

FERRIC CHLORIDE

415-LIQUID

# Safety Data Sheet

## Section 1: Identification



### Product Identifier and Other Means of Identification

**Product Name:** 415**Other Means of Identification:** Ferric Chloride**Related Part #** 415-500ML, 415-1L, 415-4L, 415-20L

### Recommended Use and Restriction on Use

**Use:** Etchant for printed circuit boards and photoengraving processes**Uses Advised Against:** Not available

### Details of Manufacturer or Importer

**Manufacturer**MG Chemicals  
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### Emergency Phone Number



**For hazardous material incidents ONLY** (leaks, spills, fires, exposures or accidents) USA or CANADA—Call CHEMTREC at **+1-800-424-9300****For emergencies involving the transport of dangerous goods;** 24/7 service CANADA—Call CANUTEC collect at **+1-613-996-6666** or **\*666** on cellular phones

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**Section 2: Hazard(s) Identification**
**Classification of Hazardous Chemical**
**GHS Categories**

Criteria	Category	Signal Word	Pictograms
Eye Damage	1B	Danger	Corrosion
Corrosive to Metals	1	Warning	Corrosion
Skin Irritation	2	Danger	Exclamation
Acute Toxicity	4	Warning	Exclamation
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment	3	none	none
			Oral
			Acute

*Note:* The degree of severity is ranked within each hazard class from 1 (Highest Severity) to up to 5 (Lowest Severity), which is opposite to HMIS and NFPA conventions. Severity category rankings do not allow comparisons between classes.

**Label Elements**

<b>Signal Word</b>	<b>DANGER</b>
<b>Pictograms</b>	<b>Hazard Statements</b>
	H318: Causes serious eye damage H290: May be corrosive to metals
	H315: Causes skin irritation H302: Harmful if swallowed
<i>No symbol mandated</i>	H402: Harmful to aquatic life

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<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Precautionary Statements</b>
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling.
P280	Wear eye protection/face protection/protective gloves.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
<b>Response</b>	<b>Precautionary Statements</b>
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage.
P305 + P351 + P338, P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P362 + P364	Take off all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
P330	Rinse mouth.
<b>Storage</b>	<b>Precautionary Statements</b>
P406	Store in corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner lining.
<b>Disposal</b>	<b>Precautionary Statements</b>
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance to local/regional/international regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified**

<b>Other Criteria</b>	<b>Hazard Statements/Precautionary Statement</b>	<b>Signal Word</b>	<b>Pictograms</b>
None	None	None	None

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**Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients**

CAS #	Chemical Name	% (weight)
7705-08-0	iron trichloride (FeCl <sub>3</sub> )	37–42%
7647-01-0	hydrochloric acid	1.0%
7758-94-3	iron dichloride (FeCl <sub>2</sub> )	<1.0%

**Section 4: First-Aid Measures**

<i>Exposure Condition</i>	<i>GHS Code/Symptoms/Precautionary Statements</i>
<b>IF IN EYES</b>	P305 + P351 + P338, P310
<b>Immediate Symptoms</b>	<i>burns, severe irritation, redness, pain</i>
<b>Response</b>	Rinse cautiously with water for 30 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE/doctor
<b>IF ON SKIN</b>	P302 + P352, P362 + P364, P332 + 313
<b>Immediate Symptoms</b>	<i>redness, pain, brown stain on skin</i>
<b>Response</b>	Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs. Get medical advice/attention. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
<b>IF INHALED</b>	P304 + P340
<b>Immediate Symptoms</b>	<i>irritation, cough, sore throat</i>
<b>Response</b>	Remove person to fresh air (out of the contaminated zone) and keep comfortable for breathing.
<b>IF SWALLOWED</b>	P301 + P312, P330
<b>Immediate Symptoms</b>	<i>abdominal pain, irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</i>
<b>Response</b>	Rinse mouth. If you feel unwell, call a POISON CENTRE/doctor.

