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Tetra-Etch® Etchant Material Safety Data Sheet

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Revision	Date	Responsible Person	Description of Change
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1. Identification

1.1 Trade Name

Tetra Etch® fluorocarbon etchant
A mixture of sodium, naphthalene and 1,2 – dimethoxyethane

1.2 Uses

Used to prepare the surfaces of fluoropolymers prior to bonding, marking and potting

1.3 Address

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1.4 Emergency telephone number (24 hours) +44 1865 407333

2. Hazard Identification

2.1 Hazard Classification

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement
Flammable Liquid	2	H225
Acute Toxicity (Oral)	4	H302
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	1B	H314
Acute Toxicity (Inhalation)	4	H332
Carcinogenicity	2	H351
Toxic to Reproduction	1B	H360FD
Aquatic Toxicity (Chronic)	1	H410

2.2 Labelling



Signal word: **Danger**

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Hazard Statements

- Physical Hazards:** H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
- Health Hazards:** H302: Harmful if swallowed.
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H332: Harmful if inhaled.
H351: Suspected of causing cancer.
H360FD: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements

- Prevention:** P201: Obtain special instructions before use.
P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233: Keep container tightly closed.
P240+P241+P242+P243: Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P260: Do not breathe mists/vapours/spray.
P264: Wash thoroughly after handling.
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271: Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273: Avoid release to the environment.
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Additional Hazards due to Foreseeable Uses/Misuses

Mixture exhibits corrosive properties.
Inadequate ventilation may cause drowsiness due to exposure to solvent vapours

EUH19: May form explosive peroxides

3. Composition

Major Components	%	EU	CAS	WEL
1,2 dimethoxyethane	<75	203-794-9	110-71-4	None established
Naphthalene	<25	202-049-5	91-20-3	None established
Sodium Metal	<5	231-132-9	7440-23-5	None established



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4. First Aid Measures

4.1 First aid response:

P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303+P361+P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

4.2 Special measures

May cause irritation or burns of the digestive tract. May be harmful if swallowed.
Inadequate ventilation may cause drowsiness due to exposure to solvent vapours.

4.3 Immediate medical attention

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

P308+P313: IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention

5. Fire Fighting Measures

5.1 Extinguishing media –

P370+P378: In case of fire: Use dry powder, preferably with a nitrogen propellant to extinguish

5.2 Special Hazards

Do not use water.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Combustion products- CO₂; water

Use breathing apparatus.

6. Accidental Release

6.1 Personal protection

Wear apron or chemical resistant overalls, gloves and eye/face protection.

Use suitable organic vapour respirator.

6.2 Environmental Protection

Do not allow to enter drains or water courses.

6.3 Clean-up Methods

Contain and absorb with dry sand or mineral absorbent. Do not use water.

Transfer to polypropylene or polyethylene drum or polythene lined steel drum for disposal.

No smoking - use non sparking tools

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7. Handling & Storage

7.1 Precautions for Safe Handling

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Wear butyl rubber gloves and goggles when opening container or using liquid
Open container carefully to release any built-up pressure
Follow procedures for flammable materials
Ensure adequate ventilation
Avoid contact with skin and eyes
Wash thoroughly after handling

7.2 Conditions for Safe Storage

P403 + P405 + P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Keep cool
Store away from sources of ignition.
Store below 0°C
Keep container sealed.
Keep separate from oxidising materials.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Exposure Limits

No WEL established.

Ventilation

Only work in well ventilated area using appropriate organic vapour respirator or air fed breathing apparatus. Local exhaust ventilation recommended.

Hand Protection

Use butyl rubber gloves

Eye Protection

Goggles or face shield.

Skin Protection

Chemical resistant apron or overalls.

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9. Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance	Green black liquid with strong odour of ether and naphthalene. Odour threshold <1ppm.
pH	The product is a non-aqueous solution. In the presence of water, a pH of >12.5 is achieved.
B.P.	85°C
Melting Point	N/A
Flash Point	BSENISO 13736 0.5°C. auto ignition point 192 °C
Flammability	Highly Flammable
Explosive Range	LEL 1.8% UEL 10.4%
Vapour Pressure	48mm Hg @ 20°C
S.G. (Density)	0.96 g/cm ³
Solubility	Reacts with water to form alkaline solution
VOC Content	73% (700g/l)

10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

No data available

10.2 Chemical Stability

No data available

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to Avoid

Product decomposes in the presence of moisture.
Keep away from sources of ignition

10.5 Incompatible Materials

Oxidising materials and strong acids.

10.6 Hazardous Products Formed

Reacts with water to form sodium hydroxide and naphthalene, small quantities of hydrogen evolved.



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11. Toxicological Information

Acute effects

Inhalation of vapour causes dizziness, drowsiness and nausea. Can be absorbed through the skin.

Other acute effects - corrosive, skin and eye contact will cause severe irritation and caustic burns.

Chronic effects

Recent studies have shown that 1,2 dimethoxyethane can cause testicular atrophy, teratogenic effects and embryo toxicity in mice.

Some individuals may show sensitivity to naphthalene.

12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity- harmful to fish

Mobility- Not known

Persistence- Not known

Bioaccumulation- Not known

13. Disposal

P501: Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local and regional regulations.

Used containers may contain residual product and should be separated from sources of ignition or heat.

14. Transport

14.1 UN identification No.	UN2924
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	Flammable Liquid, Corrosive, NOS (Contains 1,2 Dimethoxyethene)
14.3 Hazard Class	Class 3 (8)
14.4 Packing Group	Packing group II
14.5 Environmental Hazards	Not a marine pollutant
Transport Labels required	Flammable, Corrosive

15. Regulatory Info

This product is classified in accordance with EC Regulations EC/1272/2008

Germany WGK CAS#110-71-4; 1

USA TSCA Components are listed on the TSCA inventory



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16. Other Info

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	P310:	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
	P308+P313:	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
	P363:	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
	P370+P378:	In case of fire: Use dry powder, preferably with a nitrogen propellant to extinguish.
	P391:	Collect spillage.
Storage:	P403 + P405 + P235:	Store in a well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Keep cool.
Disposal:	P501:	Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local and regional regulations.
		EUH19: May form explosive peroxides.

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Reference to product literature should be made prior to use.

**Reasonable care has been taken in the preparation of this information.
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