

# Germanium tetrafluoride

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Product form : Substance  
 Substance name : Germanium tetrafluoride  
 CAS No : 7783-58-6  
 Product code : M032-2-04  
 Formula : F4Ge  
 Synonyms : Germanium(IV) fluoride  
 Other means of identification : MFCD00042536

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : Laboratory chemicals  
 Manufacture of substances  
 Scientific research and development

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : (844) 523-4086 (3E Company - Account 10069)

### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### Classification (GHS-US)

Simple Asphy	H380 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation
Liquefied gas	H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
Acute Tox. 1 (Inhalation)	H330 - Fatal if inhaled
Skin Corr. 1A	H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Eye Dam. 1	H318 - Causes serious eye damage
STOT SE 3	H335 - May cause respiratory irritation
STOT RE 1	H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



Signal word (GHS-US) :

Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-US) :

H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated  
 H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
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 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
 H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
 H380 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) :

P260 - Do not breathe fumes, gas, mist, spray, vapors  
 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 - In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory 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/shower

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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 POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician  
P314 - Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell  
P320 - Specific treatment is urgent (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label)  
P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label)  
P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
P405 - Store locked up  
P410+P403 - Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards not contributing to the classification : May cause frostbite.

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

Substance type : Mono-constituent

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-US)
Germanium tetrafluoride (Main constituent)	(CAS No) 7783-58-6	<= 100	Simple Asphy, H380 Liquefied gas, H280 Acute Tox. 1 (Inhalation), H330 Skin Corr. 1A, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT SE 3, H335 STOT RE 1, H372

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). Move the affected personnel away from the contaminated area.

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. In case of skin contact, wearing rubber gloves rub 2.5% calcium gluconate gel continuously into the affected area for 1.5 hours or until further medical care is available. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after eye contact : Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Due to its physical form, exposure to this chemical is not likely. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth out with water. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/injuries : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.

Symptoms/injuries after inhalation : May cause drowsiness or dizziness. Material is destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Cough, shortness of breath, headache, nausea.

Symptoms/injuries after skin contact : Contact with the liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

Symptoms/injuries after eye contact : Direct contact with the liquefied gas may cause severe and possibly permanent eye injury due to frostbite from rapid liquid evaporation.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically. Absorption of excessive F- can result in acute systemic fluorosis with hypocalcemia, interference with various metabolic functions and organ damage (heart, liver, kidneys).

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### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Alcohol resistant foam. Carbon dioxide. Dry powder. Water spray. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard : Thermal decomposition generates: Germanium oxides. Hydrogen fluoride.  
Explosion hazard : Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers.

#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.  
Protection during firefighting : Wear gas tight chemically protective clothing in combination with self contained breathing apparatus. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Ensure adequate air ventilation. May cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapor or spray.

##### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures : Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene.

##### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".  
Emergency procedures : Gas/vapor heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment : Stop leak if safe to do so.  
Methods for cleaning up : Ventilate area.  
Other information : For disposal of solid materials or residues refer to section 13 : "Disposal considerations".

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

No additional information available

### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Additional hazards when processed : Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Close valve after each use and when empty.  
Precautions for safe handling : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Do not breathe fumes, gas, mist, spray, vapors. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
Safe handling of the gas receptacle : Securely chain cylinders when in use and protect against physical damage.  
Hygiene measures : Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations.  
Storage conditions : Protect from sunlight. Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50 °C. Keep container closed when not in use.  
Incompatible materials : Refer to Section 10 on Incompatible Materials.  
Storage area : Store in dry, cool, well-ventilated area.

### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

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### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakage. Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released. Gas detectors should be used when toxic gases may be released.
Hand protection	: Protective gloves. 29 CFR 1910.138: Hand Protection.
Eye protection	: Chemical goggles or safety glasses. Face shield. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection.
Skin and body protection	: Wear suitable protective clothing.
Respiratory protection	: In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. 29 CFR 1910.134: Respiratory Protection.
Thermal hazard protection	: Cold insulating gloves.
Other information	: Safety shoes. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Gas
Color	: No data available
Odor	: No data available
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point	: -15 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: -37 - -35 °C
Flash point	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Explosion limits	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: 100.0 kPa (@ -36.5 °C)
Relative density	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Specific gravity / density	: 2.46 g/ml (@ 20 °C)
Molecular mass	: 148.63 g/mol
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

No additional information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

The product is stable at normal handling and storage conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No additional information available

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Moisture.

