

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Ammonium Persulfate



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This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of the U.S. OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200 and Canada's Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requirements.

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** Ammonium Persulfate

**SYNONYMS:** Ammonia Peroxydisulfate

**ALTERNATE PRODUCT NAME(S):** Ammonium Persulfate ACS Grade, Ammonium Persulfate Coarse/G, Ammonium Persulfate Coarse/O, Ammonium Persulfate Screen/B

**GENERAL USE:** Polymerization initiator in polymer chemistry.

Etchant and cleaner in manufacture of printed circuit boards.

Booster in hair bleaching formulations in cosmetics.

Secondary oil recovery systems as a polymerization initiator and gel breaker.

### MANUFACTURER

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FMC Peroxygens  
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### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(303) 595-9048 (Medical - U.S. - Call Collect)

For leak, fire, spill, or accident emergencies, call:  
(800) 424-9300 (CHEMTREC - U.S.A. & Canada)

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

- White, odorless, crystals
- Oxidizer.
- Decomposes in storage under conditions of moisture (water/water vapor) and/or excessive heat causing release of oxides of sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen that supports combustion. Decomposition could form a high temperature melt. See Section 10 ("Stability and Reactivity").

- Moderate oral toxicity.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:** Airborne dust may be irritating to eyes, nose, lungs, throat and skin upon contact. Exposure to high levels of dust may cause difficulty in breathing in sensitive persons.

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### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS#	Wt.%	EC No.	EC Class
Ammonium Persulfate	7727-54-0	>99	231-786-5	O-Xn-Xi; R8-22-36/37/38-42/43

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**EYES:** Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

**SKIN:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

**INGESTION:** Rinse mouth with water. Dilute by giving 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. See a medical doctor immediately.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing difficulty or discomfort occurs and persists, contact a medical doctor.

**NOTES TO MEDICAL DOCTOR:** This product has moderate oral toxicity and is minimally irritating to the eyes. Flooding of exposed areas with water is suggested, but gastric lavage or emesis induction for ingestions must consider the possible aggravation of esophageal injury and the expected absence of systemic effects. Treatment is controlled removal of exposure followed by symptomatic and supportive care.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Deluge with water.

**FIRE / EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Product is non-combustible. On decomposition releases oxygen which may intensify fire. Presence of water accelerates decomposition.

**FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Do not use carbon dioxide or other gas filled fire extinguishers; they will have no effect on decomposing persulfates. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS:** Non-combustible

**SENSITIVITY TO IMPACT:** Not available

**SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE:** Not available

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**RELEASE NOTES:** Spilled material should be collected and put in approved DOT container and isolated for disposal. Isolated material should be monitored for signs of decomposition (fuming/smoking). If spilled material is wet, dissolve with large quantity of water and dispose as a hazardous waste. All disposals should be carried out according to regulatory agencies procedures.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING:** Use adequate ventilation when transferring product from bags or drums. Wear respiratory protection if ventilation is inadequate or not available. Use eye and skin protection when contact is expected. Use clean plastic or stainless steel scoops only.

**STORAGE:** Store (unopened) in a cool, clean, dry place away from point sources of heat, e.g. radiant heaters or steam pipes. Use first in, first out storage system. Avoid contamination of opened product. In case of fire or decomposition (fuming/smoking) deluge with plenty of water to control decomposition. For storage, refer to NFPA Bulletin 430 on storage of liquid and solid oxidizing materials.

**COMMENTS:** VENTILATION: Provide mechanical general and/or local exhaust ventilation to prevent release of dust into work environment. Spills should be collected into suitable containers to prevent dispersion into the air.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE LIMITS

Chemical Name	ACGIH	OSHA	Supplier
Ammonium Persulfate	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)		

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Provide mechanical local and/or general room ventilation to prevent release of dust into the work area. Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash before reuse.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**EYES AND FACE:** Use cup type chemical type goggles. Full face shield may be used.

**RESPIRATORY:** Use approved dust respirator when airborne dust is expected.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Rubber or neoprene footwear. Normal work clothes.

**GLOVES:** Wear chemical protective gloves made of materials such as rubber or neoprene. Thoroughly wash the outside of gloves with soap and water prior to removal. Inspect regularly for leaks.

