

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.**  
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**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**  
**CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300**  
**INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**973-257-1100**

**SUBSTANCE: CHLORINE**

**TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:**

MTG MSDS 22; CHLORINE MOLECULAR; DIATOMIC CHLORINE; DICHLORINE; MOLECULAR CHLORINE; UN 1017; Cl<sub>2</sub>; MAT04600; RTECS FO2100000

**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** halogens, gas

**CREATION DATE:** Jan 24 1989

**REVISION DATE:** Mar 19 2003

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## 2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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**COMPONENT:** CHLORINE

**CAS NUMBER:** 7782-50-5

**PERCENTAGE:** 100.0

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## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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



**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

**COLOR:** yellow or green

**PHYSICAL FORM:** gas

**ODOR:** distinct odor, irritating odor

**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS:** harmful if inhaled, respiratory tract burns, skin burns, eye burns

**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:** Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat. May ignite combustibles.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**INHALATION:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** burns, chest pain, difficulty breathing, headache, dizziness, hyperactivity, emotional disturbances, bluish skin color, lung damage, death

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** burns, skin disorders, lack of sense of smell, lung damage

**SKIN CONTACT:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** burns

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** burns

**EYE CONTACT:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** burns

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** burns

**INGESTION:**

**SHORT TERM EXPOSURE:** ingestion of harmful amounts is unlikely

**LONG TERM EXPOSURE:** ingestion of harmful amounts is unlikely

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**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.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing and shoes before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

**EYE CONTACT:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Then get immediate medical attention.

**INGESTION:** Contact local poison control center or physician immediately. Never make an unconscious person vomit or drink fluids. Give large amounts of water or milk. Allow vomiting to occur. When vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to help prevent aspiration. If person is unconscious, turn head to side. Get medical attention immediately.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** For inhalation, consider oxygen. Avoid gastric lavage or emesis.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Negligible fire hazard. Oxidizer. May ignite or explode on contact with combustible materials.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** water

Do not use dry chemicals, carbon dioxide or halogenated extinguishing agents. Large fires: Flood with fine water spray.

**FIRE FIGHTING:** 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. For fires in cargo or storage area: If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area

and deny entry. Let the fire burn. For small fires, contain and let burn. 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. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile).

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **AIR RELEASE:**

Reduce vapors with water spray. 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. Trap spilled material at bottom in deep water pockets, excavated holding areas or within sand bag barriers. Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Add an alkaline material (lime, crushed limestone, sodium bicarbonate, or soda ash).

### **WATER RELEASE:**

Add an alkaline material (lime, crushed limestone, sodium bicarbonate, or soda ash). Absorb with activated carbon. Collect spilled material using mechanical equipment.

### **OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:**

Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Avoid contact with combustible materials. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. 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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**STORAGE:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Protect from physical damage. Keep separated from incompatible substances. Store outside or in a detached building. Notify State Emergency Response Commission for storage or use at amounts greater than or equal to the TPQ (U.S. EPA SARA Section 302). SARA Section 303 requires facilities storing a material with a TPQ to participate in local emergency response planning (U.S. EPA 40 CFR 355.30).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### **EXPOSURE LIMITS:**

#### **CHLORINE:**

1 ppm (3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) OSHA ceiling

0.5 ppm (1.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) OSHA TWA (vacated by 58 FR 35338, June 30, 1993)

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

0.5 ppm ACGIH TWA

1 ppm ACGIH STEL

0.5 ppm (1.45 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) NIOSH recommended ceiling 15 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.

**5 ppm**

Any chemical cartridge respirator with cartridge(s) providing protection against this substance.

Any supplied-air respirator.

**10 ppm**

Any supplied-air respirator operated in a continuous-flow mode.

Any powered, air-purifying respirator with cartridge(s) providing protection against this substance.

Any chemical cartridge respirator with a full facepiece and cartridge(s) providing protection against this substance.

Any air-purifying respirator with a full facepiece and a canister providing protection against this substance.

Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.

Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece.

**Escape -**

Any air-purifying respirator with a full facepiece and a canister providing protection against this substance.

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:** gas

**COLOR:** yellow or green

**ODOR:** distinct odor, irritating odor

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 70.906

**MOLECULAR FORMULA:** Cl<sub>2</sub>

**BOILING POINT:** -31 F (-35 C)

**FREEZING POINT:** -150 F (-101 C)

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 5168 mmHg @ 21 C

**VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):** 2.49

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:** Not applicable

**DENSITY:** 3.214 g/L @ 0 C  
**WATER SOLUBILITY:** 1.46% @ 0 C  
**PH:** Not applicable  
**VOLATILITY:** Not applicable  
**ODOR THRESHOLD:** 0.01 ppm  
**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not applicable  
**VISCOSITY:** 0.01327 cP @ 20 C  
**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable  
**SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:**  
**Soluble:** alkali

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid contact with combustible materials. Minimize contact with material. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Keep out of water supplies and sewers.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:** combustible materials, bases, metals, halogens, metal salts, reducing agents, amines, metal carbide, metal oxides, oxidizing materials, halo carbons, acids

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:**  
Thermal decomposition products: chlorine

**POLYMERIZATION:** Will not polymerize.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**CHLORINE:**  
**TOXICITY DATA:**  
293 ppm/1 hour(s) inhalation-rat LC50  
**CARCINOGEN STATUS:** ACGIH: A4 -Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen  
**LOCAL EFFECTS:**  
Corrosive: inhalation, skin, eye  
**ACUTE TOXICITY LEVEL:**  
Toxic: inhalation  
**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** heart problems  
**TUMORIGENIC DATA:** Available.  
**MUTAGENIC DATA:** Available.  
**REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS DATA:** Available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**ECOTOXICITY DATA:**

**FISH TOXICITY:** 390 ug/L 96 hour(s) LC50 (Mortality) Orangethroat darter (*Etheostoma spectabile*)

**INVERTEBRATE TOXICITY:** 637.5 ug/L 1 hour(s) LC50 (Mortality) Pacific oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*)

**ALGAL TOXICITY:** 50-1000 ug/L 23 hour(s) (Population) Algae, phytoplankton, algal mat (Algae)

**PHYTOTOXICITY:** 20 ug/L 96 day(s) (Growth) Water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

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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): D001. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

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### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101:**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Chlorine

**ID NUMBER:** UN1017

**HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION:** 2.3

**LABELING REQUIREMENTS:** 2.3; 8

**QUANTITY LIMITATIONS:**

**PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OR RAILCAR:** Forbidden

**CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY:** Forbidden

**ADDITIONAL SHIPPING DESCRIPTION:** Toxic-Inhalation Hazard Zone B



**CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:**

**SHIPPING NAME:** Chlorine

**UN NUMBER:** UN1017

**CLASS:** 2.3; 8

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. REGULATIONS:**

**CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4):**

**CHLORINE:** 10 LBS RQ

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.30):**

**CHLORINE:** 100 LBS TPQ

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 304 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355.40):**

**CHLORINE:** 10 LBS RQ

**SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.21):**

ACUTE: Yes  
CHRONIC: No  
FIRE: No  
REACTIVE: No  
SUDDEN RELEASE: Yes

**SARA TITLE III SECTION 313 (40 CFR 372.65):  
CHLORINE**

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY (29CFR1910.119):**  
**CHLORINE: 1500 LBS TQ**

**STATE REGULATIONS:**

**California Proposition 65:** Not regulated.

**CANADIAN REGULATIONS:**

**WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:** ACD1E

**NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS:**

**U.S. INVENTORY (TSCA):** Listed on inventory.

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

**CANADA INVENTORY (DSL/NDSL):** Not determined.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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