

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

BOVA SUPPLY CENTER  
02-19265

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Ferric Chloride

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### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ferric Chloride  
Synonym: iron (III) chloride  
CAS#: 10025-77-1

### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Yellowish hygroscopic crystals. Slight chlorine odor.  
Strong irritant to skin and tissue; slightly toxic by ingestion. Corrosive, avoid all body tissue contact.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-1  
Flammability-0  
Reactivity-1  
Exposure-2  
Storage-1

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.  
Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.  
Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.  
External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.  
Internal: Rinse out mouth, give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, induce vomiting. After vomiting, give mixture of 2 Tbs. of activated charcoal mixed with one cup of water. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Non flammable solid.  
When heated to decomposition, emits toxic chlorine gas.  
Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

NFPA CODE  
None  
Established

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

### SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #2. Store with acetates, halides, sulfates, sulfites, thiosulfates and phosphates. Store in a cool dry place. Deliquescent, store in Flinn Chem-Saf Bag. Use and dispense in a hood.

### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).  
Exposure guidelines: TWA 1.0 ppm (Fe) (NIOSH)

**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Yellowish, hygroscopic crystals. Slight chlorine odor. Specific Gravity: 2.898 (anhydrous)  
Solubility: Soluble in water, acetone, alcohol, and ether. Melting Point: 37 C  
Formula: FeCl<sub>3</sub> 6H<sub>2</sub>O  
Formula Weight: 270.32

**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers, sodium, potassium.  
Shelf Life: Fair to poor; hygroscopic, store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag.

**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute effects: Corrosive ORL-RAT LD50: 1278 mg/kg  
Chronic effects: N.A. IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A. SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Data not yet available.

**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Please consult with state and local regulations.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Shipping Name: Corrosive Solid, Acidic, Inorganic, NOS (Ferric Chloride 6 Hydrate)  
Hazard Class: 8  
UN Number: UN3260

N/A = Not applicable

**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-729-4).

**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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