

**Safety Data Sheet**  
**Electroless Copper Activator**

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**SECTION 1: Identification**

**1.1 Product identifier**

Product name	Electroless Copper Activator
Product number	ELCUACT
Brand	Caswell

**1.4 Supplier's details**

Name	Caswell Inc
Address	7696 Route 31 Lyons, NY 14489 USA
Telephone	315 946 1213
Fax	315 946 4456
email	sales@caswellplating.com

**1.5 Emergency phone number(s)**

Office Hours (9-4ET): 315 946 1213  
24 Hour: CHEMTEL US# 1-800-255-3924    Intl# +01-813-248-0585

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**SECTION 2: Hazard identification**

**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

- Acute toxicity, oral (chapter 3.1), Cat. 4
- Skin corrosion/irritation (chapter 3.2), Cat. 3
- Eye damage/irritation (chapter 3.3), Cat. 2B

**2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements**

**Pictogram**



**Signal word**

**Warning**

**Hazard statement(s)**

H302	Harmful if swallowed
H316	Causes mild skin irritation

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H320 Causes eye irritation

### Precautionary statement(s)

P264 Wash ... thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P301+P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/.../if you feel unwell,  
P330 Rinse mouth.  
P501 Dispose of contents/container to ...  
P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
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.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2 Mixtures

#### Hazardous components

##### 1. WATER

Concentration 90 - 98 %  
CAS no. 7732-18-5

##### 2. HYDROCHLORIC ACID (<37%)

Concentration 1 - 5 %  
EC no. 231-595-7  
CAS no. 7647-01-0  
Index no. 017-002-01-X

- Skin corrosion/irritation (chapter 3.2), Cat. 1B
- Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure (chapter 3.8), Cat. 3

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation

##### 3. PALLADIUM CHLORIDE

Concentration 1 - 5 %  
CAS no. 7647-10-1

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## SECTION 4: First-aid measures

### 4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures

General advice May be mildly irritating to eyes, throat and skin if directly exposed.  
If inhaled If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.  
In case of skin contact Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

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In case of eye contact	Flush eyes with water as a precaution.
If swallowed	Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

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### SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

- 5.1 Suitable extinguishing media**  
Any
- 5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical**  
None

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### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Personnel who have received basic chemical safety training can generally handle small-scale releases (e.g., under 1 kg). For small releases, the minimum Personal Protective Equipment should be rubber gloves and rubber apron, splash goggles or safety glasses. Use caution during clean-up; avoid stepping into spilled solid or clean-up procedures that generate substantial amounts of dust.
- 6.2 Environmental precautions**  
Avoid response actions that can cause a release of a significant amount of the substance (1 liter or more) into the environment.
- 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**  
Any available

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### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling**  
HYGIENE PRACTICES: Keep out of reach of children. Follow good chemical hygiene practices. Do not smoke, drink, eat, or apply cosmetics in the chemical use area. Avoid inhalation of dusts. Use in wellventilated area. Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Remove contaminated clothing promptly. Clean up spilled product immediately.
- 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**  
Ensure all containers are correctly labeled. Store containers away from direct sunlight, sources of intense heat, or where freezing is possible. Store this product away from incompatible chemicals (See Section 10, Stability and Reactivity). Empty containers may contain residual material; therefore, empty containers should be handled with care. Material should be stored in secondary containers, or in a diked area, as appropriate. Storage and use areas should be covered with impervious materials. Inspect all

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### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

- 8.1 Control parameters**
- 1. Hydrogen chloride (CAS: 7647-01-0)**  
PEL (Inhalation): (C) 5 ppm (OSHA)  
OSHA Annotated Table Z-1, [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)
  - 2. Hydrogen chloride (CAS: 7647-01-0)**

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PEL (Inhalation): (C) 7 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (OSHA)  
OSHA Annotated Table Z-1, [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

### 3. Hydrogen chloride (CAS: 7647-01-0)

PEL (Inhalation): (C) 5 ppm (Cal/OSHA)  
OSHA Annotated Table Z-1, [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

### 4. Hydrogen chloride (CAS: 7647-01-0)

REL (Inhalation): (C) 5 ppm (NIOSH)  
OSHA Annotated Table Z-1, [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

## 8.2 Appropriate engineering controls

Use this product in well-ventilated environment. Safety showers, eye wash stations, and hand-washing equipment should be available.

## 8.3 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

### Pictograms



### Eye/face protection

Splash goggles or safety glasses. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133, Canadian Standards, or the European Standard EN166.

### Skin protection

Neoprene gloves or nitrile gloves should be used. Use triple gloves for spill response, as stated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures) of this SDS. If necessary, refer to U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.138, appropriate Standards of Canada, or appropriate Standards of the European Economic Community.

### Body protection

Use a body protection appropriate to task (e.g., lab coat, coveralls, or apron). Care should be taken to select protection for potentially exposed areas when prolonged exposure could occur in occupational settings.

### Respiratory protection

None needed under normal conditions of use. Use NIOSH approved respirators if ventilation is inadequate to control sprays or mists. For situations in which significant amounts of sprays or mists could be generated, wear an air-purifying respirator with a high-efficiency particulate filter.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance/form (physical state, color, etc.)	Light Brown Liquid
Odor	Acrid, Pungent
Odor threshold	
pH	<1
Melting point/freezing point	32 deg F
Initial boiling point and boiling range	102 deg C
Flash point	NA
Evaporation rate	1

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Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability limits	NA
Upper/lower explosive limits	NA
Vapor pressure	190 mm Hg at 25 deg C
Vapor density	1
Relative density	1.01
Solubility(ies)	Complete In Water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	
Auto-ignition temperature	
Decomposition temperature	> 105 deg C
Viscosity	
Explosive properties	
Oxidizing properties	

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### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1 Reactivity

Not reactive under typical conditions of use or handling.

#### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable

#### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

This product is not self-reactive or air-reactive.

This product will not undergo hazardous polymerization.

#### 10.5 Incompatible materials

This product is not compatible with strong oxidizers, strong acids and water-reactive substances.

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### SECTION 11: Toxicological information

#### Information on toxicological effects

##### Acute toxicity

Inhalation Rat LC50: 90 pp7/1hour

Oral Rabbit LD50: 27 g/kg

##### Skin corrosion/irritation

Mild irritation may occur

##### Serious eye damage/irritation

Mild irritation may occur

##### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Mild irritation may occur

##### Carcinogenicity

IARC Category 3

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### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### Toxicity

None Expected

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### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### Disposal of the product

Consult appropriate federal and local regulations for disposal. Empty containers are subject to the same regulations.

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### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

#### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

#### IATA

Not dangerous goods

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### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

##### Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory

All components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory

##### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Chemical name: Hydrochloric acid

CAS number: 7647-01-0

##### New Jersey Right To Know Components

Common name: HYDROGEN CHLORIDE

CAS number: 7647-01-0

##### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

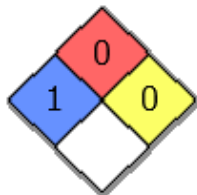
Chemical name: Hydrochloric acid

CAS number: 7647-01-0

#### HMIS Rating

Electroless Copper Activator	
HEALTH	1
FLAMMABILITY	0
PHYSICAL HAZARD	0
PERSONAL PROTECTION	B

#### NFPA Rating



### SECTION 16: Other information

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### 16.1 Further information/disclaimer

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