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**MATERIAL
SAFETY
DATA SHEET**

PRODUCT NAME Chlorine	CAS# 7782-50-5
TRADE NAME AND SYNONYMS Chlorine	DOT I.D. NO. UN 1017
CHEMICAL NAME AND SYNONYMS Chlorine	DOT HAZARD CLASS Division 2.3 (Poison Gas)
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HEALTH HAZARD DATA

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW Chlorine is a greenish-yellow, toxic, nonflammable, oxidizing gas with a pungent, suffocating odor. It is irritating to the mucous membranes.
SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE <u>Inhalation:</u> Initial symptoms are irritation of the eyes, nose and throat becoming steadily worse, suffocating and painful. The irritation extends to the chest causing a cough reflex, which may be violent and painful and may include the discharge of blood or vomiting with eventual collapse. Other symptoms may include headache, general discomfort and anxiety. <u>Skin Contact:</u> May cause severe irritation and possible ulceration from chemical burns. <u>Eye Contact:</u> Cause painful burns and ulceration with inflammation of the conjunctiva, corneal opacity, iris atrophy and possible lens injury.
TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES PEL/TLV 0.5 ppm LC ₅₀ 293 ppm STEL 1 ppm IDLH 30 ppm
RECOMMENDED FIRSTAID TREATMENT PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE TO CHORINE. RESCUERS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH ADEQUATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE APPARATUS. <u>Inhalation:</u> Remove patients to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. Qualified personnel may give oxygen if breathing is difficult. <u>Skin Contact:</u> Remove contaminated clothing and flush affected area with water. <u>Eye Contact:</u> PERSONS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO CHLORINE SHOULD NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES. Immediately flush eyes with copious quantities of water and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes.

HAZARDOUS MIXTURES OF OTHER LIQUIDS, SOLIDS, OR GASES

High reactivity with organic and inorganic compounds may cause explosions and can cause or aggravate fires. Most hazardous reactions are with oxygen fluoride, oxygen difluoride, fluorine, ammonia, phosphorous and arsenic.

PHYSICAL DATA

BOILING POINT -33.97 °C	CRITICAL TEMPERATURE 144°C
MOLECULAR WEIGHT 70.906	CRITICAL PRESSURE 77.1 bar abs
SOLUBILITY IN WATER 0.7% @20 °C	DENSITY, GAS (21.1 °C, 1 atm) 2.98g/ml
EVAPORATION RATE N/A	SPECIFIC GRAVITY (AIR=1) 2.473 at 70°F
APPEARANCE AND ODOR Greenish-yellow gas with a pungent, suffocating odor. Amber colored liquid.	

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLASH POINT (Method used) N/A	AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE N/A	FLAMMABLE LIMITS % BY VOLUME LEL N/A UEL N/A	
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA Nonflammable gas. Use water to keep fire exposed cylinders cool. Shut-off cylinder when leaking. Wear full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus.			
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES In case of fire, move cylinders out of affected area immediately.			
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS Most combustible materials burn in Chlorine as they do in oxygen. Reacts explosively or forms explosive compounds with many chemicals likes acetylene, turpenine, ether, ammonia gas, hydrogen, and finely divided metals. Under intense heat and/or flame, the cylinder can rupture.			

REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY		CONDITIONS TO AVOID N/A
Unstable		
Stable	X	
INCOMPATIBILITY (Materials to avoid) Hydrocarbons, ammonia, ether, acetylene, reducing agents, combustible materials, strong oxidizer.		
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION		HAZARDOUS THERMAL DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS None.
May Occur		
Will Not Occur	X	

SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and protective clothing.
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. For emergency disposal assistance, contact HSG for specific advice.

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION (Specify type) Positive pressure air line with mask or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.	
VENTILATION Hood with forced ventilation.	SPECIAL N/A
MECHANICAL (Gen.) N/A	OTHER N/A
LOCAL EXHAUST To prevent accumulation of high concentrations so as to reduce the oxygen level in the air to less than 18 molar percent.	
PROTECTIVE GLOVES PVC, Teflon® or Kel-F®	
EYE PROTECTION Safety goggles or glasses	
OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT Safety shoes, safety shower, eyewash "fountain" and protective clothing.	

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS*

SPECIAL LABELING INFORMATION DOT Shipping Name: Chlorine DOT Shipping Label: Poison Gas and Corrosive	DOT Hazard Class: Division 2.3 I.D. No.: UN 1017
SPECIAL HANDLING RECOMMENDATIONS Use only in well-ventilated areas. Valve protection caps must remain in place unless cylinder is secured with valve outlet piped to use point. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Use a suitable hand truck for cylinder movement. Use a pressure-reducing regulator when connecting cylinder to lower pressure piping or system. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of product from the cylinder. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous back flow into the cylinder.	
SPECIAL STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS Protect cylinders from physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heavy traffic areas and emergency exits. Do not allow the temperature where cylinders are stored to exceed 130°F (54°C). Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Full and empty cylinders should be segregated. Use a "first in - first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders being stored for excessive periods of time.	
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS Because of chlorine's extreme toxicity; local, state, and federal agencies recommend that a continuous monitoring analytical system with alarm be installed to monitor the atmosphere wherever chlorine is being handled or used. Compressed gas cylinders should not be refilled except by qualified producers of compressed gases.	

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