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Common Name: LEAD FLUOBORATE

Synonyms: Lead Boron Fluoride

Chemical Name: Borate (1-), Tetrafluoro-, Lead (2+) (2:1)

Date: October 2007 Revision: May 2017

Description and Use

Lead Fluoborate is a crystalline powder which is mostly used in a water solution. It is used in electroplating, and as a curing agent and catalyst.

Reasons for Citation

- ► Lead Fluoborate is on the Right to Know Hazardous Substance List because it is cited by OSHA, ACGIH, DOT, NIOSH, NTP, DEP, IARC and EPA.
- ► This chemical is on the Special Health Hazard Substance List.

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FIRST AID

Eye Contact

▶ Immediately flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower lids. Remove contact lenses, if worn, while rinsing.

Skin Contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated skin with water.

Inhalation

- ▶ Remove the person from exposure.
- Begin rescue breathing (using universal precautions) if breathing has stopped and CPR if heart action has stopped.
- ▶ Transfer promptly to a medical facility.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222 CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 NJDEP Hotline: 1-877-927-6337

National Response Center: 1-800-424-8802

CAS Number: 13814-96-5

RTK Substance Number: 1105

DOT Number: UN 2291

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Hazard Summary		
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CARCINOGEN

POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE DOES NOT BURN

Hazard Rating Key: 0=minimal; 1=slight; 2=moderate; 3=serious; 4=severe

- ▶ Lead Fluoborate can affect you when inhaled or swallowed.
- ► Lead Fluoborate is a CARCÍNOGEN. HANDLE WITH EXTREME CAUTION.
- ▶ Contact can irritate and burn the skin and eyes.
- ▶ Inhaling Lead Fluoborate can irritate the nose and throat.
- ► Exposure can cause headache, irritability, and muscle and joint pain.
- ▶ Repeated exposure can cause *Lead poisoning* with metallic taste, colic and muscle cramps.
- ▶ Lead Fluoborate may damage the nervous system.
- ▶ Exposure may cause kidney and brain damage, and anemia.
- ► Extremely high exposure may cause *Fluoride poisoning*.
- ► For more information consult the *Right to Know Hazardous* Substance Fact Sheet on HYDROGEN FLUORIDE.

Workplace Exposure Limits

The following exposure limits are for *inorganic Lead* compounds (measured as *Lead*):

OSHA: The legal airborne permissible exposure limit (PEL) is **0.05 mg/m³** averaged over an 8-hour workshift.

NIOSH: The recommended airborne exposure limit (REL) is **0.05 mg/m³** averaged over a 10-hour workshift. Air concentrations should be maintained so that blood *Lead* is less than **0.06 mg per 100 grams** of whole blood.

ACGIH: The threshold limit value (TLV) is **0.05 mg/m³** averaged over an 8-hour workshift.

Lead Fluoborate is a PROBABLE CARCINOGEN in humans. There may be \underline{no} safe level of exposure to a carcinogen, so all contact should be reduced to the lowest possible level.

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Determining Your Exposure

- ▶ Read the product manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and the label to determine product ingredients and important safety and health information about the product mixture.
- For each individual hazardous ingredient, read the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Hazardous Substance Fact Sheet, available on the RTK Program website (http://nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/right-to-know/) or in your facility's RTK Central File or Hazard

Communication Standard file.

- ➤ You have a right to this information under the New Jersey Worker and Community Right to Know Act, the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Act if you are a public worker in New Jersey, and under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) if you are a private worker.
- ▶ The New Jersey Right to Know Act and the PEOSH Hazard Communication Standard (N.J.A.C. 12:100-7) requires most employers to label chemicals in the workplace and requires public employers to provide their employees with information concerning chemical hazards and controls. The federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) requires private employers to provide similar information and training to their employees.

This Fact Sheet is a summary of available information regarding the health hazards that may result from exposure. Duration of exposure, concentration of the substance and other factors will affect your susceptibility to any of the potential effects described below.

Health Hazard Information

Acute Health Effects

The following acute (short-term) health effects may occur immediately or shortly after exposure to **Lead Fluoborate**:

- ▶ Contact can irritate and burn the skin and eyes.
- ▶ Inhaling **Lead Fluoborate** can irritate the nose and throat.
- ► Exposure can cause headache, irritability, reduced memory, disturbed sleep, and mood and personality changes.
- Contact can cause upset stomach, poor appetite, weakness and fatigue.

