

**TETRAMETHOXYGERMANE**

Safety Data Sheet GET7500

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**SECTION 1: Identification****1.1. Identification**

Product name	: TETRAMETHOXYGERMANE
Product code	: GET7500
Product form	: Substance
Physical state	: Liquid
Formula	: C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>12</sub> GeO <sub>4</sub>
Synonyms	: GERMANIUM TETRAMETHOXIDE; GERMANIUM METHOXIDE
Chemical family	: ORGANOGERMANE

**1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use**

Recommended use	: Chemical intermediate
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**1.3. Supplier****GELEST, INC.**

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**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

Emergency number	: CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 (USA); +1 703-527-3887 (International)
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**SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification****2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS-US classification**

Flammable liquids Category 3	H226 Flammable liquid and vapor
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2A	H319 Causes serious eye irritation
Full text of H statements : see section 16	

**2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements****GHS US labeling**

Hazard pictograms (GHS US)



Signal word (GHS US) : Warning

Hazard statements (GHS US) : H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

Precautionary statements (GHS US) : P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P210 - Keep away from heat, open flames, sparks. - No smoking.  
P233 - Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 - Ground/Bond container and receiving equipment  
P241 - Use explosion-proof electrical equipment  
P242 - Use only non-sparking tools.  
P243 - Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P303+P361+P353 - If on skin (or hair): take off immediately all contaminated clothing. rinse skin with water/shower  
P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
P370+P378 - In case of fire: Use water spray or fog, foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical to extinguish.  
P403+P235 - Keep in a cool place  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container to licensed waste disposal facility.

**2.3. Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Other hazards not contributing to the classification	: Overexposure to methanol by skin absorption, inhalation or ingestion may effect vision (pain, dilated, unresponsive pupils, loss of visual acuity) or cause other symptoms including eczematoid dermatitis, conjunctivitis, headache, nausea, respiratory failure and cardiac depression. Additional methanol may be
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formed by reaction with moisture and water. The US OSHA PEL (TWA) for methanol is 200 ppm.

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

Substance type : Mono-constituent  
Name : TETRAMETHOXYGERMANE  
CAS-No. : 992-91-6

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Tetramethoxygermane	(CAS-No.) 992-91-6	95 - 100	Flam. Liq. 3, H226 Eye Irrit. 2A, H319

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

### 3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First-aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). If possible show this sheet; if not available show packaging or label.

First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.

First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice/attention.

First-aid measures after ingestion : Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical advice/attention.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : May cause irritation to the respiratory tract.

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : May cause skin irritation.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Causes serious eye irritation. Analogy to tetramethoxysilane suggests that significant risks may exist for exposure to tetramethoxygermane including corneal damage and blindness.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Oral toxicity is associated with methanol, the solvent and a hydrolysis product which causes nausea, vomiting, headache, visual effects including blindness.

Chronic symptoms : On contact with water this compound liberates methanol which is known to have a chronic effect on the central nervous system. Methanol may effect the central nervous system resulting in persistent or recurring headaches or impaired vision.

### 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: This product reacts with water in the acid contents of the stomach to form methanol. The combination of visual disturbances, metabolic acidosis and formic acid in urine is evidence of methanol poisoning. The therapeutic intravenous administration of ethanol (10 mls/hour) allows methanol to be preferentially oxidized and reduces production of methanol metabolites. Acidosis must be treated with intravenous administration of sodium bicarbonate and methanol elimination may be increased by hemodialysis, as indicated. Treatment should be based on blood methanol levels and acid-base balance.

## SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Water fog. Foam. Carbon dioxide. Dry chemical.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use straight streams.

### 5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard : Flammable liquid and vapor. Irritating fumes and organic acid vapors may develop when material is exposed to elevated temperatures or open flame.

### 5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions : Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers.

Protection during firefighting : Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Avoid all eye and skin contact and do not breathe vapor and mist.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : Eliminate every possible source of ignition. Use special care to avoid static electric charges.

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### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

- Protective equipment : Wear protective equipment as described in Section 8.
- Emergency procedures : Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Contain any spills with dikes or absorbents to prevent migration and entry into sewers or streams.
- Methods for cleaning up : Clean up any spills as soon as possible, using an absorbent material to collect it. Sweep or shovel spills into appropriate container for disposal. Use only non-sparking tools.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Additional hazards when processed : Handle empty containers with care because residual vapors are flammable. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
- Precautions for safe handling : Avoid all eye and skin contact and do not breathe vapor and mist. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent accumulation of vapors. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools.
- Hygiene measures : Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Technical measures : Proper grounding procedures to avoid static electricity should be followed. Use explosion-proof electrical equipment.
- Storage conditions : Keep container tightly closed. Keep in a cool place.
- Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agent.
- Storage area : Store in a well-ventilated place. Store away from heat.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation.

### 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

#### Personal protective equipment:

Avoid all unnecessary exposure. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure.

