Material Safety Data Sheet
Thionyl chloride MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Thionyl chloride

**Catalog Codes:** 11843

**CAS#:** 7719-09-7

**RTECS:** XM5150000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Thionyl chloride

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** Sulfurous oxychloride; Sulfinyl chloride; Sulfur chloride oxide; Sulfurous dichloride; Thionyl dichloride

**Chemical Name:** Thionyl chloride

**Chemical Formula:** Cl$_2$OS

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

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**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Thionyl chloride: VAPOR (LC50): Acute: 500 ppm 1 hours [Rat].

Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, permeator), of eye contact (corrosive). Liquid or spray mist may produce tissue damage particularly on mucous membranes of eyes, mouth and respiratory tract. Skin contact may produce burns. Inhalation of the spray mist may produce severe irritation of respiratory tract, characterized by coughing, choking, or shortness of breath. Severe over-exposure can result in death. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance may be toxic to upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated or prolonged contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection. Repeated exposure to a highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.
Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact:
Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin Contact:
In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

Serious Skin Contact:
Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

Inhalation:
If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

Serious Inhalation:
Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention.

Ingestion:
Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product: Non-flammable.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Flash Points: Not applicable.

Flammable Limits: Not applicable.

Products of Combustion: Not available.

Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances: Not applicable.

Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

Fire Fighting Media and Instructions: Not applicable.

Special Remarks on Fire Hazards: When heated to decomposition it emits toxic fumes.

Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:
It will explode in the presence of several chemicals: Azidoacetylacid, Chlorylperchlorate, N,N-Dimethylformamide, Dimethyl sulfoxide and acyl halides, Hexafluoropropylideneaminolithium, Linseed oil + quinoline, o-Nitrobenzoylatic acid, p-Nitrobenzoyl and cold ammonia solution, o-Nitrophenylacetic acid; Sodium hydroxide, Sulfur dioxide, Toluene + ethanol+ water, water.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures
### Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**
Keep container dry. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep away from direct sunlight or strong incandescent light. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Never add water to this product. Avoid shock and friction. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as metals, acids, alkalis, moisture.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.

### Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**
Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:**

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**
Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:**
CEIL: 1 (ppm) from OSHA (PEL) [United States] CEIL: 1 from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] CEIL: 1 (ppm) from NIOSH [United States] TWA: 1 (ppm) [Denmark] STEL: 1 (ppm) [Belgium] STEL: 1 (ppm) [United Kingdom (UK)] Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid. (Fuming liquid.)

**Odor:** Suffocating.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 118.98 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless to light yellow.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** 76°C (168.8°F)

**Melting Point:** -104.5°C (-156.1°F) Decomposition temperature: >140 deg. C

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.638 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure: 13.3 kPa (@ 21°C)
Vapor Density: 4.1 (Air = 1)
Volatile: Not available.
Odor Threshold: Not available.
Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.
Ionicity (in Water): Not available.
Dispersion Properties: Not available.
Solubility: Insoluble in cold water. Miscible with chloroform, benzene, carbon tetrachloride

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.
Instability Temperature: Not available.
Conditions of Instability: Incompatible materials, moisture/moist air, temperatures above 140 deg. C
Incompatibility with various substances:
Reactive with metals, acids, alkalis, moisture. The product may undergo hazardous decomposition, condensation or polymerization, it may react violently with water to emit toxic gases or it may become self-reactive under conditions of shock or increase in temperature or pressure.
Corrosivity: Non-corrosive in presence of glass.
Special Remarks on Reactivity:
Thionyl chloride fumes on exposure to moist air. In the presence of moisture/water it decomposes and liberates toxic gases of hydrogen chloride and sulfur dioxide. Decomposes when heated above 140 deg. C forming chlorine, sulfur dioxide, sulfur monochloride, hydrogen chloride. Thionyl chloride decomposes in acids, alcohols, alkalies. It is also incompatible with amines, ammonia, chloryl perchlorate, dimethyl sulfoxide, hexafluoro isopropylidene amino lithium, linseed oil, quinoline, sodium, sulfanyl chloride, N,N-Dimethylformamide, metals. It reacts with Grignard reagents to form suloxides.
Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.
Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Absorbed through skin. Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.
Toxicity to Animals:
WARNING: THE LC50 VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE. Acute toxicity of the vapor (LC50): 500 1 hours [Rat].
Chronic Effects on Humans: May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes.
Other Toxic Effects on Humans:
Extremely hazardous in case of inhalation (lung corrosive). Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion. Hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, permeator), of eye contact (corrosive).
Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.
Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.
Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:
inhaled. Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract. Inhalation may be fatal as a result of spasm, inflammation, edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis, and pulmonary edema. Toxic exposure to fumes of Thionyl chloride reacting with water may result in delayed pulmonary response, bronchiolitis Obliterans (inflammation of the bronchioles). Ingestion: Corrosive. Harmful if swallowed. Causes gastrointestinal/digestive tract burns. May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract.

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**
Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are more toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**
Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Class 8: Corrosive material

**Identification:** Thionyl chloride UNNA: 1836 PG: I

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**
Connecticut hazardous material survey: Thionyl chloride Illinois toxic substances disclosure to employee act: Thionyl chloride Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Thionyl chloride Pennsylvania RTK: Thionyl chloride Florida: Thionyl chloride Minnesota: Thionyl chloride Massachusetts RTK: Thionyl chloride Massachusetts spill list: Thionyl chloride New Jersey: Thionyl chloride California Director's List of Hazardous Substances: Thionyl chloride TSCA 8(b) inventory: Thionyl chloride

**Other Regulations:**

**Other Classifications:**
WHMIS (Canada):
CLASS D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (VERY TOXIC). CLASS E: Corrosive liquid. CLASS F: Dangerously reactive material.

DSCL (EEC):

HMIS (U.S.A.):
- **Health Hazard:** 3
- **Fire Hazard:** 0
- **Reactivity:** 2
Personal Protection:

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

- **Health:** 4
- **Flammability:** 0
- **Reactivity:** 2
- **Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**
Gloves. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Face shield.

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**Section 16: Other Information**

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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