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## Material Safety Data Sheet Tetrachloroethylene MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Tetrachloroethylene

**Catalog Codes:** SLT3220

**CAS#:** 127-18-4

**RTECS:** KX3850000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Tetrachloroethylene

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** Perchloroethylene; 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethylene; Carbon bichloride; Carbon dichloride; Ankilostin; Didakene; Dilatin PT; Ethene, tetrachloro-; Ethylene tetrachloride; Perawin; Perchlor; Perclene; Perclene D; Percosolvel; Tetrachloroethene; Tetraleno; Tetralex; Tetravec; Tetroguer; Tetropil

**Chemical Name:** Ethylene, tetrachloro-

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>2</sub>-Cl<sub>4</sub>

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Tetrachloroethylene: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 2629 mg/kg [Rat]. DERMAL (LD): Acute: >3228 mg/kg [Rabbit]. MIST(LC50): Acute: 34200 mg/m 8 hours [Rat]. VAPOR (LC50 ): Acute: 5200 ppm 4 hours [Mouse].

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

**CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS:** Classified A3 (Proven for animal.) by ACGIH. Classified 2A (Probable for human.) by IARC, 2 (anticipated carcinogen) by NTP.

**MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:** Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast.

**TERATOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available.

**DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** Not available.

The substance may be toxic to kidneys, liver, peripheral nervous system, respiratory tract, skin, central nervous system (CNS).

Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

#### 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 if irritation occurs.

**Skin Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**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. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**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:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**

Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Avoid contact with skin. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, metals, acids, alkalis.

**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.

**Personal Protection:**

Safety glasses. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**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:**

TWA: 25 (ppm) from OSHA (PEL) [United States]  
TWA: 25 STEL: 100 (ppm) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States]  
TWA: 170 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from OSHA (PEL) [United States]  
Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid.

**Odor:** Ethereal.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 165.83 g/mole

**Color:** Clear Colorless.

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

**Boiling Point:** 121.3°C (250.3°F)

**Melting Point:** -22.3°C (-8.1°F)

**Critical Temperature:** 347.1°C (656.8°F)

**Specific Gravity:** 1.6227 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** 1.7 kPa (@ 20°C)

**Vapor Density:** 5.7 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** 5 - 50 ppm

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** The product is more soluble in oil; log(oil/water) = 3.4

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** Not available.

**Solubility:**

Miscible with alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzene, hexane.

It dissolves in most of the fixed and volatile oils.

Solubility in water: 0.015 g/100 ml @ 25 deg. C

It slowly decomposes in water to yield Trichloroacetic and Hydrochloric acids.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Incompatible materials

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, metals, acids, alkalis.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:**

Oxidized by strong oxidizing agents.

Incompatible with sodium hydroxide, finely divided or powdered metals such as zinc, aluminum, magnesium, potassium, chemically active metals such as lithium, beryllium, barium.

Protect from light.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Slowly corrodes aluminum, iron, and zinc.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

WARNING: THE LC50 VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE.

Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 2629 mg/kg [Rat].

Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): >3228 mg/kg [Rabbit].

Acute toxicity of the vapor (LC50): 5200 4 hours [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified A3 (Proven for animal.) by ACGIH. Classified 2A (Probable for human.) by IARC, 2 (Some evidence.) by NTP.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast.

May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, peripheral nervous system, upper respiratory tract,

skin, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of inhalation.  
Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:**

Lowest Published Lethal Dose/Conc:  
LDL [Rabbit] - Route: Oral; Dose: 5000 mg/kg  
LDL [Dog] - Route: Oral; Dose: 4000 mg/kg  
LDL [Cat] - Route: Oral; Dose: 4000 mg/kg

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**

May cause adverse reproductive effects and birth defects(teratogenic).  
May affect genetic material (mutagenic).  
May cause cancer.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Acute Potential Health Effects:

Skin: Causes skin irritation with possible dermal blistering or burns. Symptoms may include redness, itching, pain, and possible dermal blistering or burns. It may be absorbed through the skin with possible systemic effects. A single prolonged skin exposure is not likely to result in the material being absorbed in harmful amounts.

Eyes: Contact causes transient eye irritation, lacrimation. Vapors cause eye/conjunctival irritation. Symptoms may include redness and pain.

Inhalation: The main route to occupational exposure is by inhalation since it is readily absorbed through the lungs. It causes respiratory tract irritation, . It can affect behavior/central nervous system (CNS depressant and anesthesia ranging from slight inebriation to death, vertigo, somnolence, anxiety, headache, excitement, hallucinations, muscle incoordination, dizziness, lightheadness, disorientation, seizures, emotional instability, stupor, coma). It may cause pulmonary edema

Ingestion: It can cause nausea, vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, bloody stool. It may affect the liver, urinary system (proteinuria, hematuria, renal failure, renal tubular disorder), heart (arrhythmias). It may affect behavior/central nervous system with symptoms similar to that of inhalation.

Chronic Potential Health Effects:

Skin: Prolonged or repeated skin contact may result in excessive drying of the skin, and irritation.

Ingestion/Inhalation: Chronic exposure can affect the liver(hepatitis,fatty liver degeneration), kidneys, spleen, and heart (irregular heartbeat/arrhythmias, cardiomyopathy, abnormal EEG), brain, behavior/central nervous system/peripheral nervous system (impaired memory, numbness of extremities, peripheral neuropathy and other

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:**

Ecotoxicity in water (LC50): 18.4 mg/l 96 hours [Fish (Fathead Minnow)]. 18 mg/l 48 hours [Daphnia (daphnia)]. 5 mg/l 96 hours [Fish (Rainbow Trout)]. 13 mg/l 96 hours [Fish (Bluegill sunfish)].

**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 product itself and its products of degradation are not 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 6.1: Poisonous material.

**Identification:** : Tetrachloroethylene UNNA: 1897 PG: III

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Marine Pollutant

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

### Federal and State Regulations:

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, which would require a warning under the statute:

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Connecticut hazardous material survey.: Tetrachloroethylene

Illinois toxic substances disclosure to employee act: Tetrachloroethylene

Illinois chemical safety act: Tetrachloroethylene

New York release reporting list: Tetrachloroethylene

Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Tetrachloroethylene

Pennsylvania RTK: Tetrachloroethylene

Minnesota: Tetrachloroethylene

Michigan critical material: Tetrachloroethylene

Massachusetts RTK: Tetrachloroethylene

Massachusetts spill list: Tetrachloroethylene

New Jersey: Tetrachloroethylene

New Jersey spill list: Tetrachloroethylene

Louisiana spill reporting: Tetrachloroethylene

California Director's List of Hazardous Substances: Tetrachloroethylene

TSCA 8(b) inventory: Tetrachloroethylene

TSCA 8(d) H and S data reporting: Tetrachloroethylene: Effective date: 6/1/87; Sunset date: 6/1/97

SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: Tetrachloroethylene

CERCLA: Hazardous substances.: Tetrachloroethylene: 100 lbs. (45.36 kg)

### Other Regulations:

OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

### Other Classifications:

#### WHMIS (Canada):

CLASS D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC).

CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

#### DSCL (EEC):

R40- Possible risks of irreversible effects.

R51/53- Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

S23- Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray

S26- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S37- Wear suitable gloves.

S61- Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheets.

#### HMIS (U.S.A.):

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** g

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

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves.

Lab coat.

Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.

Safety glasses.

## Section 16: Other Information

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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