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**MSDS****Material Safety Data Sheet**

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24 Hour Emergency Telephone: 800-858-2151  
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

National Response in Canada  
CANUTEC: 613-956-6666

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Chemtrec: 703-537-3887

NOTE: CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

# ALUMINUM CHLORIDE

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Aluminum trichloride hexahydrate; aluminum(III) chloride hexahydrate

**CAS No.:** 7446-70-0 Anhydrous; (7784-13-6 Hexahydrate)

**Molecular Weight:** 241.43

**Chemical Formula:** AlCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 0498, 0500

Mallinckrodt: 3132, 3148

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Aluminum Chloride	7446-70-0	100%	Yes

## 3. Hazards Identification

**Emergency Overview**

**CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

**J.T. Baker SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup> Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)**

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Health Rating: 1 - Slight  
Flammability Rating: 0 - None  
Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight  
Contact Rating: 1 - Slight  
Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT  
Storage Color Code: Orange (General Storage)

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#### **Potential Health Effects**

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##### **Inhalation:**

May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing and shortness of breath.

##### **Ingestion:**

Low single dose toxicity. Ingestion of large amounts may cause nausea, vomiting and abdominal spasms.

##### **Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation.

##### **Eye Contact:**

May cause irritation, redness and pain.

##### **Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

##### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems or impaired respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

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## **4. First Aid Measures**

##### **Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

##### **Ingestion:**

Give several glasses of water to drink to dilute. If large amounts were swallowed, get medical advice.

##### **Skin Contact:**

Remove any contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

##### **Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

**Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Water, carbon dioxide, or dry chemical.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat, moisture and incompatibilities. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA) soluble salts as Al

**Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

**Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest.. A full-face piece particulate respirator

(NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

**WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

**Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

**Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

White crystalline powder.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in water and alcohol.

**Density:**

2.4

**pH:**

No information found.

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

Not applicable.

**Melting Point:**

100C (212F) Decomposes.

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

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

May emit toxic chloride fumes when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Water, moist air.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Moisture.

## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral rat LD50: 3311 mg/Kg. Oral mouse LD50: 770 mg/kg. Irritation data: Skin human 7500 ug/3D-I mild. Investigated as a mutagen and reproductive effector.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----			
Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Aluminum Chloride (7446-70-0)	No	No	None

## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

Aluminum chloride hydrolyzes in water to aluminum hydroxide and hydrochloric acid.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

## 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

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