

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Oxalic Acid Dihydrate

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SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Oxalic acid dihydrate

Synonym: Ethandionic acid

CAS#: 6153-56-6

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Colorless to white, crystalline solid. Odorless.

Moderately toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Corrosive to all body tissues. Permeator. Will cause burns and blistering to skin, eyes, and mucous membranes.

Avoid all body contact. Avoid breathing the dust.

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Health-3

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-2

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Immediately call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Call a physician or poison control at once.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Combustible solid.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

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F-1

R-0

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Wear complete PPE. Avoid creating dust cloud. Ventilate area. Wipe up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic 1. Store with acids, anhydrides and peracids.

Store in a cool dry place. Use and dispense in a hood.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines for oxalic acid (CAS # 114-62-7): PEL 1 mg/m³, STEL 2 mg/m³ (OSHA, ACGIH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Colorless to white, odorless crystalline solid.
Solubility: Partially soluble in cold water or alcohol.
Formula: $H_2C_2O_4 \cdot 2H_2O$
Formula weight: 126.07

Melting point: 101.5 °C (dihydrate)
pH: alkaline
Specific gravity: 1.653

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with bases, acid chlorides, alkali metals, corrodes steel.
Shelf life: Indefinite, if stored properly.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: **Toxic, corrosive**, dermatitis, **may be FATAL**
Chronic effects: Damaging to many organs and organ systems
Target organs: Kidneys, nervous system, skin, eyes, brain, heart

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 7500 mg/kg
IHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.
SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

LC₅₀ Bluegill: 4000 mg/l 24 hours

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Corrosive Solids, Toxic, N.O.S
Hazard class: 8
UN number: UN2923
N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

Not listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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