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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Kroll's Etchant

Product Number 4262

Other Identifying Product Numbers 4262-16, 4262-8, R4262000-500A

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company Ricca Chemical Company

Address 412 West Fork Drive

Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hours)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300

CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 3	H301	P264,P270,P301+P310,P321,P330,P405,P501
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation (Vapors)	Category 3	H331	P261,P271,P304+P340,P311,P321,P403+P233,P405,P501
Corrosive to the Respiratory Tract	Corrosive		
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 1	H314	P260,P264,P280,P301+P330+P331,P303+P361+P353,P363,P304+P340,P310,P321,P305+P351+P338,P405,P501
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280,P305+P351+P338,P310
Corrosive to Metals	Category 1	H290	P234,P390,P406
Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260,P264,P270,P314,P501

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements:

NOTE: Hazard statements may be combined on labels to improve clarity and readability.

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H290	May be corrosive to metals
H301+H331	Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
	Corrosive to the respiratory tract

Precautionary Statements:

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Prevention

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P260	Do not breathe fumes or mist.
P264	Wash hands, arms, and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

Response

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or 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 poison center or doctor.
P314	Get medical advice or attention if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment: Treat with calcium gluconate gel.
P330	Rinse mouth.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.

Disposal

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P501	Dispose of contents/container to suitable waste stream in accordance with local, state, federal, and international regulations.

2.3. Hazards not Otherwise Classified

No other hazards identified.

2.4. Ingredients of Unknown Acute Toxicity

28.5 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute oral toxicity. 33.9 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity.

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SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Mixture

Chemical Name (IUPAC)	Common Name and Synonyms	CAS Number	Weight%
water	Water	7732-18-5	66.14
nitric acid	Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	28.53
fluorane	Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	5.33

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. Description of Necessary Measures

- Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Corrosive! Causes irritation and burns. Can cause burns that may lead to permanent impairment of vision, including blindness.
- Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. Do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water. Call a physician immediately.
- Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
- Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. May produce pain, redness, severe irritation or full thickness burns. May be absorbed through the skin with possible systemic effects.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage DANGER! CORROSIVE! Toxic! Extremely hazardous liquid. Causes severe burns which may not be immediately painful or visible. May be fatal if swallowed or inhaled. Can burn eyes, skin and respiratory tract. May cause bone damage. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water and call a physician. Do not get in eyes, on skin or clothing. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. EYE CONTACT: Corrosive! Causes irritation and burns. Can cause burns that may lead to permanent impairment of vision, including blindness. SKIN CONTACT: May produce pain, redness, severe irritation or full thickness burns. May be absorbed through the skin with possible systemic effects. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Chronic exposures may cause mottling of teeth and bone damage and fluorosis. Symptoms of fluorosis include brittle bones, weight loss, anemia, calcified ligaments, general ill health and joint stiffness.

4.3. Immediate Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Specific treatment: Treat with calcium gluconate gel. Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately. Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Wash areas of contact immediately with water for at least 15 minutes. Soak the affected area with 70% Denatured Ethyl Alcohol solution or Epsom salts for 1 to 4 hours. Call a physician immediately. Do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water. Call a physician immediately.

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SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Does not burn. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture in a Fire

Strong oxidizer. Contact of concentrated nitric acid with combustible materials may increase the hazard from fire and may lead to an explosion. Decomposes at fire temperature with release of oxides of nitrogen. Releases hydrogen gas on contact with many metals.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Butyl rubber, natural rubber, Neoprene, nitrile rubber, or polyvinyl alcohol barrier recommended.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Releases may require isolation or evacuation. Approach release from upwind. Stop or control the leak, if this can be done without undue risk. Use water spray to cool and disperse vapors and protect personnel. Avoid solid stream on pooled liquids. Prompt cleanup and removal are necessary. Control runoff and isolate discharged material for proper disposal.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Do not mix with bases.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

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U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Time Weighted Averages (TWA)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	3 ppm TWA (as F)
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	2 ppm TWA; 5 mg/m3 TWA

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Ceiling Limits

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	2 ppm Ceiling (as F)

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	4 ppm STEL

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	0.5 ppm TWA (as F)
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	2 ppm TWA

8.2. Engineering Controls

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limit.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits, an approved respirator must be worn.

