



## Safety Data Sheet

Material Name: SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE

SDS ID: 00232338

### \*\*\* Section 1 - PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION\*\*\*

**Material Name:** SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE

#### Manufacturer Information

SPECIALTY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS  
1407 Pennsylvania Ave.  
South Houston, TX 77587

General Information: 713-944-0900  
Emergency #: 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC)  
Outside the US: 703-527-3887 (Call collect)

#### Chemical Family

inorganic, gas

#### Synonyms

(OC-6-11)-SULFUR FLUORIDE (SF6); SULFUR FLUORIDE (SF6); SULFUR FLUORIDE; SULPHUR HEXAFLUORIDE; HEXAFLUOROSULFUR; UN 1080; F6S; RTECS: WS4900000

### \*\*\* Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION\*\*\*

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**Color:** colorless

**Physical Form:** gas

**Odor:** odorless

**Health Hazards:** difficulty breathing

**Physical Hazards:** Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

##### Inhalation

**Short Term:** nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, fatigue, dizziness, emotional disturbances, tingling sensation, suffocation, convulsions, coma

**Long Term:** no information on significant adverse effects

##### Skin

**Short Term:** no information on significant adverse effects

**Long Term:** no information is available

##### Eye

**Short Term:** no information on significant adverse effects

**Long Term:** no information is available

##### Ingestion

**Short Term:** no information on significant adverse effects

**Long Term:** no information is available

### \*\*\* Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS\*\*\*

CAS	Component	Percent
2551-62-4	SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE	100

#### Component Related Regulatory Information

This product may be regulated, have exposure limits or other information identified as the following: Fluorides.

### \*\*\* Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES\*\*\*

#### Inhalation

If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

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## Skin

Wash exposed skin with soap and water.

## Eyes

Flush eyes with plenty of water.

## Ingestion

If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

## Note to Physicians

For inhalation, consider oxygen.

## \* \* \* Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES\* \* \*

See Section 9 for Flammability Properties

**NFPA Ratings: Health: 1 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0**

Hazard Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

## Flammable Properties

Negligible fire hazard. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

## Extinguishing Media

carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

Large fires: Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.

## Fire Fighting Measures

Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Stay away from the ends of tanks. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck, evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire. Cool containers with water spray until well after the fire is out. Apply water from a protected location or from a safe distance. Do not get water directly on material. Reduce vapors with water spray. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Consider downwind evacuation if material is leaking.

## Thermal Decomposition Products

**Combustion:** fluorinated compounds, oxides of sulfur, sulfur compounds, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen sulfide

## \* \* \* Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES\* \* \*

## Occupational spill/release

Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry.

Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.

## \* \* \* Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE\* \* \*

## Storage Procedures

Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store below 49 C. Avoid shock. Store in a well-ventilated area. Store in a tightly closed container. Keep separated from incompatible substances. Secure to prevent tipping. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Store in a cool, dry place. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101.

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## \*\*\* Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION\*\*\*

### Component Analysis

#### SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE (2551-62-4)

ACGIH: 1000 ppm TWA  
OSHA (final): 1000 ppm TWA; 6000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA  
OSHA (vacated): 1000 ppm TWA; 6000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA  
NIOSH: 1000 ppm TWA; 6000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

### Component Biological Limit Values

#### SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE (2551-62-4)

ACGIH: 3 mg/g creatinine Medium: urine Time: prior to shift Parameter: Fluorides (background, nonspecific); 10 mg/g creatinine Medium: urine Time: end of shift Parameter: Fluorides (background, nonspecific, related to Fluorides)

### Ventilation

Provide local exhaust ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

#### Eyes/Face

Wear splash resistant safety goggles. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

#### Protective Clothing

Protective clothing is not required.

#### Glove Recommendations

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

#### Protective Materials

leather

#### Respiratory Protection

Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed.

Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum.

Consider warning properties before use.