Chronic Health Effects

The following chronic (long-term) health effects can occur at some time after exposure to **Lead Fluoborate** and can last for months or years:

Cancer Hazard

- ▶ Lead Fluoborate is a PROBABLE CARCINOGEN in humans. There is some evidence that *inorganic Lead compounds* cause lung, brain, stomach, and kidney cancer in humans and they have been shown to cause kidney cancer in animals.
- Many scientists believe there is no safe level of exposure to a carcinogen.

Reproductive Hazard

▶ While **Lead Fluoborate** has not been identified as a teratogen or a reproductive hazard, *Lead* and certain *Lead compounds* are teratogens and may also cause reproductive damage, such as reduced fertility and interference with menstrual cycles. **Lead Fluoborate** should be handled WITH EXTREME CAUTION.

Other Effects

- ▶ Repeated exposure to **Lead Fluoborate** can cause *Lead poisoning*. Symptoms include metallic taste, poor appetite, weight loss, colic, nausea, vomiting, and muscle cramps.
- ► Higher levels can cause muscle and joint pain, and weakness.
- ▶ High or repeated exposure may damage the nerves causing weakness, "pins and needles," and poor coordination in the arms and legs.
- ▶ Lead exposure increases the risk of high blood pressure.
- ▶ Lead Fluoborate may cause kidney and brain damage, and damage to the blood cells causing anemia.
- ▶ Repeated exposure causes *Lead* to accumulate in the body. It can take years for the body to get rid of excess *Lead*.
- ▶ Extremely high exposure may cause Fluoride poisoning.

Medical

Medical Testing

Before first exposure, and every six (6) months thereafter, OSHA requires your employer to provide (for persons exposed to **30 micrograms** or more of *Lead* **per cubic meter** of air for 30 days or more per year):

- ▶ Blood Lead test
- ▶ ZPP (a special test for the effects of *Lead* on blood cells)

For employees with blood *Lead* levels above **40 micrograms per 100 grams** of whole blood (**40 micrograms per deciliter**), OSHA requires blood *Lead* level monitoring every two months until two consecutive blood *Lead* levels are below **40 micrograms per 100 grams** of whole blood. These employees must undergo a medical evaluation, which should include:

- ► Complete work and medical history
- ➤ Thorough physical examination, including examination of the central nervous system
- ▶ Blood Lead test
- ▶ ZPP
- ▶ Hemoglobin, hematocrit with complete blood count
- ▶ Urinalysis with microscopic examination
- ► Any other tests determined necessary by the examining physician

This evaluation should be performed at least annually.

OSHA requires your employer to provide you and your doctor with a copy of the OSHA *Lead* Standards (29 CFR 1910.1025 and 1926.62).

Any evaluation should include a careful history of past and present symptoms with an exam. Medical tests that look for damage already done are <u>not</u> a substitute for controlling exposure.

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Request copies of your medical testing. You have a legal right to this information under the OSHA Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records Standard (29 CFR 1910.1020).

Mixed Exposures

▶ Body exposures to Lead from hobbies using Lead solder or pigments, target practice, and drinking moonshine made in Leaded containers will increase Lead levels. Repeated breathing or handling of Leaded gasoline may also add to body Lead levels.

Workplace Controls and Practices

Very toxic chemicals, or those that are reproductive hazards or sensitizers, require expert advice on control measures if a less toxic chemical cannot be substituted. Control measures include: (1) enclosing chemical processes for severely irritating and corrosive chemicals, (2) using local exhaust ventilation for chemicals that may be harmful with a single exposure, and (3) using general ventilation to control exposures to skin and eye irritants. For further information on workplace controls, consult the NIOSH document on Control Banding at www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/ctrlbanding/.

The following work practices are also recommended:

- ▶ Label process containers.
- ▶ Provide employees with hazard information and training.
- ▶ Monitor airborne chemical concentrations.
- ► Use engineering controls if concentrations exceed recommended exposure levels.
- ▶ Provide eye wash fountains and emergency showers.
- Wash or shower if skin comes in contact with a hazardous material.
- ▶ Always wash at the end of the workshift.
- Change into clean clothing if clothing becomes contaminated.
- ▶ Do not take contaminated clothing home.
- ▶ Get special training to wash contaminated clothing.
- ▶ Do not eat, smoke, or drink in areas where chemicals are being handled, processed or stored.
- Wash hands carefully before eating, smoking, drinking, applying cosmetics or using the toilet.

In addition, the following may be useful or required:

- Specific engineering controls are required for this chemical by OSHA. Refer to the OSHA *Lead* Standards (29 CFR 1910.1025 and 1926.62).
- ► For solid **Lead Fluoborate** use a vacuum or a wet method to reduce dust during clean-up. DO NOT DRY SWEEP.
- ► Use a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter when vacuuming. Do <u>not</u> use a standard shop vacuum.

