

**GERMANIUM TETRABROMIDE**

Safety Data Sheet GEG5500

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1. Product identifier**

Product form	: Substance
Physical state	: Solid
Substance name	: GERMANIUM TETRABROMIDE
Product code	: GEG5500
Formula	: Br <sub>4</sub> Ge
Synonyms	: TETRABROMOGERMANIUM; GERMANIUM(IV) BROMIDE
Chemical family	: GERMANIUM BROMIDE

**1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Use of the substance/mixture	: Chemical intermediate For research and industrial use only
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**1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****GELEST, INC.**11 East Steel Road  
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Emergency number	: CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 (USA); +1 703-527-3887 (International)
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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification (GHS-US)**

Skin Corr. 1B H314

Eye Dam. 1 H318

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

**2.2. Label elements****GHS-US labeling**

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



GHS05

Signal word (GHS-US)	: Danger
Hazard statements (GHS-US)	: H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage H318 - Causes serious eye damage
Precautionary statements (GHS-US)	: P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection P260 - Do not breathe dust P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling 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 P310 - Immediately call a doctor P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse P405 - Store locked up P501 - Dispose of contents/container to licensed waste disposal facility. P321 - Specific treatment (see first aid instructions on this label)

**2.3. Other hazards**

No additional information available

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

No data available

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substance

Substance type	: Multi-constituent
Name	: GERMANIUM TETRABROMIDE
CAS No	: 13450-92-5
EC no	: 236-612-1

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-US)
Germanium tetrabromide	(CAS No) 13450-92-5	> 95	Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318
Other Germanium bromides		< 5	Not classified

#### 3.2. Mixture

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 immediate 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 immediate 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, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/injuries	: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Overexposure may cause: Coughing. Headache. Nausea.
Symptoms/injuries after skin contact	: Causes (severe) skin burns.
Symptoms/injuries after eye contact	: Causes serious eye damage.
Symptoms/injuries after ingestion	: May be harmful if swallowed.

#### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physician: Bromogermanes reacts with water to form hydrobromic acid, consequently treatment for acid burns may be considered.

### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: None.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Water.

#### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard	: Irritating fumes and acid vapors may develop when material is exposed to elevated temperatures or open flame.
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#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

Firefighting instructions	: Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. (Note, since germanium tetrabromide is not flammable, precautions refer to mixtures with flammable materials.).
Protection during firefighting	: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust.

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

##### 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".
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#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

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

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### 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.

### 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

Precautions for safe handling	: Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation to minimize exposure to dust.
Hygiene measures	: Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

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

Storage conditions	: Keep container tightly closed. Avoid contact with water.
Incompatible materials	: Water.
Storage area	: Store in a well-ventilated place. Store away from heat.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	: Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation.
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 or face shield. 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 dust and mist (orange cartridge) respirator.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Physical state	: Solid
Appearance	: Low-melting solid.
Molecular mass	: 392.23 g/mol
Color	: Clear to pink-orange.
Odor	: Acrid. Hydrogen bromide.
Odor threshold	: No data available
Refractive index	: 1.6269
pH	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: 26.1 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: 186.5 °C
Flash point	: Not flammable
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: 58.4 mm Hg @ 93.7°C
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: > 1
Relative density	: 3.132
Solubility	: Reacts with water. Organic solvent: Soluble: ethanol, toluene, ether
Log Pow	: No data available

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Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
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

Reacts with water and moisture in air, liberating hydrogen bromide.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

No additional information available

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Water.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Acid vapors. Hydrogen bromide.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage.
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
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms	: Inhalation of large amounts is expected to cause necrosis of tracheal epithelium, bronchitis and interstitial pneumonia.
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Overexposure may cause: Coughing. Headache. Nausea.
Symptoms/injuries after skin contact	: Causes (severe) skin burns.
Symptoms/injuries after eye contact	: Causes serious eye damage.
Symptoms/injuries after ingestion	: May be harmful if swallowed.
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

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### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects	: This substance may be hazardous to the environment.
Effect on ozone layer	: No additional information available
Effect on the global warming	: No known ecological damage caused by this product.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Sewage disposal recommendations	: Do not dispose of waste into sewer.
Waste disposal recommendations	: Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations. Dispose of contents/container to licensed waste disposal facility.
Ecology - waste materials	: Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1. UN number

UN-No.(DOT)	: 1759
DOT NA no.	UN1759

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Proper Shipping Name (DOT)	: Corrosive solids, n.o.s. (GERMANIUM TETRABROMIDE)
Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazard Classes	: 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136
Hazard labels (DOT)	: 8 - Corrosive



DOT Symbols	: G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name
Packing group (DOT)	: II - Medium Danger
DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 154
DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 212
DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx)	: 240

### 14.3. Additional information

Other information	: No supplementary information available.
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### 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.
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### Air transport

DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27)	: 15 kg
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75)	: 50 kg

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

#### Germanium tetrabromide (13450-92-5)

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

### 15.2. International regulations

#### Germanium tetrabromide (13450-92-5)

Listed on the Canadian NDSL (Non-Domestic Substances List)  
Listed on IECSC (Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China)  
Listed on the EEC inventory EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances)  
Listed on the Korean ECL (Existing Chemicals List)

### 15.3. US State regulations

#### GERMANIUM TETRABROMIDE(13450-92-5)

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	No
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U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity		No		
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female		No		
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male		No		
Germanium tetrabromide (13450-92-5)				
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No significance risk level (NSRL)
No	No	No	No	
Other Germanium bromides				
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Developmental Toxicity	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Female	U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity - Male	No significance risk level (NSRL)
No	No	No	No	

### SECTION 16: Other information

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.

Full text of H-phrases:

Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1
Skin Corr. 1B	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1B
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318	Causes serious eye damage

### HMIS III Rating

Health : 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given  
 Flammability : 0 Minimal Hazard  
 Physical : 1 Slight Hazard

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