

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Carbon tetrachloride

ACC# 90116

### Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Carbon tetrachloride

**Catalog Numbers:** AC148170000, AC148170250, AC167720000, AC167720010, AC167720025, AC167720100, AC167721000, AC258530000, AC269370000, AC269370010, AC269371000, AC326580000, AC326580010, AC326580025, AC600220000, AC600220010, AC600220025, AC600230000, AC600230010, AC600230025, 14817-0010, 14817-0025, 16772-5000, 25853-0010, 25853-0025, C1874, C1994, NC9267677, NC9472507, NC9596627

**Synonyms:** Tetrachloromethane; Carbon tet; Carbona; Carbon chloride; Methane tetrachloride.

**Company Identification:**

Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

**For information, call:** 201-796-7100

**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100

**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300

**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

### Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

CAS#	Chemical Name	Percent	EINECS/ELINCS
56-23-5	Carbon tetrachloride	99-100	200-262-8

### Section 3 - Hazards Identification

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: clear, colorless liquid.

**Danger!** May be fatal if inhaled, absorbed through the skin or swallowed. Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. Aspiration hazard if swallowed. Can enter lungs and cause damage. Cancer suspect agent. May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause central nervous system effects. This is a CFC substance which destroys ozone in the upper atmosphere. Destruction of the ozone layer can lead to increased ultraviolet radiation which, with excess exposure to sunlight, can lead to an increase in skin cancer and eye cataracts. Marine pollutant.

**Target Organs:** Kidneys, central nervous system, liver.

#### Potential Health Effects

**Eye:** Causes eye irritation. Vapors cause eye irritation.

**Skin:** Causes skin irritation. May be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. Contact with the skin defats the skin.

**Ingestion:** May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause central nervous system depression, characterized by excitement, followed by headache, dizziness, drowsiness, and nausea. Advanced stages may cause collapse, unconsciousness, coma and possible death due to respiratory failure. Substance is a hepatotoxin and is capable of producing a toxic effect on the liver.

**Inhalation:** Causes respiratory tract irritation. May cause liver and kidney damage. Exposure produces central nervous system depression. May be harmful if inhaled.

**Chronic:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis. Chronic ingestion may cause

effects similar to those of acute ingestion. May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause cancer according to animal studies. Chronic exposure may cause visual disturbances. Carbon tetrachloride is a CNS depressant.

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical aid.

**Skin:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** Potential for aspiration if swallowed. Get medical aid immediately. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.

**Inhalation:** POISON material. If inhaled, get medical aid immediately. Remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Material will not burn. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Containers may explode in the heat of a fire. Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media most appropriate for the surrounding fire.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** > 982 deg C (> 1,799.60 deg F)

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 3; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Absorb spill with inert material (e.g. vermiculite, sand or earth), then place in suitable container. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Isolate area and deny entry. Provide ventilation.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Do not breathe vapor. Use only with adequate ventilation.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits. Use only under a chemical fume hood.

**Exposure Limits**

Chemical Name	ACGIH	NIOSH	OSHA - Final PELs
Carbon tetrachloride	5 ppm TWA; 10 ppm STEL; Skin - potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous route	200 ppm IDLH	10 ppm TWA; 25 ppm Ceiling

**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Carbon tetrachloride: 2 ppm TWA; 12.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Appearance:** clear, colorless

**Odor:** chloroform-like

**pH:** Not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** 91 mm Hg @ 20 deg C

**Vapor Density:** 5.31 (air=1)

**Evaporation Rate:** 12.8 (butyl acetate=1)

**Viscosity:** 0.97 PAS 20 deg C

**Boiling Point:** 76 deg C @ 760 mm Hg

**Freezing/Melting Point:** -23 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** > 100 deg C

**Solubility:** Insoluble.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 1.5900 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Molecular Formula:** CCl<sub>4</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 153.82

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Light, excess heat.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Alkali metals, powdered aluminum, powdered magnesium, zinc powder, ethylene, allyl alcohol, barium, fluorine, dimethylformamide, powdered beryllium, decaborane, potassium tert-butoxide.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Hydrogen chloride, chlorine, phosgene, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, chlorine dioxide, which may be spontaneously explosive.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:**

**CAS#** 56-23-5: FG4900000

**LD50/LC50:**

CAS# 56-23-5:

