

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

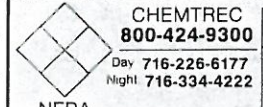
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## SECTION I NAME 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Product	MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE <i>Powder</i>	 <p>CHEMTREC 800-424-9300 Day 716-226-6177 Night 716-334-4222</p> <p>NFPA HAZARD RATING LEAST SLIGHT MODERATE HIGH EXTREME 0 1 2 3 4</p>	Health	0
Chemical Synonyms	Magnesium Hydrate		Fire	0
Formula	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>		Reactivity	0
Unit(s) Size	1309-42-8			
C.A.S. No.				

## SECTION II HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS OF MIXTURES

Principal Hazardous Component(s)	%	TLV Units
Magnesium Hydroxide	100%	None established
Low hazard for usual laboratory handling; non-toxic.		

## SECTION III PHYSICAL DATA

Melting Point (°F)	350°C decomposes	Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1)	2.36
Boiling Point (°F)	Decomposes	Percent Volatile by Volume (%)	Non-volatile (NA)
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	Negligible as solid	Evaporation Rate (n-Butyl Ac = 1)	Non-volatile (NA)
Vapor Density (Air = 1)	Data not listed		
Solubility in Water	Practically insoluble in water (1 gram per 80,000 ml water).		
Appearance and Odor	Fine, white powder; no odor.		

## SECTION IV FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point (Method, Used)	Non-flammable (NA)	Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume	NA	Lower	Upper
Extinguisher Media	Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire.				

**SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES**  
In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS**  
Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products; can react with acids.

**D.O.T.** NON-REGULATED

Approved by U.S. Department of Labor "essentially similar" to form OSHA-20

## SECTION V HEALTH HAZARD DATA

**Threshold Limited Value**  
None established for Magnesium Hydroxide.  
TWA as Magnesium Oxide fume [CAS No. 1309-48-4] 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Air) (ACGIH 1983-84).

**Effects of Overexposure**  
**INHALATION:** Low hazard for usual laboratory handling.  
**SKIN:** Not hazardous.  
**INGESTION:** Laxative  
**EYES:** No specific hazard known to us. However, any material that contacts the eye may be irritating or cause mechanical injury.

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**  
**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If ill effects develop get medical attention.  
**SKIN:** Flush with water.  
**EYES:** Flush thoroughly with water. If irritation develops or persists get medical attention.  
**INGESTION:** Give one or two glasses of water to drink. If ill effects develop get medical attention.

## SECTION VI REACTIVITY DATA

Stability	Unstable		Conditions to Avoid
	Stable	x	Acid and acid fumes.
Incompatibility (Materials to avoid)	Acids and acid fumes.		

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**  
Magnesium oxide dust.

Hazardous Polymerization	May Occur	Will Not Occur	Conditions to Avoid
		x	Not applicable.

## SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

**Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled**  
Sweep up and place in a suitable container for disposal.

**Waste Disposal Method**  
Uncontaminated material may be disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to federal, state, or local laws.

## SECTION VIII SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiration Protection (Specify Type)	None needed in normal laboratory handling. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH-approved dust mask.			
Ventilation	Local Exhaust	Not needed	Special	No
	Mechanical (General)	Recommended	Other	No
Protective Gloves	None needed		Eye Protection	Chemical safety glasses
Other Protective Equipment	Eye wash station, goggles, ventilation hood.			

## SECTION IX SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

**Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storing**  
Store in a cool, dry place away from acids or acid fumes.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

**Other Precautions**  
Read label on container before using.

For laboratory use only. Not for drug, food or household use. Keep out of reach of children.

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