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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION V HEALTH HAZARD DATA

HH 200

**Threshold Limited Value** TWA: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (ACGIH 1992-93). Toxicity data: orl-hmn LD50: 70 - 170 mg/kg, orl-rat LD50 400 mg/kg.

**Effects of Overexposure** Under conditions of ordinary use, hydroquinone does not present a serious hazard. Ingestion of 1 gram has caused tinnitus, nausea, vomiting, sense of suffocation, shortness of breath, cyanosis, convulsions, delirium, collapse. Death has followed ingestion of 5 grams. Irritation of intestinal tract occurs with oral ingestion. Dermatitis can result from skin contact may cause allergic skin reaction. Staining and opacification of cornea occur in workers exposed for prolonged periods to concentrations of vapor not high enough for production of systemic effects. Relatively safe in very low concentrations.

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**  
**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.  
**EYES:** Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention. **SKIN:** Flush thoroughly with water, then wash with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention. **INGESTION:** If swallowed, if conscious, give one or two glasses of water to drink. Induce vomiting and call physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

## SECTION VI REACTIVITY DATA

**Stability** **Unstable** **Conditions to Avoid** Excessive temperatures or heat.  
**Stable** X

**Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)** Can react with oxidizers.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Thermal decomposition or burning will produce carbon dioxide and/or carbon monoxide.

**Hazardous Polymerization** **Conditions to Avoid**  
**May Occur** **Will Not Occur** Not applicable.  
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## SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

**Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled** Eliminate all sources of ignition. Recover for use if not contaminated. Wear protective safety equipment and use adequate ventilation. Avoid making dust. Sweep up and place in a suitable container for disposal. Flush spill area with water. Do not allow wash water to pollute water ways and streams.

**Waste Disposal Method** Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to Federal, State or Local laws. These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only.

Dispose of in an approved incinerator or contract with a licensed waste disposal service.

## SECTION VIII SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

**Respiration Protection (Specify Type)** None needed in normal laboratory handling. If dusty conditions prevail, work in ventilation hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved dust mask or respirator.

**Ventilation**  
**Local Exhaust** Yes. **Special** No.  
**Mechanical (General)** Recommended. **Other** No.

**Protective Gloves** Rubber. **Eye Protection** Chemical safety glasses.

**Other Protective Equipment** Smock, apron, eye wash station, ventilation hood, proper gloves.

## SECTION IX SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

**Precautions to be Taken in Handling & Storing** Store in a cool, dry place away from strong oxidizers and protect from light. Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

**Other Precautions** Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

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

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## SECTION I NAME 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

<b>Product</b>	HYDROQUINONE
<b>Chemical Synonyms</b>	1,4-Benzenediol; Quinol
<b>Formula</b>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>
<b>Unit Size</b>	up to 2.5 Kg.
<b>C.A.S. No.</b>	123-31-9

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HAZARD RATING  
LEAST SLIGHT MODERATE HIGH EXTREME  
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## SECTION II INGREDIENTS OF MIXTURES

Principal Component(s)	%	TLV Units
Hydroquinone	100%	See Section V.
<b>WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. CAUSES IRRITATION.</b>		
<b>REPEATED EXPOSURE TO VAPOR OR CRYSTALS MAY CAUSE</b>		
<b>EYE INJURY. MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC SKIN REACTION.</b>		

## SECTION III PHYSICAL DATA

Melting Point (°F)	169°C (336°F)	Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1)	1.341 @ 15°C
Boiling Point (°F)	286°C (547°F)	Percent Volatile by Volume (%)	Non-volatile (NA).
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	Negligible.	Evaporation Rate ( )	Non-volatile (NA).
Vapor Density (Air=1)	3.81		
Solubility in Water	7 grams per 100 mL. water at 20°C.		
Appearance & Odor	White crystals; no odor.		

## SECTION IV FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

<b>Flash Point (Method Used)</b>	351°F (177°C) COC	<b>Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume</b>	NA	<b>Lower</b>	<b>Upper</b>
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<b>Extinguisher Media</b>	Water spray; dry chemical (ABC); carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).				

**SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES**

In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

Ignition Temperature: 930°F (499°C).

(1996 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK, DOT P 5800.7, GUIDE PAGE NO. 153)

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS**

Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products; can react vigorously with oxidizing materials  
Explosion Hazard: Powered material may form explosive dust-air mixtures.

D.O.T. HYDROQUINONE, SOLID, 6.1, UN 2662, PG III

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