

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC Australia.

I IDENTIFICATION

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Product Name: Aluminium Sulfate Fine

Other Names: None.

MSDS Code: 4202855

UN No: None allocated

Hazchem Code: None allocated

Dangerous Goods Class: None allocated

Sub Risk Class: None allocated

Packaging Group: None allocated

Poison Schedule: Not scheduled.

Chemical Family: Inorganic salt.

Uses: Many industrial uses including catalyst, deodorising agent, chemical intermediate, water treatment. See product literature for further details.

Physical Appearance & Properties

Appearance & Odour: White to light tan coloured hygroscopic solid. No odour.

Melting/softening point: No specific data. Solid at normal temperatures.

Boiling point and vapour pressure: No specific data. Expected to decompose before boiling.

Volatile materials: No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.

Flashpoint: Does not burn.

Flammability limits: Not applicable. This product does not burn.

Specific gravity: 2.71 at 20°C

Solubility in water: Soluble.

Corrosiveness: Not corrosive.

Vapour Pressure: No data.

Ingredients

Chemical Entity	CAS No	Proportion, %	Worksafe Exposure Limits	
			TWA, mg/m ³	STEL, mg/m ³
Aluminium sulfate	10043-01-3	pure *	2	not set

* Commercially pure.

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary. Trace quantities of impurities are also likely.

II HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Health Effects:

No specific data is available for the product for chronic exposure symptoms. The ingredients are not listed as carcinogenic in Worksafe's document "Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment" (May 1995), nor in NOHSC's "List of Designated Hazardous Substances" (April 1999).

Acute Effects:

Swallowed: Single dose oral toxicity is considered to be low. No hazards are anticipated from swallowing small amounts incidental to normal handling operations.

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Eye: This product is irritating to the eyes. It will cause discomfort such as stinging pain, watering and redness of the eyes. Effects may last after exposure has ceased, and in severe exposure, long lasting or even permanent effects such as corneal damage can occur.

Skin: This product is irritating to skin. It is likely to cause discomfort and effects such as moderate to severe itchiness, blistering and skin reddening.

Inhalation: No inhalation hazards incidental to normal handling operations are anticipated from this product when used at room temperatures.

First Aid:

Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should be provided where this product is being used. If poisoning occurs, contact a Doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia. If possible have this MSDS or product label with you.

Swallowed: If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and give a glass of water to drink. Seek medical attention.

Eyes: If this product comes into contact with eyes, hold open and wash with running water for at least 15 minutes. Ensure irrigation under eyelids by occasionally lifting them. Do not try to remove contact lenses unless trained. Seek medical attention.

Skin: If product gets on skin, immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Inhalation: No first aid measures normally required. However, if vapours or mists have been inhaled, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists more than about 30 minutes, seek medical advice.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically. Note the nature of this product.

III PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Risk Phrases are: R36/38. Irritating to eyes and skin.

Exposure Standards:

A time weighted average (TWA) has been established for Aluminium sulfate, present in significant quantities in this product. This value is 2mg/m³. The corresponding STEL level is "not set". The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The exposure value at the TWA is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. See ingredients section on page 1 of this data sheet.

Engineering Controls:

In industrial situations, concentration values below the TWA value should be maintained. Values may be reduced by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods. If you believe air borne concentrations of mists, dusts or vapours are high, you are advised to modify the process or environment to reduce the problem.

Personal Protection:

Respiratory Protection: It is usually safe to not use a dust mask or respirator protection on account of this product. However, if the product is being used in dusty or confined conditions, use of a mask or respirator may be preferred. For help in selecting suitable equipment, consult AS/NZS 1715.

Protective Gloves: Impermeable protective gloves (eg rubber, PVC) should be worn when you are using this product. Failure to do so will lead to irritation of the skin. For help in selecting suitable equipment, consult AS 2161.

Eye Protection: Protective eyewear should be worn when using this product. Eye contact may prove painful and dangerous and should be avoided. Consult AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337 for advice on Industrial Eye Protection.

Clothing: Clean overalls or protective clothing should be worn, preferably with an apron. Consult AS2919 for advice on Industrial Clothing.

Safety Boots: Wearing safety boots in industrial situations is advisory. Consult AS/NZS2210 for advice on Occupational Protective Footwear.

Always wash hands before smoking, eating or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

IV SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

Safety Phrases are: S26, S24/25, S36/37/39. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

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Storage & Transport

No special storage and transport requirements. This product has no UN classification. Not a Scheduled Poison. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimise contamination. Keep from extreme heat and open flames, and make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Materials to avoid" below.

Spills & Disposals

In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Immediately call the Fire Brigade. Wear full protective clothing including face mask, face shield and gauntlets. All skin areas should be covered. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. See above under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. Avoid using sawdust or other combustible material. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Contaminated area may be neutralised by washing with weak or dilute acid. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Dispose of only in accord with all regulations. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

Fire & Explosion Hazard

There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Flashpoint: Does not burn.

Flammability limits: Not applicable. This product does not burn.

Extinguishing Media: This product does not burn. Use extinguishing media suited to the materials that are burning.

Special Fire Fighting procedures: If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade. When fighting fires involving significant quantities of this product, wear safety boots, non-flammable overalls, gloves, hat and preferably, goggles.

Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards: Fire decomposition products from this product may form toxic mixtures in confined spaces.

Stability: This product is unlikely to spontaneously decompose.

Polymerisation: This product is unlikely to spontaneously polymerise.

Decomposition Products: Oxides of sulfur (sulfur dioxide is a respiratory hazard) and other sulfur compounds. aluminium compounds.

Materials to avoid: bases, oxidising agents, zinc, tin, aluminium and their alloys.

V OTHER INFORMATION

This MSDS is prepared in accord with the Worksafe Australia document "National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets", 1994.

It also conforms with the New Zealand OSH Guidelines for the Preparation of MSDSs (May 1995).

Contact Points:

		AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND
Police and Fire Brigade:	Dial	000	111
If ineffective:	Dial	132203 (Exchange)	-
For emergency response:	Dial	1800 625 526	(0800)500 288
National Poisons Information Centre:	Dial	13 1126 (from anywhere in Australia)	

THIS MSDS SUMMARISES OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD INFORMATION OF THE PRODUCT AND HOW TO SAFELY HANDLE AND USE THE PRODUCT IN THE WORKPLACE. EACH USER SHOULD READ THIS MSDS AND CONSIDER THE INFORMATION IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE INCLUDING IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PRODUCTS. IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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