

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Section 1 - Identification

Product Name Mercury

Product Code ACR19348, ACR20142, AJA1761, AJA317, AJA5583, ALF010242, ALFA11075

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Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal Category 1

Health hazards

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors Category 2
Reproductive Toxicity Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure) Category 1

Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 1

Label Elements



Skull and Crossbones



Health Hazard



Corrosion



Environment

Signal Word**Danger****Hazard Statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H330 - Fatal if inhaled

H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child

H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life

H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Precautionary Statements

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

P234 - Keep only in original container

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P281 - Use personal protective equipment as required

P284 - Wear respiratory protection

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

P402 - Store in a dry place

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information

No information available

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Mercury	7439-97-6	100

Section 4 - First Aid Measures**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Self-Protection of the First Aider

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to

protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

First Aid Facilities Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

Most important symptoms and effects No information available.

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

Environmental Precautions

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

AUS - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)]

Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)]

updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia **ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace. **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Third edition. Published 2018. **DE** - MAK and BAT values of Hazardous Chemical Compounds in the Work Area. Published by German Research Foundation on July 1, 2011

Component	Australia	New Zealand WEL	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom	Germany
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Mercury	TWA: 0.003 ppm TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³ Skin	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³ Skin	TWA: 0.02 mg/m ³ 8 hr	TWA: 0.02 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 8 TWA: 0.02 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 0.16 mg/m ³ Haut
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Biological limit values

UK - Biological Monitoring Guidance Values provided by the UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 (as amended) and EH40/2005

Component	Australia	New Zealand	European Union	United Kingdom	Germany
Mercury		20 µg/g creatinine (urine) prior to shift (Mercury)		Mercury: 20 µmol/mol creatinine urine random	Mercury: 25 µg/g Creatinine urine (no restriction)

Exposure Controls**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment**Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161.1	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber				
Neoprene				
PVC				

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.

(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

Respiratory Protection

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 or Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

Recommended half mask:-

Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Silver	
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	Not applicable	
Melting Point/Range	-38.9 °C / -38 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	356.5 °C / 673.7 °F	
Flash Point	Not applicable	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Vapor Density	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	No data available	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Water Solubility	No information available	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	No data available	
Explosive Properties	No information available	
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	
 Other information		
Molecular Formula	Hg	
Molecular Weight	200.59	

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Excess heat.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None under normal use conditions.
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;	
Oral	No data available
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	Category 2
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	No data available
(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	No data available

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory No data available
Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	Australia	New Zealand	New South Wales	Western Australia	IARC	EU	UK	Germany
Mercury								Cat. 3B

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 1B

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Category 1

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects

The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Mercury	0.9 mg/L LC50 96h 0.18 mg/L LC50 96h 0.16 mg/L LC50 96h 0.5 mg/L LC50 96h	EC50: = 5.0 µg/L, 96h (water flea)		

Persistence and Degradability No information available

Degradability Not relevant for inorganic substances.

Degradation in sewage treatment plant Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

Bioaccumulative Potential No information available

Mobility No information available.

Endocrine Disruptor Information This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

Other Information

Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

Section 14 - Transport Information

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2809
 Proper Shipping Name Mercury
 Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group III

Component	IMDG Marine Pollutant
Mercury 7439-97-6 (100)	IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN2025)

ADG

UN-No UN2809
 Proper Shipping Name Mercury
 Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group III

Component	Hazchem Code
Mercury 7439-97-6 (100)	2X

IATA

UN-No UN2809
 Proper Shipping Name Mercury
 Hazard Class 8
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group III

Environmental hazards Dangerous for the environment
 Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO

Special Precautions No special precautions required

Additional information None known

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

International Inventories X = listed

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	KECL
Mercury	X	X	231-106-7	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	KE-23117

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons	Health Surveillance			
Mercury	Schedule 2 listed Schedule 4 listed - for cosmetic or therapeutic use except when separately specified in these Schedules, or in a sealed device which prevents access to the mercury S7 Scheduled	Listed Demographic, medical and occupational history Physical examination with emphasis on dermatological, gastrointestinal, neurological and renal systems Urinary inorganic Mercury			
Component	Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List				
Mercury	Category 2				
Component	Ozone Depletion Potential	Australian Ozone Depleting substance	New Zealand Ozone Depleting	Persistent Organic Pollutant	IMDG Marine Pollutant

		listings	Substances listing		
Mercury					IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN2025)

Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.

Section 16 - Other Information

Legend

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances	NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory	EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List	ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service
TWA - Time Weighted Average	ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer	Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)
ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association	IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	ADG Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail
NZS 5433:2012 - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land	OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%	LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%
EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%	ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate
WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit	RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment
DNEL - Derived No Effect Level	NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration
POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water	BCF - Bioconcentration factor
vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative	PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
VOC (volatile organic compound)	

Key literature references and sources for data

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Chemical incident response training.

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This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia WHS Regulation

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