



>>Entry Name: **Hafnium chloride (HfCl₄)**

Synonym(s): Hafnium tetrachloride

CAS Registry Number: 13499-05-3

Related CAS Registry Numbers(s): 37230-84-5

HfCl₄

Molecular Formula: Cl₄Hf

Molecular Weight: 320.301

Accurate Mass: 319.821953

Percentage Composition: Cl 44.27%; Hf 55.73%

General Statement: Solid state struct. is not known; in the gas phase the molecule is tetrahedral

Source/Synthesis: Manuf. by reaction of HfO₂ and C pellets with Cl₂ at 900°. Synth. from Hf and molten PbCl₂

Physical Description: Colourless, mod. volatile solid (v.p. =400 mm Hg at 300°)

Melting Point: Mp 432-434°

Other Data: Numerous processes (mostly distillation) are known for separating HfCl₄ from ZrCl₄. ΔH_f° -900 kJ mol⁻¹

Aldrich: 25820-2

Fluka: 51302

>>Derivative: Urea complex

see Tetrachloro(urea-O)hafnium(IV), [HVW13-Z](#)

>>Derivative: Bis-THF complex

see Tetrachlorobis(tetrahydrofuran)hafnium(IV), [HVW08-B](#)

>>Derivative: Bis-thiourea complex

see Tetrachlorobis(thiourea-S)hafnium(IV), [HVW09-C](#)

>>Derivative: Phosphoryl chloride complex

see Tetrachloro(phosphoryl chloride-O)hafnium(IV), [HVW10-W](#)

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