

# GERMANIUM DIOXIDE SOLUTION TG11 SAFETY DATA SHEET



## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identity:** Germanium Dioxide Solution TG11

**Trade Names and Synonyms:** TG11, Catalyst Solution TG11

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**Product Use:** Catalyst Solution.

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CLASSIFICATION:

Health	Physical	Environmental
<b>Acute Toxicity (Inhalation)</b> – <b>Category 4</b> <b>Skin Corrosion/Eye Damage</b> – <b>Category 1</b> Respiratory or Skin Sensitization – Does not meet criteria Mutagenicity – Does not meet criteria Carcinogenicity – Does not meet criteria <b>Reproductive Toxicity</b> – <b>Category 2</b> <b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity</b> <b>Acute Exposure</b> – <b>Category 3</b> <b>Chronic Exposure</b> – <b>Category 2</b>	Does not meet criteria for any Physical Hazard	<b>Aquatic Toxicity – Short Term (Acute) Category 1</b>

### LABEL:

<p><b>Symbols:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">     </div>	<p><b>Signal Word:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DANGER</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Hazard Statements</u></b></p> <p><b>DANGER!</b>                      Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.                      May cause respiratory irritation.                      Harmful if inhaled.                      May cause damage to kidneys through prolonged or repeated inhalation of mists.                      Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.                      Very toxic to aquatic life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Precautionary Statements:</u></b></p> <p>Obtain special instructions before use.                      Do not handle until all safety instructions have been read and understood.                      Do not breathe mist or spray.                      Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated place.                      Wear protective gloves, clothing and eye/face protection.                      Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.                      If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.                      Collect all spillage. Avoid release to the environment.                      Store in a secure, well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.</p>

	<p>Dispose of contents/containers according to local hazardous waste regulations.</p> <p>IF ON SKIN OR HAIR: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. Immediately call for medical assistance.</p> <p>Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.</p> <p>IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Do not delay irrigation in order to attempt to remove contact lenses. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.</p> <p>IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.</p> <p>IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call for medical assistance.</p>
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**Emergency Overview:** A colourless, odourless liquid which is non-combustible but, in a fire, may decompose with the possible production of irritating and potentially toxic fumes. Skin contact will cause irritation of tissues and eye contact will cause severe irritation and pain. Inhalation of high concentrations of mist may be irritating to the upper respiratory passages. The solution is acidic and should not be allowed to reach open water courses in the event of an accidental spill.

**Potential Health Effects:** Skin or eye contact will cause irritation of the tissue, which may be severe in the case of eye contact. Vapours or mist may be irritating to the upper respiratory system. None of the components is listed as a human carcinogen by OSHA, the NTP, IARC, the ACGIH, or the European Union (EU) (see Toxicological Information, Section 11).

**Potential Environmental Effects:** Germanium compounds are believed to pose a low level of environmental hazard but there is little documentation on this subject. Ethylene glycol is known to have a relatively low level of toxicity to organisms. However, the product is hazardous because of its substantial acid content and low pH (see Ecological Information, Section 12).

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS	CAS Registry No.	CONCENTRATION (% wt./wt.)
Germanium Dioxide	1310-53-8	8%
Ethylene Glycol	107-21-1	26%
Oxalic Acid	144-62-7	12%
Glycolic Acid	79-14-1	14%
Water	7732-18-5	40%

Note: See Section 8 for Occupational Exposure Guidelines.

### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact:** *Symptoms:* Irritation, redness, pain: Rinse the eye(s) cautiously with lukewarm, gently flowing water for several minutes while holding the eyelid(s) open. Remove contact lens if present and easy to do but do not delay irrigation in order to attempt to remove the lens. Continue rinsing for 15 – 20 minutes. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice/attention.

**Skin Contact:** *Symptoms:* Stinging, irritation, redness: Avoid direct contact. Wear chemical protective gloves, if necessary. Immediately take off contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g., watchbands, belts). Gently blot away excess product. Shower if contamination is extensive. Otherwise, wash with plenty of lukewarm gently flowing water (and mild soap if available) for 15 – 20 minutes. If skin irritation continues to occur, or if you feel unwell, get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse or else discard.

**Inhalation:** *Symptoms:* Irritation of nose, throat and upper airways: Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call for medical attention if affected person feels unwell.

**Ingestion:** *Symptoms:* Burning, pain in mouth and esophagus: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call for medical assistance. If vomiting occurs naturally, lay the affected person on their side, in the recovery position.

### SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** This product is not considered a fire or explosion hazard. However, if involved in a fire it may decompose with the possible production of irritating and potentially toxic fumes.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use any means of extinction appropriate for surrounding fire conditions such as water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or foam.