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### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Acids. Calcium oxide. Metals. Organic materials. Silicates. Water.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire, see Section 5.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Inhalation: Fatal if inhaled.

Germanium tetrafluoride (7783-58-6)	
LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	326 ppm/1h
ATE US (gases)	163.000 ppmV/4h

Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: May cause respiratory irritation.
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: May cause drowsiness or dizziness. Material is destructive to tissue of the mucuous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Cough, shortness of breath, headache, nausea.
Symptoms/injuries after skin contact	: Contact with the liquid the may cause cold burns/frostbite.
Symptoms/injuries after eye contact	: Direct contact with the liquefied gas may cause severe and possibly permanent eye injury due to frostbite from rapid liquid evaporation.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

No additional information available

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment methods	: Remove to an authorized incinerator equipped with an afterburner and a flue gas scrubber.
Waste disposal recommendations	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
Additional information	: Recycle the material as far as possible.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN3304 Compressed gas, toxic, corrosive, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B), 2.3

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UN-No.(DOT)	: UN3304
Proper Shipping Name (DOT)	: Compressed gas, toxic, corrosive, n.o.s. Inhalation Hazard Zone B
Transport hazard class(es) (DOT)	: 2.3 - Class 2.3 - Poisonous gas 49 CFR 173.115
Hazard labels (DOT)	: 2.3 - Poison gas 8 - Corrosive



DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 302;305
DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 314;315
DOT Symbols	: G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name, I - Proper shipping name appropriate for international and domestic transportation
DOT Special Provisions (49 CFR 172.102)	: 2 - This material is poisonous by inhalation (see 171.8 of this subchapter) in Hazard Zone B (see 173.116(a) or 173.133(a) of this subchapter), and must be described as an inhalation hazard under the provisions of this subchapter. B9 - Bottom outlets are not authorized. B14 - Each bulk packaging, except a tank car or a multi-unit-tank car tank, must be insulated with an insulating material so that the overall thermal conductance at 15.5 C (60 F) is no more than 1.5333 kilojoules per hour per square meter per degree Celsius (0.075 Btu per hour per square foot per degree Fahrenheit) temperature differential. Insulating materials must not promote corrosion to steel when wet.
DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: None
DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27)	: Forbidden
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75)	: Forbidden
DOT Vessel Stowage Location	: D - The material must be stowed "on deck only" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel carrying a number of passengers limited to not more than the larger of 25 passengers or one passenger per each 3 m of overall vessel length, but the material is prohibited on passenger vessels in which the limiting number of passengers is exceeded.
DOT Vessel Stowage Other	: 40 - Stow "clear of living quarters"
Other information	: No supplementary information available.

### TDG

No additional information available

### Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG)	: 3304
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG)	: COMPRESSED GAS, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, N.O.S.
Class (IMDG)	: 2 - Gases

### Air transport

UN-No. (IATA)	: 3304
Proper Shipping Name (IATA)	: Compressed gas, toxic, corrosive, n.o.s.
Class (IATA)	: 2

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### Germanium tetrafluoride (7783-58-6)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

#### Germanium tetrafluoride (7783-58-6)

Listed on the Canadian NDSL (Non-Domestic Substances List)

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### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

### National regulations

#### Germanium tetrafluoride (7783-58-6)

Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)

Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)

### 15.3. US State regulations

No additional information available

## SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-phrases:

Acute Tox. 1 (Inhalation)	Acute toxicity (inhalation) Category 1
Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1
Liquefied gas	Gases under pressure Liquefied gas
Simple Asphy	Simple Asphyxiant
Skin Corr. 1A	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A
STOT RE 1	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) Category 1
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
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NFPA health hazard

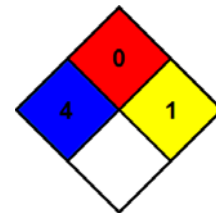
: 4 - Very short exposure could cause death or serious residual injury even though prompt medical attention was given.

NFPA fire hazard

: 0 - Materials that will not burn.

NFPA reactivity

: 1 - Normally stable, but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures or may react with water with some release of energy, but not violently.



HMIS III Rating

Health

: 4 Severe Hazard - Life-threatening, major or permanent damage may result from single or repeated overexposures

\* - Chronic (long-term) health effects may result from repeated overexposure

Flammability

: 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn

Physical

: 1 Slight Hazard - Materials that are normally stable but can become unstable (self-react) at high temperatures and pressures. Materials may react non-violently with water or undergo hazardous polymerization in the absence of inhibitors.

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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