

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product name** Metformin hydrochloride

**Recommended use** For research use only

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS - Classification

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2

### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements



### Signal Word

Warning

### Hazard statements

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements - EU (§28, 1272/2008)**

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell  
 P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
 P332 + P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention  
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection  
 P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 P330 - Rinse mouth  
 P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant  
 P362 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

**Other information**

Caution - substance not yet tested completely

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**3.1 Substances**

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

<b>General advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Notes to physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>Flammable properties</b>	Not flammable.
<b>Flash point</b>	not determined
<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Explosion Data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	none.
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	none.

**Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions** Use personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with the skin and the eyes. Avoid dust formation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

**Environmental precautions** Try to prevent the material from entering drains or water courses.

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Use personal protective equipment. Cover powder spill with plastic sheet or tarp to minimize spreading and keep powder dry. Take up mechanically and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Dam up. Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. After cleaning, flush away traces with water. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Other information** Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Advice on safe handling** Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Use only in area provided with appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

**Technical measures/Storage conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children. Keep in properly labeled containers.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Exposure Guidelines** This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering measures** Showers  
Eyewash stations  
Ventilation systems

**Personal protective equipment**

- Eye/face protection** Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.
- Skin and body protection** No special protective equipment required.
- Respiratory protection** If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current local regulations.

**Hygiene measures** When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance</b>	White.	<b>Odor</b>	No information available.
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available	<b>Physical State @20°C</b>	Solid
<b>pH</b>	No information available	<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Flash point</b>	No information available	<b>Boiling point/boiling range</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	No information available	<b>Flammability Limits in Air</b>	No information available
<b>Melting point/range</b>	No information available		
<b>Explosion limits</b>	No information available		
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	no data available	<b>Water Solubility VALUE</b>	Soluble in water
<b>solubility</b>	No information available.	<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor density</b>	no data available	<b>VOC Content(%)</b>	not applicable

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
<b>Incompatible products</b>	None known based on information supplied.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	None known based on information supplied.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ). Hydrogen chloride.
<b>Hazardous polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute toxicity

<b>Product Information</b>	Product is harmful by ingestion. Irritating to skin, eyes and / or respiratory tract.
<b>Eye contact</b>	May cause irritation
<b>Skin contact</b>	May cause irritation
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed

Chemical Name	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Metformin hydrochloride	1,000 mg/kg (Rat)		

Chronic toxicity

<b>Chronic toxicity</b>	Avoid repeated exposure
<b>Target Organ Effects</b>	None known.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicity

The environmental impact of this product has not been fully investigated.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste disposal methods** This material, as supplied, is not a hazardous waste according to Federal regulations (40 CFR 261). This material could become a hazardous waste if it is mixed with or otherwise comes in contact with a hazardous waste, if chemical additions are made to this material, or if the material is processed or otherwise altered. Consult 40 CFR 261 to determine whether the altered material is a hazardous waste. Consult the appropriate state, regional, or local regulations for additional requirements.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not re-use empty containers.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT** Not dangerous goods

**IATA** Not dangerous goods

**ADR** Not dangerous goods

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313**  
Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

<b>Acute Health Hazard</b>	yes
<b>Chronic Health Hazard</b>	no
<b>Fire Hazard</b>	no
<b>Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard</b>	no
<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	no

**Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

**U.S. State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

**International Regulations**

**WHMIS Note:** This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3**

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**Disclaimer**

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**End of MSDS**