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TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

1. Product Identification

Product name	GE Class F, Aluminum Alloys Etching Solution
Item number(s)	1024 (250 mL), 1029 (500 mL)
Product type	Pre-penetrant etchant for aluminum alloys

2. Description and Application

Class F is a chemical for etching aluminum alloys as part of the pre-penetrant etch process in non-destructive testing (NDT). It prepares aluminum parts for the subsequent fluorescent penetrant inspection as outlined in multiple aerospace manuals, such as GEK 9250.

The product removes smeared metal and surface contamination, so that surface-breaking discontinuities are open and detectable during penetrant inspection.

3. Composition

Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2)	11 – 20 wt%
Balance	Deionized water

Concentration ranges are shown to protect formulation confidentiality and to allow for batch variation. Only hazardous components are listed.

4. Physical Properties

Appearance	Clear liquid
pH	> 14
Odor	No odor
Solubility in water	Miscible
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions of use and storage

5. Directions for Use

- Use only in a well-ventilated area with appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Etch to the requirement of the governing specification or process sheet, then rinse thoroughly with water before penetrant inspection.
- Keep the container tightly closed when not in use.

6. Shelf Life, Storage and Packaging

Shelf life	1 year from date of manufacture
Made to order	Produced upon request to maximize freshness. Allow 1 business day to fulfill the order.
Storage	Store closed, upright, in a cool, well-ventilated area away from incompatible materials (see SDS).
Packaging	Nalgene® leakproof bottle, HDPE

Documentation	A Certificate of Conformance stating lot number, manufacture date and expiration date is available upon request.
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7. Transport Classification (for US & Canada only)

D.O.T. shipping name	Sodium hydroxide solution
Hazard class	8
UN number	UN1824
Packing group	II
Emergency Contact	CHEMTREC® 1-800-424-9300 (US & Canada Only)

8. Suggested Tariff Classification

Suggested HS / HTS code	3822.90.00.00 — Diagnostic or laboratory reagents
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This code is offered as a suggestion only, based on the classification ES Laboratory uses for shipments to Canada. Tariff classification is the responsibility of the importer of record. Customers exporting outside North America should confirm the correct code with their customs broker for the destination country.

9. Safety

This product is a strong alkaline solution and is corrosive to skin and eyes. Read the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use and wear appropriate personal protective equipment. The Safety Data Sheet is available at www.eslaboratory.com/sds.html.

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