

Praxair™ Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Chlorine (MSDS No. P-4580-E)	Trade Name: Chlorine
Chemical Name: Chlorine	Synonyms: Not applicable
Formula: Cl ₂	Chemical Family: Halogen
Telephone:	Company Name: Praxair, Inc.
Emergencies: 1-800-645-4633*	39 Old Ridgebury Road
CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300*	Danbury CT 06810-5113
Routine: 1-800-PRAXAIR	

*Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).

2. Composition / Information on Ingredients

For custom mixtures of this product request a Material Safety Data Sheet for each component. See Section 16 for important information about mixtures.

INGREDIENT NAME	CAS NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV
Chlorine	7782-50-5	>99*	1 ppm (ceiling)**	0.5 ppm

* The symbol ">" means "greater than."

**Ceiling values are not Time-Weighted Average (TWA)

3. Hazards Identification



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW



**DANGER! Toxic, corrosive, oxidizing liquid and gas under pressure.
Harmful or fatal if inhaled.**

Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract burns.

Can support combustion.

**Self-contained breathing apparatus must
be worn by rescue workers.**

Odor: Pungent, irritating, choking

THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE: 0.5 ppm TLV-TWA; 15 min, 1 ppm STEL ACGIH (1997).

TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

EFFECTS OF A SINGLE (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE:

INHALATION – Overexposure to concentrations moderately above the Threshold Limit Value (TLV) of 1 ppm irritates the eyes and respiratory tract. Very brief exposure to a concentration of 1000 ppm may be fatal. Acts as asphyxiant at high concentrations. Inhalation of high concentrations (e.g., greater than 15 ppm) causes choking, coughing, burning of the throat and severe irritation of the upper respiratory tract; additionally, pulmonary edema, bronchitis, and pneumonitis may result. Lack of oxygen can kill.

SKIN CONTACT – May severely irritate the skin, causing ulceration, chemical burns, and scarring. Repeated exposure may produce dermatitis. With prolonged or widespread contact, the skin may absorb potentially harmful amounts of material.

SWALLOWING – An unlikely route of exposure; this product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure. May cause chemical burns of the mouth, esophagus, and stomach.

EYE CONTACT – May severely inflame the conjunctiva, injuring the lens, and causing corneal opacity and iris atrophy.

EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE: Repeated exposure may cause progressive lung dysfunction. Exposure may also corrode the teeth and may cause a chloracne-like condition.

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: None known.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE: Inhalation may aggravate asthma and inflammatory or fibrotic pulmonary disease, as well as heart disease. Skin contact may aggravate an existing dermatitis.

SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION: None known.

CARCINOGENICITY: Chlorine is not listed by NTP, OSHA, and IARC.

4. First Aid Measures

INHALATION: Immediately remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Qualified personnel may give oxygen when necessary. Keep patient warm. Call a physician.

SKIN CONTACT: Avoid breathing vapor. Immediately flush affected areas with plenty of warm water while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard clothing and shoes. Call a physician.

SWALLOWING: An unlikely route of exposure. This product is a gas at normal temperature and pressure.

EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with warm water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. See a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN: *Victims of overexposure should be kept under medical observation for 24 to 48 hours or 72 hours if exposure was severe. The hazards of this material are due mainly to its severe irritant and corrosive properties on the skin and mucosal surfaces. Injury occurs mainly to the skin and to mucosal surfaces. There is no specific antidote; and treatment should be directed at the control of symptoms and clinical condition. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur.*

5. Fire Fighting Measures

FLASH POINT (test method)	Not applicable	AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE	Not applicable
FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume	LOWER	Not applicable	UPPER Not applicable

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Oxidizing agent; may accelerate combustion. Use media appropriate for surrounding fire.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:

DANGER! Toxic, corrosive, oxidizing liquid and gas under pressure. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Do not approach area without self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Immediately cool cylinders with water spray from maximum distance, then move them away from fire if without risk. If cylinders are leaking, reduce toxic vapors with water spray or fog. Do not spray water directly on leak; this may cause leak to increase. Reverse flow into cylinders may cause rupture. Shut off leak if without risk. On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Oxidizing agent, may accelerate combustion. Contact with flammable materials may cause fire or explosion. Heat of fire can build pressure in cylinder and cause it to rupture. No part of cylinder should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). Chlorine cylinders are equipped with a pressure relief device. (Exceptions may exist where authorized by DOT.) Chlorine may react violently with other materials at temperatures above 483°F (250.5°F). (See "Incompatibility," section 10.) Vapors are extremely irritating and may burn skin and eyes on contact.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: None known.

