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## **CARBON TETRACHLORIDE- MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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### **24 Hour EMERGENCY CONTACT**

**U.S- CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300**

**CANADA- CANUTEC 613-996-6666**

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## **1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

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### **Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.**

*The telephone numbers listed below are emergency numbers, please contact your local branch for routine inquiries.*

#### **USA**

959 Route 46 East  
Parsippany, New Jersey  
07054-0624 USA  
**Phone: 973-257-1100**

#### **CANADA**

530 Watson Street  
Whitby, Ontario  
L1N 5R9 Canada  
**Phone: 905-668-3570**

**SUBSTANCE: CARBON TETRACHLORIDE**

**SYMBOL:** CCl<sub>4</sub>

**TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:**

TETRACHLOROMETHANE; PERCHLOROMETHANE; CARBON CHLORIDE;  
TETRACHLOROCARBON; METHANE TETRACHLORIDE; CARBON TET; FREON 10; HALON  
104; BENZINFORM; STCC 4940320; UN 1846; C-186; C-187; C-199; C-570; C-612; RCRA  
U211; MAT04310; RTECS FG4900000

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** halogenated, aliphatic

**CREATION DATE:** Jan 24 1989

**REVISION DATE:** Mar 16 1999

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**2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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**COMPONENT:** CARBON TETRACHLORIDE

**CAS NUMBER:** 56-23-5

**EC NUMBER (EINECS):** 200-262-8

**EC INDEX NUMBER:** 602-008-00-5

**PERCENTAGE:** 100.0

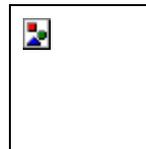
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**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

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**NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4):** HEALTH=0 FIRE=0 REACTIVITY=0



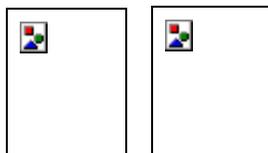
**WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:** D2

**EC CLASSIFICATION (ASSIGNED):**

T Toxic  
N Dangerous for the Environment  
Carcinogen Category 3

R 23/24/25-40-48/23-52/53-59

EC Classification may be inconsistent with independently-researched data.



**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

**Color:** colorless

**Physical Form:** liquid

**Odor:** sweet odor

**Major Health Hazards:** central nervous system depression, suspect cancer hazard (in animals)

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**INHALATION:**

**Short Term Exposure:** irritation, digestive disorders, headache, symptoms of drunkenness, lung congestion, kidney damage, liver damage, effects on the brain, convulsions, coma

**Long Term Exposure:** visual disturbances, reproductive effects, cancer

**SKIN CONTACT:**

**Short Term Exposure:** same as effects reported in short term inhalation, rash, symptoms of drunkenness, kidney damage, liver damage

**Long Term Exposure:** same as effects reported in long term inhalation

**EYE CONTACT:**

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

**Long Term Exposure:** no information is available

**INGESTION:**

**Short Term Exposure:** same as effects reported in short term inhalation, symptoms of drunkenness, lung congestion, kidney damage, liver damage

**Long Term Exposure:** cancer

**CARCINOGEN STATUS:**

**OSHA:** N

**NTP:** Y

**IARC:** Y

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**INHALATION:**

Remove from exposure immediately. Use a bag valve mask or similar device to perform artificial respiration (rescue breathing) if needed. Get medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:**

Remove contaminated clothing, jewelry, and shoes immediately. Wash with soap or mild detergent and large amounts of water until no evidence of chemical remains (at least 15-20 minutes). Get medical attention, if needed.

**EYE CONTACT:**

Wash eyes immediately with large amounts of water or normal saline, occasionally lifting upper and lower lids, until no evidence of chemical remains. Get medical attention immediately.

**INGESTION:**

Get medical attention immediately.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:**

For ingestion, consider gastric lavage. Avoid stimulants.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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### **FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

Negligible fire hazard.

### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:**

regular dry chemical, regular foam, water

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

### **FIRE FIGHTING:**

Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Fight large fires from a protected location or safe distance. Stay away from the ends of tanks. Dike for later disposal. Do not scatter spilled material with high-pressure water streams.

### **FLASH POINT:**

No data available.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **AIR RELEASE:**

Reduce vapors with water spray. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Collect runoff for disposal as potential hazardous waste.

### **SOIL RELEASE:**

Dig holding area such as lagoon, pond or pit for containment. Dike for later disposal. Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Collect with absorbent into suitable container.

### **WATER RELEASE:**

Trap spilled material at bottom in deep water pockets, excavated holding areas or within sand bag barriers. Remove trapped material with suction hoses. Absorb with activated carbon. Collect spilled material using mechanical equipment. Subject to California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). Keep out of water supplies and sewers.

### **OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:**

Do not touch spilled material. Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Reduce vapors with water spray. Small spills: Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Small dry spills: Move containers away from spill to a safe area. Large spills: Dike for later disposal. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Reportable Quantity (RQ): Notify Local Emergency Planning Committee and State Emergency Response Commission for release greater than or equal to RQ (U.S. SARA Section 304). If release occurs in the U.S. and is reportable under CERCLA Section 103, notify the National Response Center at (800)424-8802 (USA) or (202)426-2675 (USA).

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances. Protect from physical damage. Store in a cool, dry place. Store in a well-ventilated area. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### EXPOSURE LIMITS:

#### CARBON TETRACHLORIDE:

10 ppm OSHA TWA

25 ppm OSHA ceiling

200 ppm OSHA peak 5 minute(s)/4 hour(s)

2 ppm (12.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993)

5 ppm (31 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) ACGIH TWA (Notice of Intended Changes 1995-1996) (skin)

10 ppm (63 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) ACGIH STEL (Notice of Intended Changes 1995-1996)

2 ppm (12.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) NIOSH recommended STEL 60 minute(s)

**VENTILATION:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a faceshield. Provide an emergency eye wash fountain and quick drench shower in the immediate work area.