#### Hand protection:

Neoprene or nitrile rubber gloves

#### Eye protection:

Chemical goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn

#### Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection:

Where exposure through inhalation may occur from use, respiratory protection equipment is recommended. NIOSH-certified organic vapor (black cartridge) respirator.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- Physical state : Liquid

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Appearance	: Clear liquid.
Molecular mass	: 196.73 g/mol
Color	: No data available
Odor	: Characteristic. Methanol.
Odor threshold	: No data available
Refractive index	: 1.4015
pH	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: -18 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: 145 - 146 °C
Flash point	: 34 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Flammable liquid and vapor
Vapor pressure	: 4 mm Hg @ 25°C
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: > 1
Relative density	: 1.325
% Volatiles	: 100 %
Solubility	: Reacts with water.
Log Pow	: No data available
Log Kow	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: 1 cSt @ 20°C
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: No data available
Explosion limits	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

No additional information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Material decomposes slowly in contact with moist air or with water liberating methanol.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Heat. Open flame. Sparks.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agent.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Germanium oxides. Methanol. Organic vapors.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye irritation.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	: Not classified

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Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms	: This material slowly generates methanol on contact with water and moisture in living tissues. Material generates methanol on contact with water or moisture in skin, eyes and mucous membranes and has an irritating, dehydrating effect on overexposed tissue.
Symptoms/effects after inhalation	: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract.
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: May cause skin irritation.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Causes serious eye irritation. Analogy to tetramethoxysilane suggests that significant risks may exist for exposure to tetramethoxygermane including corneal damage and blindness.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Oral toxicity is associated with methanol, the solvent and a hydrolysis product which causes nausea, vomiting, headache, visual effects including blindness.
Chronic symptoms	: On contact with water this compound liberates methanol which is known to have a chronic effect on the central nervous system. Methanol may effect the central nervous system resulting in persistent or recurring headaches or impaired vision.
Reason for classification	: Expert judgment

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1. Toxicity

No additional information available

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects : This substance may be hazardous to the environment.

Effect on the ozone layer : No additional information available

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Disposal methods

Sewage disposal recommendations : Do not dispose of waste into sewer.

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Incinerate. Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations. Dispose of contents/container to licensed waste disposal facility.

Additional information : Handle empty containers with care because residual vapors are flammable.

Ecology - waste materials : Avoid release to the environment.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### 14.1. UN number

UN-No.(DOT) : 1993

DOT NA no. UN1993

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport document description : UN1993 Flammable liquids, n.o.s. (TETRAMETHOXYGERMANE), 3, III

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Flammable liquids, n.o.s.  
(TETRAMETHOXYGERMANE)

Class (DOT) : 3 - Class 3 - Flammable and combustible liquid 49 CFR 173.120

Packing group (DOT) : III - Minor Danger

Hazard labels (DOT) : 3 - Flammable liquid



DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 203

DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 242

DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 150

DOT Symbols : G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name

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### 14.3. Additional information

Emergency Response Guide (ERG) Number : 128

Other information : No supplementary information available.

### Transport by sea

DOT Vessel Stowage Location : A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.

### Air transport

DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail : 60 L  
(49 CFR 173.27)

DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 : 220 L  
CFR 175.75)

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### TETRAMETHOXYGERMANE (992-91-6)

TSCA Exemption/Exclusion

CAUTION: This material is supplied for research and development purposes subject to the R&D exemption under TSCA, 40 CFR 720.36, and must meet the requirements of the exemption, including supervision by a "technically qualified individual" as defined by 40 CFR 720.3(ee). The use of this material for "commercial purposes" as defined by 40 CFR 720.3(r) is not permitted in the United States.

#### Tetramethoxygermane (992-91-6)

Not listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

No additional information available

#### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

#### National regulations

No additional information available

### 15.3. US State regulations

California Proposition 65 - This product does not contain any substances known to the state of California to cause cancer, developmental and/or reproductive harm

## SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-phrases::

H226

Flammable liquid and vapor

H319

Causes serious eye irritation

Abbreviations and acronyms

: Abbreviations: ND: Not Determined, No Data; NA: Not Applicable; LD: Lethal Dose; LC: Lethal Concentration; ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimates; H: hour; °: °C unless otherwise stated; mm: millimeters Hg, torr; PEL: permissible exposure level; TWA: time weighted average; TLV: threshold limit value; TG: Test Guideline; NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer; NTP: National Toxicology Program; HMIS: Hazardous Material Information System; CAS No.: Chemical Abstract Service Registration Number; EC No.: European Commission Registration Number; EC Index No.: European Commission Index Number; OECD: The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; GHS: The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling; APF: Assigned Protection Factor.

### Hazard Rating

Health : 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given

Flammability : 3 Serious Hazard - Materials capable of ignition under almost all normal temperature conditions. Includes flammable liquids with flash points below 73 F and boiling points above 100 F. as well as liquids with flash points between 73 F and 100 F. (Classes IB & IC)



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: 1 Slight Hazard - Materials that are normally stable but can become unstable (self-react) at high temperatures and pressures. Materials may react non-violently with water or undergo hazardous polymerization in the absence of inhibitors.

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