**Fire Fighting:** Fire fighters must be fully trained and wear full protective clothing including an approved, self-contained breathing apparatus which supplies a positive air pressure within a full face piece mask.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Procedures for Cleanup:** Control source of release if possible to do safely. Contain spill, isolate hazard area, and deny entry to unauthorized personnel. Dike area around spill, pump uncontaminated material back to process if possible, and then absorb any remaining liquid in solid absorbent such as vermiculite or clay absorbents. Place irreclaimable material and used absorbents in suitable, labelled containers for final disposal. Wash site of spillage with large amounts of water. Do not let wash water enter natural watercourses. Treat or dispose of waste spilled material and contaminated wash water in accordance with all local, regional and national regulations.

**Personal Precautions:** Protective clothing, chemical resistant gloves, and eye protection are recommended for persons responding to an accidental release (see also Section 8). Close-fitting safety goggles or a face mask should be worn to prevent eye contact when splashing is a possibility. Workers should wash and also consider the need to change clothing following cleanup of a spill to minimize personal contamination.

**Environmental Precautions:** Components of this product can pose a threat to the environment. Contamination of watercourses should be prevented. Do not allow spills of this solution to enter sewers or watercourses.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** It is good practice to keep containers closed when not in use.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in its original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area away from potentially incompatible materials. Keep container tightly closed in storage. Protect from physical damage.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Occupational Exposure Guidelines:** (*Time-Weighted Average (TWA) concentration over 8 hr unless otherwise indicated*)

<u>Component</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>NIOSH REL</u>
Germanium Dioxide	None established	None established	None established
Ethylene Glycol	25 ppm TWA /50 ppm STEL(vapour) 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Inhalable liquid aerosol)	None established‡	None established
Oxalic Acid	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA / 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Glycolic Acid	None established	None established	None established
Water	Not required	Not required	Not required

NOTE: OEGs for individual jurisdictions may differ from those given above. Check with local authorities for the applicable OEGs in your jurisdiction.

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. TLV – Threshold Limit Value, PEL – Permissible Exposure Limit, REL – Recommended Exposure Limit.

‡ In 1988 OSHA proposed a PEL for ethylene glycol of 125 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as a ceiling limit. However, this OSHA PEL limit is currently non-enforceable due to a court decision. There is therefore no PEL for ethylene glycol at present.

*NOTE: The selection of the necessary level of engineering controls and personal protective equipment will vary depending upon the conditions of use and the potential for exposure. The following are therefore only general guidelines that may not fit all circumstances. Control measures to consider include:*

**Ventilation:** Use adequate local or general ventilation to maintain the concentration of aerosol mist well below recommended occupational exposure limits.

**Protective Clothing:** Gloves and coveralls, shop coat or other work clothing with long sleeves are recommended to prevent prolonged or repeated direct skin contact when handling bulk solution. Eye protection should be worn where mist is generated and where any possibility exists that eye contact may occur. An eyewash and quick drench shower should be provided near the work area. Workers should wash immediately when skin becomes contaminated and at the end of each work shift. Work clothing should be removed immediately if it becomes contaminated with liquid solution and should be laundered before reuse.

**Respirators:** Where mist or aerosol is generated and cannot be controlled to within acceptable levels by engineering means, use appropriate NIOSH-approved respiratory protection equipment (a 42CFR84 Class N, R or P-95 particulate filter cartridge). A full face respirator may be necessary to provide sufficient eye protection against high concentrations of aerosol mist.

**General Hygiene Considerations:** Always practice good personal hygiene. Refrain from eating, drinking, or smoking in work areas. Thoroughly wash hands after handling and before eating, drinking, or smoking in appropriate, designated areas.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b> Clear, colourless solution	<b>Odour:</b> Odourless	<b>Odour Threshold:</b> Not Applicable	<b>pH:</b> <1
<b>Freezing Point/Range:</b> Approx. -20 °C	<b>Boiling Point/Range:</b> >100 °C	<b>Vapour Pressure:</b> 0.05 mm Hg @ 20°C (Ethylene Glycol)	<b>Vapour Density:</b> 2.14 (Ethylene Glycol)
<b>Flammability</b> Non-Flammable Liquid	<b>Flammable Limits (LEL/UEL):</b> Not Applicable	<b>Auto-ignition Temperature:</b> Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b> No Data Available

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability & Reactivity:** This solution is stable and not considered reactive under normal temperatures and pressures. Hazardous polymerization or runaway reactions will not occur. No specific reaction hazards are known. The components are reported as presenting the following hazards: vigorous reactions with strong oxidizing agents such as chlorosulphonic acid or oleum, formation of explosive products after mixing with perchloric acid, and violent reaction with phosphorus pentasulphide. The organic acids are reported as forming explosive compounds with silver and undergoing a violent reaction with sodium chlorite, urea and/or sodium hypochlorite.