Personal Protective Equipment

The OSHA Personal Protective Equipment Standard (29 CFR 1910.132) requires employers to determine the appropriate personal protective equipment for each hazard and to train employees on how and when to use protective equipment.

The following recommendations are only guidelines and may not apply to every situation.

Gloves and Clothing

- ➤ Avoid skin contact with **Lead Fluoborate**. Wear personal protective equipment made from material which can not be permeated and/or degraded by this substance. Safety equipment suppliers/manufacturers can provide recommendations on the most protective glove/clothing material for your operation.
- ➤ Safety equipment manufacturers recommend Laminate, Nitrile, or Natural Rubber for gloves and DuPont Tyvek® for solid Lead Fluoborate and Tychem® Responder® and TK, and RF for Hydrogen Fluoride as protective materials for clothing.
- ► All protective clothing (suits, gloves, footwear, headgear) should be clean, available each day, and put on before work.

Eye Protection

- ► For impact hazards (such as flying fragments, chips or particles), wear safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles.
- Wear indirect-vent, impact and splash resistant goggles when working with liquids.
- Wear a face shield along with goggles when working with corrosive, highly irritating or toxic substances.

Respiratory Protection

Improper use of respirators is dangerous. Respirators should only be used if the employer has a written program that takes into account workplace conditions, requirements for worker training, respirator fit testing, and medical exams, as described in the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134).

- Where the potential exists for exposure not higher than
 0.5 mg/m³ (as Lead), use a half-mask air purifying respirator equipped with high efficiency filters.
- Where the potential exists for exposure not higher than 2.5 mg/m³ (as Lead), use a full facepiece, air purifying respirator with high efficiency filters.
- ▶ Where the potential exists for exposure not higher than 50 mg/m³ (as Lead), or greater than 0.5 ppm but not higher than 30 ppm (as Hydrogen Fluoride), use any powered-air purifying respirator with high efficiency prefilters and cartridge specific for Hydrogen Fluoride.
- ▶ Leave the area immediately if (1) while wearing a filter or cartridge respirator you can smell, taste, or otherwise detect **Lead Fluoborate**, (2) while wearing particulate filters abnormal resistance to breathing is experienced, or (3) eye irritation occurs while wearing a full facepiece respirator. Check to make sure the respirator-to-face seal is still good. If it is, replace the filter or cartridge. If the seal is no longer good, you may need a new respirator.
- Consider all potential exposures in your workplace. You may need a combination of high efficiency prefilters and cartridges specific for *Hydrogen Fluoride* if **Lead Fluoborate** is used in a solution or heated.
- Where the potential exists for exposure not higher than 100 mg/m³ (as Lead), use supplied-air respirators with full facepiece, hood, helmet or suit, operated in a positive pressure mode.

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► Exposure to 100 mg/m³ (as Lead) or 30 ppm (as Hydrogen Fluoride) is immediately dangerous to life and health. If the possibility of exposure above 100 mg/m³ (as Lead) or 30 ppm (as Hydrogen Fluoride), use a NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode equipped with an emergency escape air cylinder.

Fire Hazards

If employees are expected to fight fires, they must be trained and equipped as stated in the OSHA Fire Brigades Standard (29 CFR 1910.156).

- ► Use dry chemical, CO₂ or foam as extinguishing agents. **Lead Fluoborate** itself does not burn.
- ▶ DO NOT USE water stream directly on material itself.
- ▶ POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE, including Lead Oxides, Boron Oxides, Fluorine and Hydrogen Fluoride
- ► CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE.
- ▶ Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Spills and Emergencies

If employees are required to clean-up spills, they must be properly trained and equipped. The OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard (29 CFR 1910.120) may apply.

If **Lead Fluoborate** is spilled or leaked, take the following steps:

- ► Evacuate personnel and secure and control entrance to the area.
- ▶ Eliminate all ignition sources.
- Collect powdered material by moistening spilled material, or use a HEPA-filter vacuum, and deposit into sealed containers.
- ► For liquid spills, contain spill with earth, sand, or similar material. Neutralize with an alkali such as Sodium Carbonate and mop or pump into a container.
- ► Ventilate and wash area after clean-up is complete but do not wash **Lead Fluoborate** into sewer.
- ▶ It may be necessary to contain and dispose of **Lead**Fluoborate as a HAZARDOUS WASTE. Contact your state
 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or your
 regional office of the federal Environmental Protection
 Agency (EPA) for specific recommendations.

Handling and Storage

Prior to working with **Lead Fluoborate** you should be trained on its proper handling and storage.