**FERRIC CHLORIDE****415-LIQUID****Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures**

<b>Extinguishing Media</b>	In case of fire: Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding material.
<b>Specific Hazards</b>	Not flammable or combustible. Produces irritating and toxic fumes in fires or in contact with hot surfaces.  Prolonged contact with metals in an enclosed space may produce explosive quantities of hydrogen gas.
<b>Combustion Products</b>	At high temperatures (>200 °C), toxic and corrosive gases including chlorine, hydrogen chloride, and iron oxides are formed.
<b>Fire-Fighter</b>	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn-out gear.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

<b>Personal Protection</b>	See personal protection recommendations in Section 8.
<b>Precautions for Response</b>	Avoid breathing the mist/spray/fumes.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Avoid releasing to the environment. Prevent spill from entering drains and waterways. Do not flush to sewer.
<b>Containment Methods</b>	Contain with inert and non-flammable absorbent (such as soil, sand, vermiculite).
<b>Cleaning Methods</b>	Neutralize with lime ( $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ or $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) or soda ash/sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ). Collect liquid in a plastic container. Wash spill area with soap and water to remove the last traces of residue.
<b>Disposal Methods</b>	Dispose of spill waste according to Section 13.

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**Section 7: Handling and Storage**

<b>Prevention</b>	<p>Keep out of reach of children.</p> <p>Keep only in original container.</p> <p>Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.</p> <p>Take off all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.</p> <p>Avoid release to the environment.</p>
<b>Handling</b>	<p>Wash thoroughly after handling.</p> <p>Wear eye protection/face protection/protective gloves.</p>
<b>Storage</b>	<p>Store in corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner lining.</p>

**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

**Substances with Occupational Exposure Limit Values**

Chemical Name	Country	Long Term Exposure Limits (PEL)	Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)
iron trichloride <sup>a)</sup> (soluble iron salt)	ACGIH	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not established
	U.S.A. OSHA PEL	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not established
	Canada AB	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not established
	Canada BC	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not established
	Canada ON	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not established
	Canada QC	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not established
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Chemical Name	Country	Long Term Exposure Limits (PEL)	Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)
hydrogen chloride	ACGIH	Not established	2 ppm (Ceiling)
	U.S.A. OSHA PEL	Not established	5 ppm (Ceiling)
	Canada AB	Not established	2 ppm (Ceiling)
	Canada BC	Not established	4.7 ppm (Ceiling)
	Canada ON	Not established	4.7 ppm (Ceiling)
	Canada QC	Not established	5 ppm (Ceiling)

*Note:* Ingredients are listed in descending weight contribution order (from greatest to least). The ACGIH<sup>1</sup>, OSHA (Table Z-1), and Canadian provinces exposure limits were consulted. Limits from the RTECS<sup>2</sup> database and from suppliers' SDS were also consulted. Short term exposure limits (STEL) are for 15 min and long term permissible exposure limits (PEL) for 8 h.

a) Limit for iron salts, soluble as Fe

### Engineering Controls

**Ventilation** Keep airborne concentrations below the occupational exposure limits (OEL).

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye protection** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Ensure that glasses have side shields for lateral protection.

**Skin Protection** For likely contacts, use of protective butyl rubber or other chemically resistant gloves.

For incidental contacts, use nitrile or other chemically resistant gloves.

**Respiratory Protection** For over-exposures up to 10 x OEL of mist/vapors/spray, wear respirator such as a half-mask respirator with organic vapor cartridges.

Above 10 x OEL, use a positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consult your local safety supply store to ensure that your respirator has a NIOSH (U.S.) approved filter cartridges appropriate for the ingredients listed in Section 3. The respirator should be fitted to the employee by a professional. Ensure vapor cartridges are stored in sealed plastic bags when not being used.