**Incompatibilities:** Strong oxidizing agents such as nitric, perchloric and chlorosulphonic acid, alkaline substances, urea, sodium chlorite/hypochlorite, phosphorus pentasulphide etc.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of carbon.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**General:** *CAUTION:* The toxicological properties of this material have not been fully investigated. The information contained in this SDS is therefore based on information in the technical and scientific literature about the material's constituent components.

This material is likely to be corrosive and/or irritating to tissue, particularly the eyes. Inhalation of heavy mist concentrations is likely to be irritating to the upper respiratory passages. Hazards are largely those from acute inhalation of mist or overheated vapours or direct contact with the eyes rather than through chronic or repeated low level exposure.

### **Acute:**

**Skin/Eye:** Direct liquid contact with the eye will cause severe irritation and possible eye tissue damage. Skin contact may also cause stinging, irritation, redness and if not washed off promptly, it may result in corrosive tissue damage.

**Inhalation:** Vapour concentrations at room temperature are normally too low to cause health effects but aerosol spray or mist may be irritating. Upon heating, vapour and mist can cause irritation of the nose, throat and upper respiratory passages.

**Ingestion:** May cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and weakness as well as symptoms of central nervous system depression (dizziness, stupor, lack of co-ordination, drunkenness). Probably irritating to the mouth, throat and gastrointestinal passages. Ethylene glycol has been reported to produce cardiopulmonary effects, kidney damage and neurological impairment in humans after ingestion of large amounts.

**Chronic:** Prolonged exposure to germanium dioxide solution can irritate the upper respiratory passages, and occasionally the skin or eyes. A few cases of health effects have been reported in humans taking large amounts of germanium dioxide medicinally. They have generally resulted in renal dysfunction and failure. Chronic ingestion of ethylene glycol has resulted in effects in the kidneys, bone marrow, liver and sperm of animals. Reproductive effects have also been demonstrated in experimental animals. However, the US National Toxicology Program Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (NTP-CERHR) has concluded that the likelihood of developmental toxicity occurring in humans with occupational or consumer exposures is considered negligible, primarily because of the high doses needed to produce effects. None of the components is listed as a human carcinogen by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) or the European Union (EU).

**Animal Toxicity:**

<u>Hazardous Ingredient:</u>	<u>Acute Oral Toxicity:</u>	<u>Acute Dermal Toxicity:</u>	<u>Acute Inhalation Toxicity:</u>
Germanium Dioxide	>2,000 mg/kg†	No Data	>1.42 mg/L‡
Ethylene Glycol	4,000 mg/kg†	>3,500 mg/kg*	>1.67 mg/L‡
Oxalic Acid	1,080 mg/kg†	>20,000 mg/kg*	No Data
Glycolic Acid	1,357 mg/kg†	No Data	3.64 mg/L‡
Water	~90 ml/kg†	No Data	No Data

† LD<sub>50</sub>, Rat, Oral,

\* LD<sub>50</sub>, Rat, Dermal

‡ LC<sub>50</sub>, Rat, Inhalation, 4 hour

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

The low pH of this solution will result in acidic toxicity effects to aquatic and terrestrial organisms if present in high concentrations. Little is known about the toxicity of germanium compounds but it is believed to be relatively low. The ethylene glycol content of this product has generally low toxicity to organisms in all environmental media.

**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Do not wash down drain or allow to reach natural watercourses. If material cannot be returned to process or salvage, dispose of in accordance with applicable regulations. Empty and thoroughly clean all residues from containers before reuse or disposal.

**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN PROPER SHIPPING NAME ..... Corrosive Liquid, Acidic, Organic, n.o.s. (ethanedioic acid solution)  
UN CLASSIFICATION ..... Class 8, Packing Group III  
UN PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ..... UN3265  
MARINE POLLUTANT ..... Yes

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**U.S.**

INGREDIENTS LISTED ON TSCA INVENTORY ..... Yes

HAZARDOUS UNDER HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD-2012 Yes

CERCLA SECTION 103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ..... Ethylene Glycol – Yes  
RQ: 5,000 lbs (2270 kg.)

EPCRA SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ..... No ingredients qualify.

EPCRA SECTION 311/312 HAZARD CATEGORIES ..... Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard – Corrosive  
Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard – Respiratory Irritant  
Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard – May cause damage to kidneys through prolonged exposure.  
Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

EPCRA SECTION 313 TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY: ..... Ethylene Glycol CAS 107-21-1  
Percent by Weight: 26%

**CANADIAN:**

Ingredients Listed on DSL ..... All ingredients are listed on the DSL.

**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Acronyms not spelled out elsewhere in the SDS:**

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

DOT: Department of Transportation

EPCRA: Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

IMO: International Maritime Organization

LD50, LC50: Lethal Dose 50%, Lethal Concentration 50%

OEGs: Occupational Exposure Guidelines

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

Wt: Weight

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