- ► A regulated, marked area should be established where **Lead Fluoborate** is handled, used, or stored.
- ► Liquid solutions containing **Lead Fluoborate**, in contact with METALS (such as ALUMINUM), may generate explosive *Hydrogen gas*.
- ► Lead Fluoborate is not compatible with CYANIDES; CALCIUM CARBIDE; WATER-REACTIVE MATERIALS; SULFITES; OXIDIZING AGENTS (such as PERCHLORATES, PEROXIDES, PERMANGANATES, CHLORATES, NITRATES, CHLORINE, BROMINE and

FLUORINE); STRONG ACIDS (such as HYDROCHLORIC, SULFURIC and NITRIC); and STRONG BASES (such as SODIUM HYDROXIDE and POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE).

▶ Store in tightly closed containers in a cool, well-ventilated area away from HEAT and DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

Occupational Health Information Resources

The New Jersey Department of Health offers multiple services in occupational health. These services include providing informational resources, educational materials, public presentations, and industrial hygiene and medical investigations and evaluations.

For more information, please contact:

New Jersey Department of Health

Right to Know Program

PO Box 368

Trenton, NJ 08625-0368 Phone: 609-984-2202 Fax: 609-984-7407 E-mail: rtk@doh.nj.gov

Web address:

http://nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/right-to-

know/

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GLOSSARY

ACGIH is the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. They publish guidelines called Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for exposure to workplace chemicals.

Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGLs) are established by the EPA. They describe the risk to humans resulting from once-in-a lifetime, or rare, exposure to airborne chemicals.

Boiling point is the temperature at which a substance can change its physical state from a liquid to a gas.

A **carcinogen** is a substance that causes cancer.

The **CAS number** is unique, identifying number, assigned by the Chemical Abstracts Service, to a specific chemical.

CFR is the Code of Federal Regulations, which are the regulations of the United States government.

A combustible substance is a solid, liquid or gas that will burn.

A **corrosive** substance is a gas, liquid or solid that causes destruction of human skin or severe corrosion of containers.

DEP is the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

DOT is the Department of Transportation, the federal agency that regulates the transportation of chemicals.

EPA is the Environmental Protection Agency, the federal agency responsible for regulating environmental hazards.

ERG is the Emergency Response Guidebook. It is a guide for emergency responders for transportation emergencies involving hazardous substances.

Emergency Response Planning Guideline (ERPG) values are intended to provide estimates of concentration ranges where one reasonably might anticipate observing adverse effects.

A fetus is an unborn human or animal.

A **flammable** substance is a solid, liquid, vapor or gas that will ignite easily and burn rapidly.

The **flash point** is the temperature at which a liquid or solid gives off vapor that can form a flammable mixture with air.

IARC is the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a scientific group.

Ionization Potential is the amount of energy needed to remove an electron from an atom or molecule. It is measured in electron volts.

IRIS is the Integrated Risk Information System database maintained by federal EPA. The database contains information on human health effects that may result from exposure to various chemicals in the environment.

LEL or **Lower Explosive Limit**, is the lowest concentration of a combustible substance (gas or vapor) in the air capable of continuing an explosion.

mg/m³ means milligrams of a chemical in a cubic meter of air. It is a measure of concentration (weight/volume).

A **mutagen** is a substance that causes mutations. A **mutation** is a change in the genetic material in a body cell. Mutations can lead to birth defects, miscarriages, or cancer.

NFPA is the National Fire Protection Association. It classifies substances according to their fire and explosion hazard.

NIOSH is the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. It tests equipment, evaluates and approves respirators, conducts studies of workplace hazards, and proposes standards to OSHA.

NTP is the National Toxicology Program which tests chemicals and reviews evidence for cancer.

OSHA is the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which adopts and enforces health and safety standards.

PEOSHA is the New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act, which adopts and enforces health and safety standards in public workplaces.

Permeated is the movement of chemicals through protective materials.

PIH is a DOT designation for chemicals which are Poison Inhalation Hazards.

ppm means parts of a substance per million parts of air. It is a measure of concentration by volume in air.

A **reactive** substance is a solid, liquid or gas that releases energy under certain conditions.

STEL is a Short Term Exposure Limit which is usually a 15-minute exposure that should not be exceeded at any time during a work day.

A **teratogen** is a substance that causes birth defects by damaging the fetus.

UEL or **Upper Explosive Limit** is the highest concentration in air above which there is too much fuel (gas or vapor) to begin a reaction or explosion.

Vapor Density is the ratio of the weight of a given volume of one gas to the weight of another (usually *Hydrogen*), at the same temperature and pressure.