6. Accidental Release Measures

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:

DANGER! Toxic, corrosive, oxidizing liquid and gas under pressure. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Do not approach area without self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Oxidizing agent; contact with flammable materials may cause fire or explosion. Do not spray water directly on source of flow or leak; this may accelerate flow. Reduce vapors with fog or fine water spray. Reverse flow into cylinder may cause rupture. Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move cylinder to a well-ventilated area. Prevent runoff from contaminating surrounding environment. Toxic, corrosive vapors may spread from spill. Before entering area, especially a confined area, check atmosphere with an appropriate device.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

7. Handling and Storage

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store and use with adequate ventilation, away from oil, grease, and other combustibles. Firmly secure cylinders upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Screw valve protection cap firmly in place by hand. Store only where temperature will not

exceed 125°F (52°C). Store full and empty cylinders separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full cylinders for long periods.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: Protect cylinders from damage. Use a suitable hand truck to move cylinders; do not drag, roll, slide, or drop. Never attempt to lift a cylinder by its cap; the cap is intended solely to protect the valve. Never insert an object (e.g., wrench, screwdriver, pry bar) into cap openings; doing so may damage the valve and cause a leak. Use an adjustable strap wrench to remove over-tight or rusted caps. Open valve slowly. If valve is hard to open, discontinue use and contact your supplier. For other precautions in using chlorine, see section 16.

For additional information on storage and handling, refer to Compressed Gas Association (CGA) pamphlet P-1, "Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers," available from the CGA. Refer to section 16 for the address and phone number along with a list of other available publications.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

LOCAL EXHAUST – A corrosion-resistant system is acceptable.

MECHANICAL (general) – Inadequate. See SPECIAL, below..

SPECIAL – Use only in a closed system. Corrosion-resistant, forced-draft fume hood is preferred

OTHER - See special.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2. Use air-supplied respirators for concentrations up to 10 times the applicable permissible exposure limit. For concentrations up to 50 times the applicable exposure limit, use a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator with a full face piece or use a self-contained breathing apparatus. For higher concentrations, use only a full-face, self-contained breathing apparatus operated in the pressure demand mode.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES: Neoprene.

EYE PROTECTION: Wear safety glasses when handling cylinders; vapor-proof goggles and a face shield during cylinder changeout or wherever contact with product is possible. Select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Metatarsal shoes for cylinder handling and protective clothing where needed. Select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.133. Regardless of protective equipment, never touch live electrical parts.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 70.906	EXPANSION RATIO: Not applicable
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (Air=1): 2.485 At 32°F (0°C)	SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Slight
GAS DENSITY: At 32°F (0°C) 0.20057 lb/ft ³ (3.2128 kg/m ³)	VAPOR PRESSURE: At 68°F (20°C): 85.3 psig (588.13 KPa)
PERCENT VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 100	EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl Acetate=1): High
BOILING POINT, 760 mm. Hg: -29.15°F (-33.97°C)	pH: Not applicable

MELTING POINT (1 atm): -149.76°F (-100.97°C)

APPEARANCE, ODOR, AND STATE: Greenish-yellow gas at normal temperature and pressure; pungent, irritating, choking odor.

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY:	Unstable	Stable	X
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INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid): Chlorine reacts violently with most materials including metals (e.g., aluminum, copper, brass), especially flammable materials and other reducing agents, including carbon steel, at temperatures above 483°F (250.5°F).

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Burning may produce toxic fumes of chlorides.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:	May Occur	Will Not Occur	X
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CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None known.

11. Toxicological Information

LC₅₀ = 293 ppm (1 hr. rat)

12. Ecological Information

Chlorine does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. Chlorine is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

13. Disposal Considerations

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Do not dispose of unused quantities. Return cylinder to supplier.