#### For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

## \*\*\* Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES\*\*\*

<b>Physical State:</b>	Gas	<b>Appearance:</b>	Not available
<b>Color:</b>	colorless	<b>Physical Form:</b>	gas
<b>Odor:</b>	odorless	<b>Odor Threshold:</b>	Not available
<b>pH:</b>	Not available	<b>Melting/Freezing Point:</b>	-51 - -50 °C
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not available	<b>Flash Point:</b>	not flammable
<b>Decomposition:</b>	Not available	<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	Not available
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	312.7 psia @20 °C	<b>Henry's Law Constant:</b>	4.52
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	5.0 - 6.602	<b>Specific Gravity (water=1):</b>	1.67 @-100 °C (liquid)
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	0.003 % @25 °C	<b>KOW:</b>	1.68
<b>Log KOW:</b>	Not available	<b>KOC:</b>	195 (estimated)
<b>Auto Ignition:</b>	Not available	<b>Viscosity:</b>	0.0156 cP @25 °C
<b>Sublimation Point:</b>	-63.8 °C	<b>Volatility:</b>	100 %
<b>Volatility by Volume:</b>	100 %	<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	146.06
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	F <sub>6</sub> -S		

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## Solvent Solubility

**Soluble:** alcohol, ether, potassium hydroxide solutions, transformer oil

**Slightly Soluble:** ethanol

**Practically Insoluble:** hydrochloric acid, ammonia

## \*\*\* Section 10 - STABILITY AND REACTIVITY\*\*\*

### Chemical Stability

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

### Conditions to Avoid

Protect from physical damage and heat. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

### Materials to Avoid

combustible materials, metals, oxidizing materials

**Combustion:** fluorinated compounds, oxides of sulfur, sulfur compounds, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen sulfide

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Will not polymerize.

## \*\*\* Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION\*\*\*

### Component Analysis - LD50/LC50

The components of this material have been reviewed in various sources and no selected endpoints have been identified.

### Component Carcinogenicity

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**ACGIH:** A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen (related to Fluorides)

## \*\*\* Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION\*\*\*

### Component Analysis - Aquatic Toxicity

No LOLI ecotoxicity data are available for this product's components.

## \*\*\* Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS\*\*\*

### Disposal Methods

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

### Component Waste Numbers

The U.S. EPA has not published waste numbers for this product's components.

## \*\*\* Section 14 - TRANSPORT INFORMATION\*\*\*

### US DOT Information

**Shipping Name:** Sulfur hexafluoride

**UN/NA #:** UN1080 **Hazard Class:** 2.2

**Required Label(s):** 2.2

### TDG Information

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**UN #:** UN1080 **Hazard Class:** 2.2

**Required Label(s):** 2.2

## \*\*\* Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION\*\*\*

### U.S. Federal Regulations

None of this products components are listed under SARA Sections 302/304 (40 CFR 355 Appendix A), SARA Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65), CERCLA (40 CFR 302.4), TSCA 12(b), or require an OSHA process safety plan.

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## SARA 311/312

Acute Health: Yes Chronic Health: Yes Fire: No Pressure: Yes Reactive: No

## U.S. State Regulations

The following components appear on one or more of the following state hazardous substances lists:

Component	CAS	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA	RI
SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE	2551-62-4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Not regulated under California Proposition 65

## Canada WHMIS

The following components are identified under the Canadian Hazardous Products Act Ingredient Disclosure List

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1 %

## Component Analysis - Inventory

Component	CAS	US	CA	EU	AU	PH	JP	KR	CN	NZ
SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE	2551-62-4	Yes	DSL	EIN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## \* \* \* Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION \* \* \*

### Key / Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; ADR - European Road Transport; AU - Australia; BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand; C - Celsius; CA - Canada; CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CN - China; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List; EEC - European Economic Community; EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; EU - European Union; F - Fahrenheit; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IDL - Ingredient Disclosure List; IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; JP - Japan; Kow - Octanol/water partition coefficient; KR - Korea; LEL - Lower Explosive Limit; LOLI - List Of Lists™ - ChemADVISOR's Regulatory Database; MAK - Maximum Concentration Value in the Workplace; MEL - Maximum Exposure Limits; NFPA - National Fire Protection Agency; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NJTSR - New Jersey Trade Secret Registry; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZ - New Zealand; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; PH - Philippines; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; RID - European Rail Transport; RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances®; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act; TWA - Time Weighted Average; UEL - Upper Explosive Limit; US - United States

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