride; fluorhydric acid)
Zirconium nitrate [nitric acid, zirconium (4+) salt; zirconium tetranitrate; tetranitratozirconium]

NOTE: Zirconium in a nitric acid and hydrofluoric acid solution forms a solvated zirconium nitrate salt. The health and physical hazard information provided in this SDS are for nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and zirconium nitrate. 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	<20
Zirconium nitrate	16092-48-1	240-255-7	3.7
Hydrofluoric acid	7664-39-3	231-634-8	2
Non-Hazardous Component(s)			
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	>74

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: Thermal decomposition will form oxides of nitrogen and fluorinated compounds.

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).

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 handling 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

Components	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)	ACGIH (TLV)
Nitric acid	5 mg/m ³ (2 ppm) TWA	5 mg/m ³ (2 ppm) TWA 10 mg/m ³ (4 ppm) STEL 25 ppm IDLH	5 mg/m ³ (2 ppm) TWA 10 mg/m ³ (4 ppm) STEL
Hydrofluoric acid	3 ppm TWA (as F)	2.5 mg/m ³ (3 ppm) TWA 30 ppm IDLH	0.5 ppm TWA (as F) 2 ppm Ceiling (as F)
Zirconium nitrate (as Zr, related to Zirconium compounds n.o.s.)	5 mg/m ³ TWA	5 mg/m ³ TWA 10 mg/m ³ STEL 25 mg/m ³ IDLH	5 mg/m ³ TWA 10 mg/m ³ STEL

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

Descriptive Properties:	
Appearance (physical state, color, etc.):	not available
Molecular Formula	not available
Molar Mass (g/mol)	not available
Odor	not available
Odor threshold	not available
pH	acidic
Evaporation rate	not available
Melting point/freezing point	not available
Relative Density (g/L) as specific gravity (water = 1):	not available
Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	not available
Vapor Density (air = 1)	not available
Viscosity (cP)	not available
Solubility(ies)	not available
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	not available
Particle Size	not applicable
Thermal Stability Properties	
Autoignition Temperature	not applicable
Thermal Decomposition	not applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range	not available
Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)	not applicable
Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)	not applicable
Flash Point	not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	not applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

Stability: 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 and fluorinated compounds.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will Occur Will Not Occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Exposure: Inhalation Skin Ingestion

Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics: Burning pain; severe skin corrosion and eye damage.

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 can 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)

Zirconium nitrate: Rat, Oral LD50: 2290 mg/kg

Skin Corrosion/Irritation: This SRM 10 % of nitric acid, 2 % hydrofluoric acid, and zirconium nitrate solution is classified as Category 1B corrosive.

Serious Eye damage/Eye irritation: This SRM contains >10 % of nitric acid, 2 % hydrofluoric acid, and zirconium nitrate solution is classified as Category 1 corrosive.

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 zirconium nitrate are not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as carcinogens.

Reproductive Toxicity: Not classified.

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

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

Zirconium nitrate: 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.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data

Nitric acid:

Crustacean: Shore crab (*Carcinus maenas*) LC50: 180 mg/L, static (48 h)

Hydrofluoric acid:

Invertebrate toxicity: Water flea (*Daphnia*) EC50: 270 mg/L (48 h)

Zirconium nitrate: No ecotoxicity data listed.

Persistence and Degradability: No data available.

Bioaccumulative Potential: No data available.

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. Nitric acid subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Numbers: D001, D002.

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.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Regulations:

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; Zirconium nitrate 5000 lbs (2270 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 (nitric acid); 1 % de minimis concentration (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 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 zirconium nitrate 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*, 19 December 2015.

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Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
DOT	Department of Transportation	RM	Reference Material
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IATA	International Air Transport Association	SRM	Standard Reference Material
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLm	Threshold Limit, median
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	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
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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