Dermal, guinea pig: LD50 = >9400 uL/kg;  
Draize test, rabbit, eye: 2200 ug/30S Mild;  
Draize test, rabbit, eye: 500 mg/24H Mild;  
Draize test, rabbit, skin: 4 mg Mild;  
Draize test, rabbit, skin: 500 mg/24H Mild;  
Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 9526 ppm/8H;  
Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 34500 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/2H;  
Inhalation, rat: LC50 = 8000 ppm/4H;  
Inhalation, rat: LC50 = 46000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/6H;  
Oral, mouse: LD50 = 7749 mg/kg;  
Oral, rabbit: LD50 = 5760 mg/kg;  
Oral, rat: LD50 = 2350 mg/kg;

Skin, rabbit: LD50 = >20 Carbon tetrachloride is harmful to the liver and a CNS depressant following short-term inhalation, skin contact or ingestion. The liver effects have been observed at concentrations lower than those required to produce CNS effects. Two reviews indicate that ingestion of 14-20 ml or 50-150 ml could be fatal. Although, 1.5 ml (34 mg/kg) has caused death in a few cases.

**Carcinogenicity:**

CAS# 56-23-5:

- **ACGIH:** A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen
- **California:** carcinogen, initial date 10/1/87
- **NTP:** Suspect carcinogen
- **IARC:** Group 2B carcinogen

**Epidemiology:** No data available.

**Teratogenicity:** Animal studies have only shown harmful effects in the offspring of animals exposed to doses which also produced significant maternal toxicity.

**Reproductive Effects:** There is no human information available. There is insufficient animal information available to draw any conclusions about potential reproductive toxicity.

**Mutagenicity:** No data available.

**Neurotoxicity:** No data available.

**Other Studies:**

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Fish: Fathead Minnow: LC50 = 20.8-41.4 mg/L; 96 Hr.; Flow-through; 21.7 degrees C; Fish: Bluegill/Sunfish: LC50 = 27-125 mg/L; 96 Hr.; Static Conditions; 23 degrees C; Bacteria: Phytobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 6.0 mg/L; Not available; Microtox test; Bacteria: Phytobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 33.0 mg/L; 30 minutes; Microtox test No data available.

**Environmental:** Terrestrial: Evaporates rapidly and migrates into groundwater. Aquatic: Rapidly evaporates, biodegradation an important fate process.

**Physical:** Atmospheric: Very stable in troposphere with a residence time of 30-50 years.

**Other:** Carbon tetrachloride has a low potential to bioconcentrate. Log of the bioconcentration factor in trout is 1.24, in bluegill sunfish - 1.48. Bioconcentration factor predicted from water solubility = 14.

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.

**RCRA U-Series:**

CAS# 56-23-5: waste number U211.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

	US DOT	Canada TDG
<b>Shipping Name:</b>	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	6.1	6.1(9.2)
<b>UN Number:</b>	UN1846	UN1846
<b>Packing Group:</b>	II	II

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

### US FEDERAL

#### TSCA

CAS# 56-23-5 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

#### Health & Safety Reporting List

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

#### Chemical Test Rules

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

#### Section 12b

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

#### TSCA Significant New Use Rule

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

#### CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs

CAS# 56-23-5: 10 lb final RQ; 4.54 kg final RQ

#### SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

#### SARA Codes

CAS # 56-23-5: immediate, delayed.

#### Section 313

This material contains Carbon tetrachloride (CAS# 56-23-5, 99-100%), which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR

#### Clean Air Act:

CAS# 56-23-5 is listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP). CAS# 56-23-5 is listed as a Class 1 ozone depletor with an 1.1 ODP

This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

#### Clean Water Act:

CAS# 56-23-5 is listed as a Hazardous Substance under the CWA. CAS# 56-23-5 is listed as a Priority Pollutant under the Clean Water Act. CAS# 56-23-5 is listed as a Toxic Pollutant under the Clean Water Act.

#### OSHA:

None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

#### STATE

CAS# 56-23-5 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

**California Prop 65**

**The following statement(s) is(are) made in order to comply with the California Safe Drinking Water Act:**

WARNING: This product contains Carbon tetrachloride, a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer.

California No Significant Risk Level: CAS# 56-23-5: 5 鎰/day NSRL

**European/International Regulations****European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives****Hazard Symbols:**

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**Risk Phrases:**

R 23/24/25 Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

R 40 Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

R 59 Dangerous for the ozone layer.

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.

**Safety Phrases:**

S 23 Do not inhale gas/fumes/vapour/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.

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**

CAS# 56-23-5: 3

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**

CAS# 56-23-5 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**

This product has a WHMIS classification of D1A, D2A.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**

CAS# 56-23-5 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

<b>Section 16 - Additional Information</b>
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