Skin Protection: Chemical resistant gloves, Neoprene or PVC.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles.

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SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State:	liquid
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	Data not available.
Boiling Point/Range:	Data not available.
Flammability:	Data not available.
Flammability/Explosive Limits:	Data not available.
Flash Point:	Not flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Data not available.
Decomposition Temperature:	Data not available.
pH:	< 2
Kinematic Viscosity:	Data not available.
Solubility:	miscible
Vapor Pressure:	Data not available.
Evaporation Rate:	Data not available.
Relative Density:	1.19
Relative Vapor Density:	Data not available.
Particle Characteristics:	Data not available.
Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water, log	Data not available.

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Keep only in original packaging. Strong bases, metallic powders, Carbides, Hydrogen Sulfide, Turpentine and combustible organics.

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

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SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Oral acute toxicity estimate (ATE): 67 mg/kg(calculated)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Oral LD50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 5 mg/kg (Source: Canada_WHMIS)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

No information found.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Inhalation acute toxicity estimate (ATE, vapor): 6.4073 mg/L, 4 h(calculated)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Inhalation LC50 Rat 0.79 mg/L 1 h (vapor, Source: JAPAN_GHS)
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Inhalation LC50 Rat 3.22 mg/L 4 h (Source: WHMIS)

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Group 1 (Carcinogenic to Humans) - Monograph 100F [2012]; Monograph 54 [1992] As Acid mists, strong inorganic

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

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SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Water Flea	Acute	EC50 48 h Daphnia species 270 mg/L (IUCLID)

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1 Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Sizes: 250 mL, 500 mL

UN Number: UN2922

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive liquid, toxic, n.o.s. (Nitric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid)

Hazard Class: 8 (6.1)

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):





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14.2 Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Sizes: 250 mL, 500 mL

UN Number: UN2922

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive liquid, toxic, n.o.s. (Nitric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid)

Hazard Class: 8 (6.1)

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Sizes: 250 mL, 500 mL

UN Number: UN2922

Proper Shipping Name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S. (nitric acid, hydrofluoric acid)

Hazard Class: 8 (6.1)

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

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15.01. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.02. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	RQ	TPQ
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	100 lb TPQ	100 lb EPCRA RQ
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	1000 lb TPQ	1000 lb EPCRA RQ

15.03. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	100 lb final RQ; 45.4 kg final RQ
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

15.04. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Regulatory Information
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Emission Reporting	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Emission Reporting	1.0 % de minimis concentration

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Extraordinarily hazardous
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Extraordinarily hazardous

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Environmental hazard
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Environmental hazard

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15.07. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	sn 3759
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	sn 1356

15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.09. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	DSL	Present
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	DSL	Present
Water	7732-18-5	DSL	Present

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Present (ACTIVE)
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Present (ACTIVE)
Water	7732-18-5	Present [XU] (ACTIVE)

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Number
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	EINECS	231-634-8
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	EINECS	231-714-2
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

15.12. China - Inventory of Existing chemical Substances (IECSC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Present [27221]
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Present [35578]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

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15.13. Korea - Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI/KECL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	Annex 1	Present [KE-20198]
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Annex 1	Present [KE-25911]
Water	7732-18-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-35400]

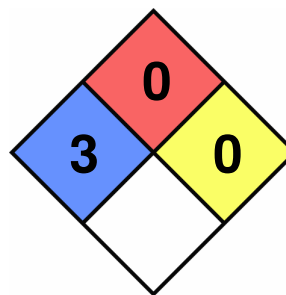
15.14. Japan - Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory (ENCS)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	MITI No.
Hydrofluoric Acid	7664-39-3	(1)-306
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	(1)-394
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

SECTION 16: Other Information

16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 0
Special Hazard:



16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
 2026-05-22

DISCLAIMER

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