

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 3149  
**SRM Name:** Selenium (Se) Standard Solution  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

The certified value delivered by this Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use as a primary calibration standard for the quantitative determination of selenium. A unit of SRM 3149 consists of five 10 mL sealed borosilicate glass ampoules of an acidified aqueous solution prepared gravimetrically to contain a known mass fraction of selenium. The solution contains nitric acid at a volume fraction of approximately 10 %, which is equivalent to amount-of-substance concentration (molarity) of approximately 1.6 mol/L.

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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 fume, 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): Remove 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.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Nitric acid/selenic acid solution

**Other Designations:**

Nitric acid (aqua fortis; hydrogen nitrate; azotic acid; engraver's acid)

Selenic acid [selenic acid, monohydrate; selenic acid, hydrate]

**NOTE:** Selenium in nitric acid solution forms a solvated selenic acid. The health and physical hazard information provided in this SDS are for nitric acid and selenic acid. No physical or chemical data are listed for this solution. 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	10
Selenic acid	7783-08-6	231-979-4	1.8
<b>Non-Hazardous Component(s)</b>			
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	>88

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**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.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**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 selenium.

**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).

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**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.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”. Handle glass ampoules with care.

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (See Section 10, “Stability and Reactivity”).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Exposure Limits:

**Component:** Nitric acid

NIOSH (REL):	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)
	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (4 ppm; STEL)
	65 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (25 ppm; IDLH)
ACGIH (TLV):	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)
	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (4 ppm; STEL)
OSHA (PEL):	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)

**Component:** Selenic acid (as Se, related to selenium compounds)

NIOSH (REL):	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)
NIOSH (REL):	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (IDLH)
ACGIH (TLV):	0.2 mg/ m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)
OSHA (PEL):	0.2 mg/ m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)

**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.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### Descriptive Properties:

<b>Appearance</b> (physical state, color, etc.):	colorless to yellow liquid
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	not available
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol):</b>	not available
<b>Odor:</b>	not available
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	not available
<b>pH:</b>	acidic
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	not available
<b>Melting point/freezing point (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Relative Density (g/L) as specific gravity</b> (water = 1):	not available
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>	not available
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	not available
<b>Viscosity (cP):</b>	not available
<b>Solubility(ies):</b>	miscible with water
<b>Partition coefficient</b> (n-octanol/water):	not available

### Thermal Stability Properties:

<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	not applicable
<b>Thermal Decomposition (°C):</b>	not applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):</b>	not applicable
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):</b>	not applicable
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	not applicable

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**  X  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 selenium.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**   Will Occur  X  Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**      X   Inhalation          X   Skin                  X   Ingestion

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

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of nitric acid 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. Inhalation of selenium compounds may cause irritation, chronic inhalation may result in metallic taste in the mouth, nausea, and vomiting.

**Skin Contact:** Nitric 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. Selenium compounds may cause irritation and dermatitis.

**Eye Contact:** Nitric acid compounds can cause severe eye irritation, corneal burns, permanent eye damage, or blindness. Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure. Exposure to dust and fumes from selenium compounds may cause severe irritation and conjunctivitis.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of this material is unlikely under normal conditions of use. If ingested, nitric acid can cause severe burns and damage to the gastrointestinal tract. Ingestion of selenium compounds may cause severe irritation and gastrointestinal disturbances. Prolonged ingestion may result in metallic taste in the mouth, nausea and vomiting.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

Nitric acid, Rat, Inhalation LC50: 130 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (4 h)

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** This SRM contains >1 % of nitric acid and it is classified as Category 1B.

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** This SRM contains >1 % nitric acid and it is classified as Category 1.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** No data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**               Yes                  X   No

Selenic and nitric acid is not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as a carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

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

Nitric acid, Rat, Oral TDLo: 2345 mg/kg (pregnant 18 d)

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity Data:**

Nitric acid:        Starfish (*Asterias rubens*) LC50: 100-300 mg/L (48 h, renewal/aerated water)

Selenic acid:     No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Numbers: D001 and D002 for nitric acid and D010, and regulatory level 1 mg/L for selenic acid.

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### 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** UN1760, Corrosive liquid, n.o.s. (contains nitric acid), Hazard Class 8, Packing Group II, Excepted Quantities E2.

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. Regulations:**

- CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Nitric acid, 1000 lbs (454 kg) final RQ
- SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Nitric acid, 1000 lbs (454 kg) final TPQ
- SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Nitric acid, 1000 lbs (454 kg) EPCRA RQ
- SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Nitric acid, 1 % de minimis concentration. Selenic acid, 1 % de minimis concentration (related to selenium compounds).
- OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Regulated for nitric acid at higher concentrations  
500 lbs TQ ( $\geq 94.5$  % by weight).

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH:	Yes.
CHRONIC HEALTH:	No.
FIRE:	No.
REACTIVE:	No.
PRESSURE:	No.

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Nitric acid and selenic acid are listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:**

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Sources:** ChemAdvisor, Inc., SDS *Nitric Acid*, 20 March 2015.

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### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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