
Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

Mercury(II) Oxide, Red

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Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Mercury(II) Oxide, Red

Synonym: Mercuric Oxide

CAS#: 21908-53-2

Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Heavy bright red, orange-red odorless powder.

Highly toxic by ingestion, inhalation, and skin absorption; skin irritant, avoid all body contact.

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Health-3

Flammability-0

Reactivity-2

Exposure-3

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, 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.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse out mouth, give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Non flammable solid.

Strong oxidizer. Fire hazard when in contact with combustible materials.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of Hg.

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

NFPA CODE

None

Established

Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and 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: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates.

Store in a cool dry place. Protect from light. Store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag. Store in a poisons cabinet.

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: TWA 0.1 mg/m³ (Hg) (ACGIH)

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Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

Mercury(II) Oxide, Red

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Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Heavy bright red, orange-red odorless powder.
Solubility: Soluble in dilute hydrochloric and nitric acids.
Insoluble in water, alcohol, and ether.
Formula: HgO
Formula Weight: 216.61

Specific Gravity: 11.00-11.29
Melting Point: 500 C (dec.)

Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers and decomposes on exposure to light.
Shelf life: Good, if stored properly.

Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Highly toxic, irritant	ORL-RAT LD50: 18 mg/kg
Chronic effects: Possible teratogen, neurological hazard	IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.
Target organs: Kidneys, GI system, nerves	SKN-RAT LD50: 315 mg/kg

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

Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #27d is one option.

Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Mercury oxide
Hazard Class: 6.1, Poison
UN Number: UN1641

N/A = Not applicable

Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (244-654-7).

Section 16 — Other Information

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