**CLOTHING:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

**GLOVES:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

**RESPIRATOR:** The following respirators and maximum use concentrations are drawn from NIOSH and/or OSHA.

#### At any detectable concentration -

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

Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.

#### Escape -

Any air-purifying respirator with a full facepiece and an organic vapor canister.

Any appropriate escape-type, self-contained breathing apparatus.

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

Any supplied-air respirator with full facepiece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with a separate escape supply.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**PHYSICAL STATE:** liquid

**COLOR:** colorless

**ODOR:** sweet odor

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 153.84

**MOLECULAR FORMULA:** C-CL<sub>4</sub>

**BOILING POINT:** 172 F (78 C)

**FREEZING POINT:** -9 F (-23 C)

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 91.3 mmHg @ 20 C

**VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):** 5.3

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water=1):** 1.58

**WATER SOLUBILITY:** 0.08%

**PH:** Not available

**VOLATILITY:** Not available

**ODOR THRESHOLD:** 10-50 ppm

**EVAPORATION RATE:** 12.8 (butyl acetate=1)

**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not available

**SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:**

**Soluble:** alcohol, ether, chloroform, benzene, carbon disulfide, oils, naphtha

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:**

Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:**

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:**

combustible materials, metal salts, peroxides, halogens, oxidizing materials, metals, bases, amines

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:**

Thermal decomposition products: halogenated compounds, phosgene, oxides of carbon

**POLYMERIZATION:**

Will not polymerize.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**CARBON TETRACHLORIDE:**

**IRRITATION DATA:**

4 mg skin-rabbit mild; 500 mg/24 hour(s) skin-rabbit mild; 2200 ug/30 second(s) eyes-rabbit mild; 500 mg/24 hour(s) eyes-rabbit mild

**TOXICITY DATA:**

8000 ppm/4 hour(s) inhalation-rat LC50; >20 gm/kg skin-rabbit LD50; 2350 mg/kg oral-rat LD50

**CARCINOGEN STATUS:**

NTP: Anticipated Human Carcinogen; IARC: Animal Sufficient Evidence, Human Inadequate

Evidence, Group 2B; ACGIH: A2 -Suspected Human Carcinogen

**ACUTE TOXICITY LEVEL:**

Moderately Toxic: ingestion

Slightly Toxic: inhalation, dermal absorption

**TARGET ORGANS:**

central nervous system, liver, kidneys

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:**

history of alcoholism, alcoholism

**TUMORIGENIC DATA:**

Available.

**MUTAGENIC DATA:**

Available.

**REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS DATA:**

Available.

**ADDITIONAL DATA:**

May cross the placenta. May be excreted in breast milk. Alcohol may enhance the toxic effects.

Stimulants such as epinephrine may induce ventricular fibrillation.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**ECOTOXICITY DATA:**

**FISH TOXICITY:**

43100 ug/L 96 hour(s) LC50 (Mortality) Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)

**INVERTEBRATE TOXICITY:**

1500 ug/L 7 hour(s) EC50 (Regeneration) Flatworm (*Dugesia japonica*)

**ALGAL TOXICITY:**

>136000 ug/L NR hour(s) EC10 (Population Growth) Green algae (*Haematococcus pluvialis*)

**OTHER TOXICITY:**

900 ug/L 8 hour(s) EC50 (Teratogenesis) Leopard frog (*Rana pipiens*)

**FATE AND TRANSPORT:**

**BIOCONCENTRATION:**

30 ug/L 1-21 hour(s) BCF (Residue) Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) 52.3 ug/L

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY:**

Moderately toxic to aquatic life.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): U211. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D019. Dispose of in accordance with U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262 for concentrations at or above the Regulatory level. Regulatory level- 0.5 mg/L. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

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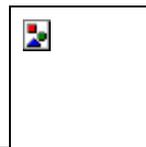
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### U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101. SHIPPING NAME-UN NUMBER; HAZARD CLASS; PACKING GROUP; LABEL:

Carbon tetrachloride-UN1846; 6.1; II; Poison



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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. REGULATIONS:

**TSCA INVENTORY STATUS:** Y

**TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION:** Not listed.

**CERCLA SECTION 103 (40CFR302.4):** Y

**Carbon tetrachloride:** 10 LBS RQ

**SARA SECTION 302 (40CFR355.30):** N

**SARA SECTION 304 (40CFR355.40):** N

**SARA SECTION 313 (40CFR372.65):** Y

**Carbon tetrachloride**

**SARA HAZARD CATEGORIES, SARA SECTIONS 311/312 (40CFR370.21):**

**ACUTE:** Y

**CHRONIC:** Y

**FIRE:** N

**REACTIVE:** N

**SUDDEN RELEASE:** N

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29CFR1910.119):** N

### STATE REGULATIONS:

**California Proposition 65:** Y

Known to the state of California to cause the following:

**Carbon tetrachloride**

Cancer (Oct 01, 1987)

### EUROPEAN REGULATIONS:

**EC NUMBER (EINECS):** 200-262-8

### EC RISK AND SAFETY PHRASES:

R 23/24/25	Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R 40	Possible risks of irreversible effects.

R 48/23	Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.
R 52/53	Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
R 59	Dangerous for the ozone layer.
S 1/2	Keep locked-up and out of reach of children.
S 23	Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapour, or spray.
S 36/37	Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.
S 45	In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
S 59	Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information on recovery/recycling.
S 61	Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheets.

**CONCENTRATION LIMITS:**

C<sub>>=1%</sub> T R 23/24/25-40-48/23

0.2%<sub><=C<1%</sub> Xn R 20/21/22-48/20

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