

Right to Know Hazardous Substance Fact Sheet

Emergency Responders Quick Reference

Common Name: BROMINE PENTAFLUORIDE

Synonyms: None CAS No: 7789-30-2 Molecular Formula: BrF₅ RTK Substance No: 0254

Description: A colorless to pale yellow liquid which becomes a gas at temperatures above 104°F (40°C)

HAZARD DATA		
Hazard Rating	Firefighting	Reactivity
4 - Health	Bromine Pentafluoride is not combustible but it is a STRONG OXIDIZER which enhances the	Bromine Pentafluoride reacts violently or explosively with WATER; STEAM; ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (such
0 - Fire	combustion of other substances.	as FUELS); and HYDROGEN CONTAINING
3-W - Reactivity	Use dry chemical, CO ₂ , or dry sand as extinguishing agents.	MATERIALS (such as AMMONIA and ACETIC ACID). Bromine Pentafluoride reacts with STRONG ACIDS (such as HYDROCHLORIC, SULFURIC and NITRIC) and ACID FUMES releasing highly toxic Hydrogen Bromide and Hydrogen Fluoride gas. Bromine Pentafluoride is not compatible with HALOGENS; SALTS; METALS; METAL OXIDES; SELENIUM; SULFUR; and GLASS. Reacts with all chemicals EXCEPT OXYGEN, NITROGEN and RARE GASES (such as HELIUM and ARGON).
DOT#: UN 1745 ERG Guide #: 144	DO NOT USE WATER or FOAM as Bromine Pentafluoride reacts violently with WATER.	
Hazard Class: 5.1 (Oxidizer)	POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE including <i>Hydrogen Bromide</i> and <i>Hydrogen Fluoride</i> .	
	CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE	
	Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.	

SPILL/LEAKS

Isolation Distance:

Small Spills: 30 meters (100 feet) Large Spills: 215 meters (700 feet)

Cover spilled material with dry sand, dry earth, vermiculite or similar inert material and deposit in sealed containers.

DO NOT GET WATER ON SPILLED MATERIAL.

DO NOT ABSORB IN COMBUSTIBLE ABSORBANTS.

EXPOSURE LIMITS

OSHA: None

NIOSH: 0.1 ppm, 10-hr TWA

ACGIH: 0.1 ppm, 8-hr TWA

IDLH LEVEL: No information

HEALTH EFFECTS

Eyes: Irritation, burns, watery eyes

Skin: Irritation, burns, discoloration and slow

healing ulcers

Acute: Irritation of the nose, throat and lungs

with coughing and shortness of breath

Chronic: Coughing, phleam and shortness of

breath, headache and dizziness

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Odor Threshold: Pungent

Flash Point: Noncombustible

Relative Vapor

Density: 6.05 (air = 1)

Vapor Pressure: 328 mm Hg at 68°F (20°C)

Specific Gravity: 2.46 (water = 1)
Water Solubility: Decomposes/Reacts

Boiling Point: 106°F (41°C)

Molecular Weight: 174.9

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Gloves: No information

Coveralls: DuPont Tychem® Responder®, CSM, and TK for toxic

and corrosive vapors and gases

Boots: No information

Respirator: >0.1 ppm - Supplied air

FIRST AID AND DECONTAMINATION

Remove the person from exposure.

Flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 30 minutes. Remove contact lenses if worn. Seek medical attention immediately.

Quickly remove contaminated clothing and wash contaminated skin with large amounts of soap and water. Seek medical attention immediately.

Begin artificial respiration if breathing has stopped and CPR if necessary.

Transfer to a medical facility.

Medical observation is recommended as symptoms may be delayed.

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