

## 1 Identification

### Product identifier

**Product name:** Sulfur hexafluoride

**Stock number:** 20925

**CAS Number:**

2551-62-4

**EC number:**

219-854-2

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

**Identified use:** SU24 Scientific research and development

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

#### Manufacturer/Supplier:

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**Emergency telephone number:**

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## 2 Hazard(s) identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**



GHS04 Gas cylinder

Press. Gas H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.



GHS07

Skin Irrit. 2 H315 Causes skin irritation.

Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

STOT SE 3 H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

**Hazards not otherwise classified** No information known.

### Label elements

**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

### Hazard pictograms



GHS04 GHS07

### Signal word

Warning

### Hazard statements

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

### Precautionary statements

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P405 Store locked up.

P410 Protect from sunlight.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

### WHMIS classification

A - Compressed gas

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects



### Classification system

**HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**

**(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH **3** Health (acute effects) = 3

FIRE **0** Flammability = 0

REACTIVITY **1** Physical Hazard = 1

### Other hazards

### Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT:** Not applicable.

**vPvB:** Not applicable.

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

**Chemical characterization:** Substances

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4 First-aid measures

**Description of first aid measures**  
**After inhalation**  
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.  
Seek immediate medical advice.  
**After skin contact**  
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.  
Rub in calcium gluconate solution or calcium gluconate gel immediately.  
Seek immediate medical advice.  
**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.  
**After swallowing** Seek medical treatment.  
**Information for doctor**  
**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.  
**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

**Extinguishing media**  
**Suitable extinguishing agents** Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.  
**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:  
Hydrogen fluoride (HF)  
Sulfur oxides (SOx)  
**Advice for firefighters**  
**Protective equipment:**  
Wear self-contained respirator.  
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.  
**Ensure adequate ventilation**  
**Environmental precautions:** Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.  
**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:** Ensure adequate ventilation.  
**Prevention of secondary hazards:** No special measures required.  
**Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

**Handling**  
**Precautions for safe handling**  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.  
**Information about protection against explosions and fires:** The product is not flammable  
**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**  
**Storage**  
**Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Unsuitable material for container: ceramic, glass  
**Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Reacts with disilanes.  
**Further information about storage conditions:**  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.  
**Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

**Additional information about design of technical systems:**  
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.  
**Control parameters**  
**Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

Fluorides (as F)	
mg/m3	
ACGIH TLV	2.5
Austria MAK	2.5
Belgium TWA	2.5
Finland TWA	2.5
France TWA	2.5
Germany MAK	2.5
Hungary TWA	1; 2-STEL
Netherlands MAC-K	3.5
Norway TWA	0.6
Poland TWA	1; 3-STEL
Sweden NGV	2
Switzerland MAK-W	1.5; 3-KZG-W
United Kingdom TWA	2.5
Russia TWA	2
Denmark TWA	2.5
USA PEL	2.5

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PEL (USA)	Long-term value: 6000 mg/m³, 1000 ppm
REL (USA)	Long-term value: 6000 mg/m³, 1000 ppm
TLV (USA)	Long-term value: 5970 mg/m³, 1000 ppm
EL (Canada)	Long-term value: 1000 ppm
EV (Canada)	Long-term value: 5.970 mg/m³, 1.000 ppm

**Additional information:** No data

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**Exposure controls**  
**Personal protective equipment**  
**General protective and hygienic measures**  
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.  
**Breathing equipment:** Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.  
**Protection of hands:**  
Impervious gloves  
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.  
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.  
**Penetration time of glove material (in minutes)** Not determined  
**Eye protection:** Safety glasses  
**Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

**9 Physical and chemical properties**

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

**General Information**

**Appearance:**

**Form:** Compressed gas  
**Color:** Colorless  
**Odor:** Odorless  
**Odor threshold:** Not determined.

**pH-value:** Not determined.

**Change in condition**

**Melting point/Melting range:** -50.5 °C (-59 °F)  
**Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined  
**Sublimation temperature / start:** Not determined

**Flash point:** Not applicable  
**Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Not determined.  
**Ignition temperature:** Not determined  
**Decomposition temperature:** Not determined  
**Auto igniting:** Not determined.

**Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

**Explosion limits:**

**Lower:** Not determined  
**Upper:** Not determined  
**Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):** >1010.8 hPa (>758 mm Hg)  
**Density at 20 °C (68 °F):** 1.67 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (13.936 lbs/gal)  
**Relative density** Not determined.  
**Vapor density** Not determined.  
**Evaporation rate** Not applicable.  
**Solubility in / Miscibility with**  
**Water:** Easily soluble  
**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.  
**Viscosity:**  
**dynamic:** Not determined.  
**kinematic:** Not determined.  
**Other information** No further relevant information available.

**10 Stability and reactivity**

**Reactivity** No information known.  
**Chemical stability** Stable under recommended storage conditions.  
**Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.  
**Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known  
**Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.  
**Incompatible materials:** No information known.  
**Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Hydrogen fluoride  
Sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)

**11 Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity:** No effects known.  
**LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:** No data  
**Skin irritation or corrosion:** Causes skin irritation.  
**Eye irritation or corrosion:** Causes serious eye irritation.  
**Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.  
**Germ cell mutagenicity:** No effects known.  
**Carcinogenicity:**  
IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.  
ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.  
**Reproductive toxicity:** No effects known.  
**Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:** No effects known.  
**Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:** May cause respiratory irritation.  
**Aspiration hazard:** No effects known.  
**Subacute to chronic toxicity:**  
Fluorides may cause salivation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, followed by weakness, tremors, shallow respiration, convulsions and coma. May cause brain and kidney damage. Chronic fluoride poisoning can cause severe bone changes, loss of weight, anorexia, anemia and dental defects.  
**Subacute to chronic toxicity:** No effects known.  
**Additional toxicological information:** To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

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**12 Ecological information**

**Toxicity**  
**Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.  
**Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.  
**Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.  
**Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.  
**Additional ecological information:**  
**General notes:**  
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
Avoid transfer into the environment.  
**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**  
**PBT:** Not applicable.  
**vPvB:** Not applicable.  
**Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.



**13 Disposal considerations**

**Waste treatment methods**  
**Recommendation** Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.  
**Uncleaned packagings:**  
**Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.  
**Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

**14 Transport information**

<b>UN-Number</b> <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b>	UN1080
<b>UN proper shipping name</b> <b>DOT</b> <b>IMDG, IATA</b>	Sulfur hexafluoride SULPHUR HEXAFLUORIDE
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b> <b>DOT</b>  <b>Class</b> <b>Label</b> <b>Class</b> <b>Label</b> <b>IMDG, IATA</b>  <b>Class</b> <b>Label</b>	   2.2 2.2 2 2A Gases 2.2   2.2 2.2
<b>Packing group</b> <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b>	Not applicable
<b>Environmental hazards:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Special precautions for user</b>	Warning: Gases
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Transport/Additional information:</b> <b>DOT</b> <b>Marine Pollutant (DOT):</b> <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	  No UN1080, Sulfur hexafluoride, 2.2

**15 Regulatory information**

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**  
**GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)  
**Hazard pictograms**  
  
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**National regulations**  
All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.  
**SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)** Substance is not listed.  
**California Proposition 65**  
**Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer** Substance is not listed.  
**Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity** Substance is not listed.

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Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.  
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.  
Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.  
Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations  
Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.  
The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.  
Substance is not listed.  
Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.  
Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing SDS: Global Marketing Department

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

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