

## 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 by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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/physician

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
Wash contaminated clothing 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

### 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.

<b>Inhalation</b>	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.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	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
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

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

### NFPA

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
3	0	1	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	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

<b>Handling</b>	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
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swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Storage.**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from light. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Incompatible Materials. Bases. Carbonates. Cyanides. Sulfides.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

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.

**Personal Protective Equipment****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.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Yellow
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	254 °C / 489.2 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	negligible
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	3.9
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	HAuCl <sub>4</sub> .3H <sub>2</sub> O
Molecular Weight	393.83

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard**

None known, based on information available

<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic. Light sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Protect from light. Protect from moisture. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Bases, Carbonates, Cyanides, Sulfides
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Chlorine, Hydrogen chloride gas
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Irritation</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	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

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.
<b>Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation</b>	No information available.
<b>Mobility</b>	Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

### 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Waste Disposal Methods</b>	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.
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### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3260
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
<b>Technical Name</b>	Gold chloride, trihydrate
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

#### TDG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3260
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

#### IATA

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3260
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

#### IMDG/IMO

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3260
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	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 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**

<b>SARA 313</b>	Not applicable
<b>SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories</b>	See section 2 for more information
<b>CWA (Clean Water Act)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Clean Air Act</b>	Not applicable
<b>OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b>	Not applicable
<b>CERCLA</b>	Not applicable
<b>California Proposition 65</b>	This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.
<b>U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations</b>	Not applicable

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

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

<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>	This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.
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**Other International Regulations**

<b>Mexico - Grade</b>	No information available
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**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH****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

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

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<b>Revision Summary</b>	This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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