**FERRIC CHLORIDE****415-LIQUID****General Hygiene Considerations**

Wash hands thoroughly with water and soap after handling.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	<b>Lower Flammability Limit</b>	Not applicable
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear, dark red-brown	<b>Upper Flammability Limit</b>	Not applicable
<b>Odor</b>	Slight acidic/iron	<b>Vapor Pressure @20 °C</b>	Negligible
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not available	<b>Vapor Density</b>	1 (Air = 1)
<b>pH</b>	<2	<b>Specific Gravity @25 °C</b>	1.38 - 1.49
<b>Freezing/Melting Point</b>	-50 °C [-58 °F]	<b>Solubility in Water</b>	Soluble
<b>Boiling Point</b>	110 °C [230 °F]	<b>Partition Coefficient</b>	Not available
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable	<b>Auto-ignition Temperature<sup>b)</sup></b>	Not available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	>1 (BuAc=1)	<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	Not available
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available	<b>Viscosity @25 °C</b>	Not available

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

<b>Reactivity</b>	Reacts with metals and alkalis (bases).
<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Chemically stable at normal temperatures and pressures
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid extreme heat, open flames, and incompatible substances.
<b>Incompatibilities</b>	Alkali metals, allyl chloride, ethylene oxide, nylon, styrene, strong oxidizing agents, strong bases
<b>Polymerization</b>	Will not occur
<b>Decomposition</b>	Will not decompose under normal conditions. For thermal decomposition, see combustion products in Section 5.



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**Section 11: Toxicological Information**
**Summary of Effects and Symptoms by Routes of Exposure**

<b>Eyes</b>	Causes burns, severe irritation, redness, or pain.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes redness, pain, or brown stain on skin.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Inhalation of vapors or mist may cause irritation, coughing, or sore throat.  Exposure to large doses of hydrogen chloride can cause cough, labored breathing, and shortness of breath.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May cause severe irritation to the mouth, throat, esophagus, and stomach. In large doses, it may also cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.
<b>Chronic</b>	No known effects

**Acute Toxicity (Lethal Exposure Concentrations)**

Chemical Name	LD50 oral	LD50 dermal	LC50 inhalation
iron trichloride	316 mg/kg Rat	Not available	Not available
iron dichloride	300 mg/kg Rat	2 000 mg/kg Rat	Not available
hydrochloric acid	238—277 mg/kg Rat	5 010 mg/kg Rabbit <sup>a)</sup>	4.2 mg/L 1 h Rat (gas)

*Note:* Toxicity data from the RTECS<sup>2</sup> and ECHA databases were consulted. The data from supplier (M)SDSs were also consulted.

a) Monsanto reported value

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**FERRIC CHLORIDE****415-LIQUID****Other Toxicological Effects**

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/irritation</b>	Mixture causes severe eye damage.
<b>Sensitization</b> (allergic reactions)	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b> (risk of cancer)	Not classified or listed as a carcinogen under IARC, ACGIH, CA Prop 65, or NTP.
<b>Mutagenicity</b> (risk of heritable genetic effects)	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b> (risk to sex functions)	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Teratogenicity</b> (risk of fetus malformation)	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>STOT-single exposure</b>	Does not give rise to classification, because the concentration of hydrochloric acid is below the classification threshold.
<b>STOT-repeated exposure</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Section 12: Ecological Information**

Ecological classifications are based on the IMDG/GHS criteria in conjunction with ecotoxicological data from our suppliers, the European Chemical Agency database (<http://echa.europa.eu>), and other reliable sources.

Iron trichloride is a category 3 acute aquatic pollutant with a LC50 48 h of 23 mg/L for *Oryzias latipes*; EC50 9.6 mg/L *Daphnia magna* (water flea).

Iron dichloride is a category 3 acute aquatic pollutant with a LC50 96 h of 46.6 mg/L for *Oryzias latipes*; EC50 19.0 mg/L *Daphnia magna* (water flea).

Hydrochloric acid is a category 2 acute aquatic pollutant with a LC50 24 h of 4 mg/L for *Carassius auratus* (goldfish); EC50 48 h of 1.5 mg/L *Daphnia magna* (water flea).

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**Acute Ecotoxicity**

Category 3

Harmful to aquatic life

Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage

**Chronic Ecotoxicity**

Not available

**Biodegradability**

The content is not readily biodegradable.

**Other Effects**

Not available

**Section 13: Disposal Information**

Dispose of contents in accordance with all local, regional, national, and international regulations.

