

Right to Know Hazardous Substance Fact Sheet

Emergency Responders Quick Reference

Common Name: AMMONIUM CHLORIDE

Synonym: Ammonium Muriate

CAS No: 12125-02-9 Molecular Formula: NH₄Cl RTK Substance No: 0093

Description: White powder or finely divided airborne particle.

HAZARD DATA		
Hazard Rating	Firefighting	Reactivity
2 - Health 0 - Fire 0 - Reactivity DOT#: UN 3077 ERG Guide #: 171 Hazard Class: 9 (Environmentally Hazardous Substance)	 Extinguish fire using an agent suitable for type of surrounding fire. Ammonium Chloride itself does not burn. POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE, including Nitrogen Oxides, Hydrogen Chloride and Ammonia. CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE. 	- Reacts violently with AMMONIUM NITRATE; POTASSIUM CHLORATE; BROMINE TRIFLUORIDE; and BROMINE PENTAFLUORIDE causing fire and explosion Incompatible with ALKALIES and their CARBONATES; LEAD SALTS; SILVER SALTS; OXIDIZING AGENTS (such as PERCHLORATES, PEROXIDES, PERMANGANATES, CHLORATES, NITRATES, CHLORINE, BROMINE and FLUORINE); and STRONG ACIDS (such as HYDROCHLORIC, SULFURIC and NITRIC) Reacts with HYDROGEN CYANIDE to form explosive Nitrogen Trichloride.

SPILL/LEAKS

Isolation Distance: 10 to 25 meters (30 to 80 feet)

- Sweep spilled substance into containers.
- Keep out of waterways as this substance is toxic to aquatic organisms.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Odor Threshold: Odorless

Flash Point: Noncombustible

LEL: N/A UEL: N/A

Vapor Density: 1.9 (air = 1)

Vapor Pressure: 1 mm Hg at 321°F (161°C)

Water Solubility: Soluble

Boiling Point: 968°F (520°C)

Melting Point: 640°F (338°C) (decomposes)

EXPOSURE LIMITS

ACGIH: 10 mg/m³ 8-hr TWA, 20 mg/m³ STEL **NIOSH:** 10 mg/m³ 10-hr TWA, 20 mg/m³ STEL

IDLH LEVEL: No Information

(All the above are for Ammonium Chloride fume)

PAC: PAC-1 = 20 ppm; PAC-2 = 110 ppm;

PAC-3 = 330 ppm

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Gloves: Natural Rubber, Neoprene, Nitrile, 4H® (for *Inorganic*

Salts)

Coverall: Dupont Tychem® CPF3

Boot: Rubber or Neoprene

Respirator: >10 mg/m³ N95 or N95 plus Ammonia Cartridge if a

liquid

>100 mg/m³ SA

HEALTH EFFECTS

Eyes: Irritation and possible eye damage

Skin: Irritation

Acute: Nose, throat and lung irritation,

headache, drowsiness and confusion

Chronic: Cancer - Not tested. Asthma-like

allergy. May affect the kidneys.

FIRST AID AND DECONTAMINATION

- Remove 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 soap and water.
- Begin artificial respiration if breathing has stopped and CPR if necessary.
- Transfer to a medical facility.