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# Ferrous Chloride, 4-Hydrate

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Iron (II) Chloride, Tetrahydrate; Iron Chloride, Tetrahydrate  
**CAS No.:** 7758-94-3 (Anhydrous) 13478-10-9 (Tetrahydrate)  
**Molecular Weight:** 198.81  
**Chemical Formula:** FeCl<sub>2</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O  
**Product Codes:** 2064

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Hazardous		
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Ferrous Chloride	7758-94-3	99 - 100%
Yes		

## 3. Hazards Identification

## Emergency Overview

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**DANGER! CORROSIVE. CAUSES SEVERE IRRITATION OR BURNS TO EVERY AREA OF CONTACT. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. AFFECTS THE LIVER.**

**J.T. Baker SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate

Flammability Rating: 0 - None

Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight

Contact Rating: 3 - Severe (Corrosive)

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: White (Corrosive)

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## Potential Health Effects

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### **Inhalation:**

Corrosive. Extremely destructive to tissues of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting.

### **Ingestion:**

Corrosive. Swallowing can cause severe burns of the mouth, throat, and stomach. Can cause sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea. Low systemic toxicity in small quantities but larger doses may cause systemic effects. Pink urine discoloration is a strong indicator of iron poisoning. Liver damage, coma and death may follow, sometimes delayed as long as three days.

### **Skin Contact:**

Corrosive. May cause severe irritation, redness, pain, and skin burns.

### **Eye Contact:**

Corrosive. Contact causes severe irritation, burns, redness, and pain.

### **Chronic Exposure:**

Repeated ingestion may cause liver damage. Prolonged exposure of the eyes may cause discoloration.

### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

**Ingestion:**

If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact:**

Wipe off excess material from skin then immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard. Irritating hydrogen chloride fumes may form in fire.

**Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Use water carefully as material will react with water to form acidic solution.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. Structural firefighter's protective clothing is ineffective for fires involving this material.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Keep unnecessary and unprotected people away from area of spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Pick up and place in a suitable container for reclamation or disposal, using a method that does not generate dust. Material dissolves in water to form an acidic solution. US Regulations (CERCLA) require reporting spills and releases to soil, water and air in excess of reportable quantities. The toll free number for the US Coast Guard National Response Center is (800) 424-8802.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Material dissolves in water to form an acidic solution. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material are hazardous when empty since they retain product residues; observe all warnings for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA) soluble iron salt as Fe

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a full facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn for up to 50 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles and/or full face shield where dusting or splashing of solutions is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

Light green crystals.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Appreciable (> 10%)

**Specific Gravity:**

1.93

**pH:**

No information found.

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

**Boiling Point:**

1023C (1873F) (anhydrous)

**Melting Point:**

110C (230F) Loses two waters.

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

10 @ 700C (1292F)

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

May produce hydrogen chloride. Material dissolves in water to form an acidic solution.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Ethylene oxide, potassium, sodium.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Anhydrous: Oral rat LD50: 450 mg/kg. Investigated as a mutagen.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----			
Ingredient Category	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC
	Known	Anticipated	
Ferrous Chloride (7758-94-3) None	No	No	

## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste facility. Although not a listed RCRA hazardous waste, this material may exhibit one or more characteristics of a hazardous waste and require appropriate analysis to determine specific disposal requirements. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

## 14. Transport Information

**Domestic (Land, D.O.T.)**

**Proper Shipping Name:** FERROUS CHLORIDE, SOLID

**Hazard Class:** 8

**UN/NA:** NA1759

**Packing Group:** II

**Information reported for product/size:** 2.5KG

**International (Water, I.M.O.)**

**Proper Shipping Name:** CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (FERROUS CHLORIDE)

**Hazard Class: 8**  
**UN/NA: UN3260**  
Packing Group: II  
**Information reported for product/size: 2.5KG**

**International (Air, I.C.A.O.)**

**Proper Shipping Name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (FERROUS CHLORIDE)**

**Hazard Class: 8**  
**UN/NA: UN3260**  
Packing Group: II  
**Information reported for product/size: 2.5KG**

## 15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----
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Ingredient                                TSCA  EC   Japan
Australia
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Ferrous Chloride (7758-94-3)             Yes  Yes  Yes
Yes

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
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Ingredient                                Korea  DSL  NDSL  --Canada--
Phil.
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Ferrous Chloride (7758-94-3)             Yes   Yes  No
Yes

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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
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Ingredient                                -SARA 302-  -----SARA
Chemical Catg.                            RQ      TPQ      List
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Ferrous Chloride (7758-94-3)             No      No      No
No

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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
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TSCA-                                     -RCRA-  -

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Ingredient	CERCLA	261.33	8 (d)
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Ferrous Chloride (7758-94-3)	100	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: Yes      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No      (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: **3** Flammability: **0** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

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**Label Precautions:**

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Do not breathe dust.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

In case of contact, wipe off excess material from skin then immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In all cases get medical attention immediately.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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