**Section 14: Transport Information**

**Ground**

**Refer to TDG regulations** (Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods regulations); **USA DOT 49 CFR** (Parts 100 to 185) **Regulations.**

Sizes 5 L and under

**Limited Quantity**



Sizes greater than 5 L

**UN number:** UN2582

**Shipping Name:** FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION

**Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** III

**Marine Pollutant:** No



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**Air**

Refer to ICAO-IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

Sizes 1 L and under  
**Limited Quantity**



Sizes up to 5 L (Passenger), 60 L (Cargo)

**UN number:** UN2582  
**Shipping Name:** FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION  
**Class:** 8  
**Packing Group:** III  
**Marine Pollutant:** No  
**Special Provision:** A803—Must use Packing Group II packaging.



**Sea**

Refer to IMDG regulations.

Sizes 5 L and under  
**Limited Quantity**



Sizes greater than 5 L

**UN number:** UN2582  
**Shipping Name:** FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION  
**Class:** 8  
**Packing Group:** III  
**Marine Pollutant:** No



*Note:* Shipper must be appropriately trained and certified before involvement with the transport of dangerous goods.

**Section 15: Regulatory Information****Canada****Domestic Substance List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substance Lists (NDSL)**

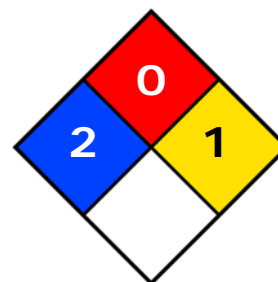
All hazardous ingredients are listed on the DSL/NDSL.

**Hazardous Products Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. H-3)**

The safety data sheet and label comply with the Hazardous Product Act and WHMIS 2015.

**USA****Other Classifications****HMIS® RATING**

<b>HEALTH:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>FLAMMABILITY:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PHYSICAL HAZARD:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTION:</b>	

**NFPA® 704 CODES**

*Approximate HMIS and NFPA Risk Ratings Legend:*

0 (Low or none); 1 (Slight); 2 (Moderate); 3 (Serious); 4 (Severe)

**CAA (Clean Air Act, USA)**

This product does not contain any class 1 ozone depleting substances.

This product does not contain any class 2 ozone depleting substances.

This product does not contain ingredients that are listed as hazardous air pollutants.

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**FERRIC CHLORIDE****415-LIQUID****EPCRA** (Emergency Planning and Right to Know Act, USA, 40 CFR 372.45)

This product contains iron dichloride (CAS# 7758-94-3; reportable quantity = 100 lb), iron trichloride (CAS# 7705-08-0; reportable quantity = 1 000 lb), and hydrochloric acid (CAS# 7647-01-0; reportable quantity = 5 000 lb), which can be subject to the CERCLA reporting requirements.

This product does not contain ingredient listed in section 313 Title III of the SARA of 1986 and 40 CFR part 372.

**TSCA** (Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, USA)

All substances are TSCA listed.

**California Proposition 65** (Chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, USA).

This product does not contain any listed substances in California.

**Europe****RoHS** (Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive)

This product does not contain any lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, PBB's, PBDE's, DEHP, BBP, DBP, or DIBP and complies with European RoHS regulations.

**WEEE** (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive)

This product is not a piece of electrical or electronics equipment, and is therefore not governed by this regulation.

**Section 16: Other Information****SDS Prepared by** Michel Hachey**Date of Issue** 04 January 2018**Supersedes** 24 March 2016**Reason for Changes:** Format changes in compliance with HCS2012 and WHMIS 2015.**Reference**

1) All toxicological data were checked against the RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances®)

2) ACGIH 2017 TLVs and BEIs: Based on the documentation of the threshold limit values for chemical substances and physical agents & biological exposure indices, American Conference of Governmental of Industrial Hygienist Cincinnati, OH (2017).

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**FERRIC CHLORIDE****415-LIQUID****Abbreviations**

ACGIH American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification of Labeling of Chemicals

LC50 Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50 Lethal Dose 50%

N/A Not Applicable

N/E Not Estimated

PEL Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL Short-Term Exposure Limit

TWA Time Weighted Average

VOC Volatile Organic Content

WEEL Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

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