

Methylene Blue Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Methylene Blue

Signal Word
WARNING

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Chemtrec Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-10011

Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral (Category 4). Harmful if swallowed (H302). Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product (P270).



Hazard class: Skin and serious eye damage, corrosion or irritation (Category 2, 2A). Causes skin and serious eye irritation (H315+H319).

Hazard class: Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation (Category 3). May cause respiratory irritation (H335). Avoid breathing dust or fumes (P261).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Methylene blue trihydrate	7220-79-3	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ ClN ₃ S•3H ₂ O	373.9	
Synonyms: 3,7-bis(Dimethylamino)phenazathionium chloride; Basic Blue 9; Tetramethylthionine chloride; C.I. 52015				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention (P308+P313).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340).

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338). **If eye irritation persists eyes:** Get medical advice or attention (P337+P313).

If on skin: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes (P351).

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell (P301+P330+P312).

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

NFPA Code

None established

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Sweep up the spill, place in a 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: Organic #9. Store with dyes, indicators and stains.

Protect from heat and moisture. Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container tightly closed (P233). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash hands thoroughly after handling (P264).

Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271). Will stain skin, clothing, and surfaces.

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Dark green with bronze-like luster crystals or powder. Absorbance maximum: 660nm

Slight odor.

Biological stain and redox indicator.

Soluble: Water, alcohol, and chloroform

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers, reducers, and strong bases.

Shelf life: Indefinite, if stored properly.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Severe eye irritant, stomach pains,
vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, dizziness, headache

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 1180 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.

Chronic effects: Possible mutagen

SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

Target organs: Blood

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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

N/A = Not applicable

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