

# Sulfur hexafluoride

## Safety Data Sheet M016202

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Product form : Substance  
 Substance name : Sulfur hexafluoride  
 CAS No : 2551-62-4  
 Product code : M016-2-02  
 Formula : F<sub>6</sub>S  
 Other means of identification : MFCD00011447

#### 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

SynQuest Laboratories, Inc.  
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[info@synquestlabs.com](mailto:info@synquestlabs.com) - [www.synquestlabs.com](http://www.synquestlabs.com)

#### 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)

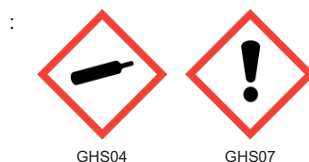
Simple Asphy H380 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation  
 Liquefied gas H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated  
 STOT SE 3 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US)



GHS04

GHS07

Signal word (GHS-US)

: Warning

Hazard statements (GHS-US)

: H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated  
 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
 H380 - May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation

Precautionary statements (GHS-US)

: P261 - Avoid breathing fumes, gas, mist, spray, vapors  
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 P304+P340 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
 P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 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

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substance

Substance type : Mono-constituent

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-US)
Sulfur hexafluoride (Main constituent)	(CAS No) 2551-62-4	<= 100	Simple Asphy, H380 Liquefied gas, H280 STOT SE 3, H335

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

No additional information available

### 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: Hydrogen fluoride. Sulfur oxides.
- 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".

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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

Sulfur hexafluoride (2551-62-4)		
ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (ppm)	1000 ppm
ACGIH	Remark (ACGIH)	Asphyxia
OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m³)	6000 mg/m³
OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (ppm)	1000 ppm

### 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.  
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  
Appearance : Colorless gas.  
Color : Colorless  
Odor : odorless

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Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point	: -50.8 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: -64
Critical temperature	: 45.5 °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	: 334 psia (@ 21 °C)
Relative density	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Specific gravity / density	: 1.88 g/ml (@ -50.8 °C)
Molecular mass	: 146.05 g/mol
Solubility	: Water: 51.1 mg/l (at 20 °C)
Log Pow	: 1.68
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

Protect from sunlight. Do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50 °C. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Alkali metals. Finely divided metals (Al, Mg, Zn). Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.

### 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	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified

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Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: May cause respiratory irritation.
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
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

Sulfur hexafluoride (2551-62-4)	
Log Pow	1.68

#### 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	: UN1080 Sulfur hexafluoride, 2.2
UN-No.(DOT)	: UN1080
Proper Shipping Name (DOT)	: Sulfur hexafluoride
Transport hazard class(es) (DOT)	: 2.2 - Class 2.2 - Non-flammable compressed gas 49 CFR 173.115
Hazard labels (DOT)	: 2.2 - Non-flammable gas



DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 304
DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 314;315
DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 306
DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27)	: 75 kg
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75)	: 150 kg
DOT Vessel Stowage Location	: A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.
Emergency Response Guide (ERG) Number	: 126
Other information	: No supplementary information available.

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### TDG

No additional information available

### Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1080  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : SULPHUR HEXAFLUORIDE  
Class (IMDG) : 2 - Gases

### Air transport

UN-No. (IATA) : 1080  
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Sulphur hexafluoride  
Class (IATA) : 2

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### Sulfur hexafluoride (2551-62-4)

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

All components of this product are listed, or excluded from listing, on the United States Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory

This product or mixture does not contain a toxic chemical or chemicals in excess of the applicable de minimis concentration as specified in 40 CFR §372.38(a) subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

#### Sulfur hexafluoride (2551-62-4)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

WHMIS Classification	Class A - Compressed Gas
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### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

### National regulations

#### Sulfur hexafluoride (2551-62-4)

Listed on the AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)  
Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)  
Listed on the Japanese ENCS (Existing & New Chemical Substances) inventory  
Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)  
Listed on NZIoC (New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals)  
Listed on PICCS (Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances)  
Listed on the Canadian IDL (Ingredient Disclosure List)  
Listed on INSQ (Mexican national Inventory of Chemical Substances)  
Listed on Turkish inventory of chemical

### 15.3. US State regulations

#### Sulfur hexafluoride (2551-62-4)

State or local regulations	U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List
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California Proposition 65 - This product does not contain any substances known to the state of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive harm

## SECTION 16: Other information

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### Full text of H-phrases:

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STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated
H335	May cause respiratory irritation
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### NFPA health hazard

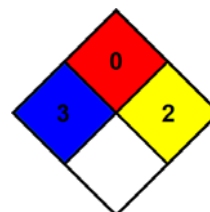
: 3 - Short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury even though prompt medical attention was given.

### NFPA fire hazard

: 0 - Materials that will not burn.

### NFPA reactivity

: 2 - Normally unstable and readily undergo violent decomposition but do not detonate. Also: may react violently with water or may form potentially explosive mixtures with water.



### HMIS III Rating

#### Health

: 2 Moderate Hazard - Temporary or minor injury may occur

#### Flammability

: 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn

#### Physical

: 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that are normally stable, even under fire conditions, and will NOT react with water, polymerize, decompose, condense, or self-react. Non-Explosives.

### SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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