

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1 Product Identification

CHEMICAL NAME: Mercury (II) nitrate
CAS#: 7783-34-8
FORMULA: Hg(NO₃)₂.H₂O
SYNONYM: Nitric acid, mercury (+2) salt monohydrate

SECTION 2 Composition and Information on Ingredients

INGREDIENT:	CAS#	%	ACGIH (TWA)	OSHA (PEL)
Title Compound	7783-34-8	100	0.025mg/m ³ (as Hg)	1mg/10m ³ (as Hg)

SECTION 3 Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: Mercury salts are poisonous by ingestion and inhalation
PRIMARY ROUTES OF EXPOSURE: Ingestion, inhalation, skin
EYE CONTACT: May cause slight to mild irritation of the eyes.
SKIN CONTACT: May cause mild to severe irritation of the skin. May be absorbed through the skin.
INHALATION: The chief effect of mercury is on the central nervous system and the mouth and gums.
INGESTION: Ingestion may lead to dizziness, abdominal cramps, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, weakness, and convulsions.
CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS: The chronic effects of mercury poisoning include stomatitis, tremors, pshysic disturbances, excessive salivation, and pain on chewing. Other effects include loss of memory, insomnia, lack of confidence, irritability and depression.
ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS: May be irritating to skin, eyes and respiratory tract.

SECTION 4 First Aid Measures

EYE EXPOSURE: Immediately flush the eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure flushing under eyelids. A victim may need assistance in keeping their eyelids open. Get immediate competent medical attention.
SKIN EXPOSURE: Wash affected area with water. Remove contaminated clothes if necessary. Seek medical assistance if irritation persists.
INHALATION: Remove the victim to fresh air. Closely monitor the victim for signs of respiratory problems, such as difficulty in breathing, coughing, wheezing, or pain. In such cases seek immediate medical assistance.

INGESTION: Seek medical assistance immediately. Keep the victim calm. Give the victim water (only if conscious). Induce vomiting only if directed by medical personnel.

SECTION 5 Firefighting Measures

FLASH POINT: not applicable

AUTO IGNITION TEMPERATURE: none

EXPLOSION LIMITS: none

EXTINGUISHING MEDIUM: Carbon dioxide, dry powder or foam

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES: If involved in a fire, fire fighters should be equipped with a NIOSH approved positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION AND DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: If involved in a fire this material may emit irritating fumes.

UNUSUAL FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Metal nitrates can be oxidizers. Contact with strong reducing agents could lead to fires and/or explosions.

SECTION 6 Accidental Release Measures

SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES: small spills can be mixed with vermiculite or sodium carbonate and swept up.

SECTION 7 Handling and Storage

HANDLING AND STORAGE: Store material in a tightly sealed container . Keep away from heat and direct sunlight.

SECTION 8 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

EYE PROTECTION: Always wear approved safety glasses w/side shields, or safety goggles, face shield when handling a chemicals substance in the laboratory.

SKIN PROTECTION: Chemical-resistant.

VENTILATION: If possible, handle the material in an efficient fume hood.

RESPIRATOR: No respirator required.

ADDITIONAL PROTECTION: No additional protection required.

SECTION 9 Physical and Chemical Properties

COLOR AND FORM: white xtl.

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 324.60

MELTING POINT (DEG. C.): none

BOILING POINT: no data

VAPOR PRESSURE: no data

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 4.3

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: decomposes in water

SECTION 10 Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: air and moisture stable

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: no hazardous polymerization

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Contact with strong reducing agents or organic matter. Some nitrates can explode if heated to high temperatures.

INCOMPATIBILITY: reducing agents, organic matter, phosphorus and sulfur.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: nitrogen compounds and mercury salts.

SECTION 11 Toxicological Information

RTECS DATA: No information available in the RTECS files.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: no data

TETRAOGENIC EFFECTS: no data

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: no data

To the best of our knowledge the toxicological effects of this compound have not been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 Ecological Information

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION: No information available

SECTION 13 Disposal Considerations

DISPOSAL: Dispose of in according to local state and federal regulations.

SECTION 14 Transportation Information

Mercuric nitrate, Class 6.1, UN1625, PG II

SECTION 15 Regulatory Information

TSCA: Listed in the TSCA inventory

SARA (TITLE 313): Title compound: See Category Code N458 and N511 for reporting.

SECTION 16 Other Information

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