The **vapor pressure** is a measure of how readily a liquid or a solid mixes with air at its surface. A higher vapor pressure indicates a higher concentration of the substance in air and therefore increases the likelihood of breathing it in.



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Emergency Responders Quick Reference

Common Name: LEAD FLUOBORATE

Synonyms: Lead Boron Fluoride

CAS No: 13814-96-5 Molecular Formula: Pb(BF₄)₂ RTK Substance No: 1105

Description: A crystalline powder mostly used in a water solution

HAZARD DATA			
Hazard Rating	Firefighting	Reactivity	
3 - Health	Use dry chemical, CO ₂ or foam as extinguishing agents. Lead Fluoborate itself does not	Liquid solutions of Lead Fluoborate , in contact with METALS, may generate explosive <i>Hydrogen gas</i> .	
0 - Fire	burn.	Lead Fluoborate is not compatible with CYANIDES;	
0 - Reactivity	DO NOT USE water stream directly on material	CALCIUM CARBIDE; WATER-REACTIVE MATERIALS;	
DOT#: UN 2291	itself. POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE, including Lead Oxides, Boron Oxides, Fluorine and	SULFITES; STRONG ACIDS (such as HYDROCHLORIC, SULFURIC and NITRIC); OXIDIZING AGENTS (such as PERCHLORATES, PEROXIDES, PERMANGANATES, CHLORATES, NITRATES, CHLORINE, BROMINE and FLUORINE); and STRONG BASES (such as SODIUM HYDROXIDE and POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE).	
ERG Guide #: 151			
Hazard Class: 6.1	Hydrogen Fluoride.		
(Poison)	CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE		
	Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.		

SPILL/LEAKS

Isolation Distance: 25 to 50 meters

(80 to 160 feet)

Moisten powdered material first or use a HEPA-filter

vacuum for clean-up.

For liquid spills, contain spill with earth, sand, etc. Neutralize with an alkali such as *Sodium Carbonate*. Mop or pump into a container. Keep out of sewers.

Toxic to aquatic organisms.

Hazardous to the environment and persists in the

environment.

EXPOSURE LIMITS

OSHA: 0.05 mg/m³, 8-hr TWA (as *Lead*)
NIOSH: 0.05 mg/m³, 10-hr TWA (as *Lead*)

ACGIH: 0.05 mg/m³, 8-hr TWA (as *Lead*)

0.5 ppm, 8-hr TWA (as Hydrogen Fluoride)

IDLH

LEVEL: 100 mg/m³ (as *Lead*)

30 ppm (as *Hydrogen Fluoride*)

PAC

LEVELS: PAC-1 = 0.28 mg/m^3 ; PAC-2 = 220 mg/m^3 ;

 $PAC-3 = 1,300 \text{ mg/m}^3$

PAC-1 = 1 ppm; PAC-2 = 24 ppm; PAC-3 = 44 ppm (as *Hydrogen Fluoride*)

HEALTH EFFECTS

Eyes: Irritation, burns
Skin: Irritation, burns

Acute: Headache, irritability, upset stomach and

weakness

Chronic: Inorganic Lead compounds may cause

lung, brain, stomach and kidney cancer

in humans.

Metallic taste, colic, muscle cramps Damage to the nervous system

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Odor Threshold: Relatively no odor
Flash Point: Noncombustible
Specific Gravity: 1.70 – 1.75 (liquid)
Boiling Point: >212°F (100°C) (liquid)

Water Solubility: Soluble

Melting Point: Less than <-32°F (0°C) pH: Acidic (0 to 0.5) (liquid)

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Gloves: Laminate, Nitrile or Natural Rubber

Coveralls: DuPont Tyvek® (solid) and Tychem® Responder® and TK or

RF for *Hydrogen Fluoride* (HF)

Boots: Neoprene

Respirator: ≤0.5 mg/m³ - N100 (as *Lead*)

<2.5 mg/m³ (as *Lead*) - full facepiece APR with High Efficiency

filters

≤50 mg/m³ (as Lead) or >0.5 ppm but ≤ 30 ppm (as HF) - full facepiece powered APR with High Efficiency prefilters and

cartridge specific for HF

≤100 mg/m³ (as *Lead*) – Pressure-demand supplied-air

 $>100 \text{ mg/m}^3$ (as Lead) or >30 ppm (as HF) –

Pressure-demand SCBA

FIRST AID AND DECONTAMINATION

Remove the person from exposure.

Flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if worn.

Remove contaminated clothing and wash contaminated skin with water.

Begin artificial respiration if breathing has stopped and CPR if necessary.

Transfer to a medical facility.