14. Transport Information

DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME: Chlorine	HAZARD CLASS: 2.3
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN 1017	PRODUCT RQ: 10 lbs (4.54 kg)
SHIPPING LABEL(s): TOXIC GAS, CORROSIVE, OXIDIZER	PLACARD (When required): TOXIC GAS, CORROSIVE, OXIDIZER

SPECIAL SHIPPING INFORMATION: Cylinders should be transported in a secure position, in a well-ventilated vehicle. Cylinders transported in an enclosed, nonventilated compartment of a vehicle can present serious safety hazards.

Additional Marking Requirement: Inhalation Hazard

Shipment of compressed gas cylinders that have been filled without the owner's consent is a violation of federal law [49 CFR 173.301(b)].

15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:**EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs (4.54 kg)

SARA: Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act:

- **SECTIONS 302/304:** Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of extremely hazardous substances (40 CFR Part 355):

Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): 100 lbs (45.4 kg)

Extremely Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 355): None

- **SECTIONS 311/312:** Require submission of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and chemical inventory reporting with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this products are as follows:

IMMEDIATE: Yes

PRESSURE: Yes

DELAYED: Yes

REACTIVITY: No

FIRE: Yes

- **SECTION 313:** Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

Chlorine requires reporting under Section 313.

40 CFR 68: Risk Management Program for Chemical Accidental Release Prevention: Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Chlorine is listed as a regulated substance in quantities of 2500 lbs (1134 kg) or greater.

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act: Chlorine is listed on the TSCA inventory.

OSHA (OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION):

29 CFR 1910.119: Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals: Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Chlorine is listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical in quantities of 1500 pounds (680 kg) or greater.

STATE REGULATIONS:

CALIFORNIA: This product is not listed by California under the Safe Drinking Water Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

PENNSYLVANIA: This product is subject to the Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: *Toxic, corrosive, nonflammable liquid and gas under pressure.* Do not breathe gas. Do not get vapors or liquid in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. (See section 3.) Have safety showers and eyewash fountains immediately available. *Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered.* Use only in a closed system constructed of corrosion-resistant materials. Close valve after each use; keep closed even when empty. *Prevent reverse flow.* Reverse flow into cylinder may cause rupture. Use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the cylinder. *Store and use with adequate ventilation at all times.* *Oxidizing agent.* Store away from flammable materials. Keep oil, grease and flammable materials away. *Never work on a pressurized system.* If there is a leak, close the cylinder valve. Blow the system down in an environmentally safe manner in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, then repair the leak. *Never ground a compressed gas cylinder or allow it to become part of an electrical circuit.*

NOTE: *Prior to using any plastics, confirm their compatibility with chlorine.*

Recommended Equipment: In semiconductor process gas and other suitable applications, Praxair recommends the use of engineering controls such as gas cabinet enclosures, automatic gas panels (used to purge systems on cylinder changeout), excess-flow valves throughout the gas distribution system, double containment for the distribution system, and continuous gas monitors.

MIXTURES: When you mix two or more gases or liquefied gases, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist, or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Remember, gases and liquids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:**NFPA RATINGS:**

HEALTH = 4
 FLAMMABILITY = 0
 REACTIVITY = 0
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HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 2
 FLAMMABILITY = 0
 REACTIVITY = 0

STANDARD VALVE CONNECTIONS FOR U.S. AND CANADA:**THREADED:** CGA-660 limited-standard for Specialty Gas Industry**PIN-INDEXED YOKE:** Not applicable**ULTRA-HIGH-INTEGRITY****CONNECTION:** CGA-728 standard, 634 limited-std (obsolete 1/1/98)

Use the proper CGA connections. **DO NOT USE ADAPTERS.** Additional standard industrial yoke connections apply. See CGA Pamphlet V-1 listed below.

Ask your supplier about free Praxair safety literature as referenced on the label for this product; you may also obtain copies by calling 1-800-PRAXAIR. Further information about chlorine can be found in the following pamphlets published by the Compressed Gas Association, Inc. (CGA), 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4102, Telephone (703) 412-0900.

- P-1 *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*
- V-1 *Compressed Gas Cylinder Valve Inlet and Outlet Connections*
Handbook of Compressed Gases, Third Edition

Praxair asks users of this product to study this Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents and contractors of the information on this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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