## COMMENTS:

Belgium (TWA): 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>ODOR:</b>	None
<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	White crystals
<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	Not applicable. No evidence of combustion up to 800°C. Decomposition will occur upon heating.
<b>BOILING POINT:</b>	Not applicable
<b>COEFFICIENT OF OIL / WATER:</b>	Not available
<b>DENSITY / WEIGHT PER VOLUME:</b>	Not available
<b>EVAPORATION RATE:</b>	Not applicable (Butyl Acetate = 1)
<b>FLASH POINT:</b>	Non-combustible
<b>MELTING POINT:</b>	Decomposes
<b>ODOR THRESHOLD:</b>	Not available
<b>OXIDIZING PROPERTIES:</b>	Oxidizer
<b>PERCENT VOLATILE:</b>	Not applicable
<b>pH:</b>	typically 4.0 (1% solution)
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER:</b>	% by wt. @ 25°C (77°F): 85
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY:</b>	1.98 (H <sub>2</sub> O=1)
<b>VAPOR DENSITY:</b>	Not applicable
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE:</b>	Not applicable

**COMMENTS:**

Self Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT) > 80°C (225 lb drum)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:**

Heat, moisture and contamination.

**STABILITY:**

Stable (becomes unstable in presence of heat, moisture and/or contamination).

**POLYMERIZATION:**

Will not occur

**INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:**

Acids, alkalis, halides (fluorides, chlorides, bromides and iodides), combustible materials, most metals and heavy metals, oxidizable materials, other oxidizers, reducing agents, cleaners, and organic or carbon containing compounds. Contact with incompatible materials can result in a material decomposition or other uncontrolled reactions.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:**

Oxygen that supports combustion and oxides of sulfur and nitrogen.

**COMMENTS:** PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT: Use of persulfates in chemical reactions requires appropriate precautions and design considerations for pressure and thermal relief.

Decomposing persulfates will evolve large volumes of gas and/or vapor, can accelerate exponentially with heat generation, and create significant and hazardous pressures if contained and not properly controlled or mitigated.

Use with alcohols in the presence of water has been demonstrated to generate conditions that require rigorous adherence to process safety methods and standards to prevent escalation to an uncontrolled reaction.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**EYE EFFECTS:** Minimally irritating (rabbit) [FMC I87-0968]

**SKIN EFFECTS:** Non-irritating (rabbit) [FMC Study I87-0970]

**DERMAL LD<sub>50</sub>:** > 2,000 mg/kg (rabbit) [FMC I91-1200]

**ORAL LD<sub>50</sub>:** 742 mg/kg (male rat) [FMC I2001-2331]  
700 mg/kg (female rat) [FMC I2001-2331]

**INHALATION LC<sub>50</sub>:** > 2.95 mg/l (4 h) (rat) Maximum attainable concentration [FMC I87-0969]

**SENSITIZATION:** May be sensitizing to allergic persons.

**TARGET ORGANS:** Eyes, nose, throat and lungs

**ACUTE EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE:** Dust may be harmful and irritating. Ammonium persulfate has low dermal toxicity and is moderately toxic when ingested. Product is minimally irritating to the eyes and non-irritating to the skin.

**CHRONIC EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE:** Sensitive persons may develop dermatitis and asthma [Respiration 38:144, 1979].

**CARCINOGENICITY:**

<b>NTP:</b>	Not listed
<b>IARC:</b>	Not listed
<b>OSHA:</b>	Not listed
<b>OTHER:</b>	ACGIH: Not listed

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

Bluegill sunfish, 96-hr LC<sub>50</sub> = 103 mg/L [FMC Study I92-1246]  
Rainbow trout, 96-hr LC<sub>50</sub> = 76.3 mg/L [FMC Study I92-1247]  
Daphnia, 48-hr LC<sub>50</sub> = 120 mg/L [FMC Study I92-1248]  
Grass shrimp, 96-hr LC<sub>50</sub> = 391 mg/L [FMC Study I92-1249]

**CHEMICAL FATE INFORMATION:** Biodegradability does not apply to inorganic substances.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL METHOD:** Dispose as a hazardous waste in accordance with local, state and federal regulatory agencies.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Ammonium Persulfate

**PRIMARY HAZARD CLASS / DIVISION:** 5.1 (Oxidizer)  
**UN/NA NUMBER:** UN 1444  
**PACKING GROUP:** III  
**LABEL(S):** 5.1 (Oxidizer)  
**PLACARD(S):** 5.1 (Oxidizer)  
**MARKING(S):** Ammonium Persulfate, UN 1444  
**REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ):** Not applicable  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** 49 STCC Number: 4918733  
This material is shipped in 225 lb. fiber drums, 55 lb. poly bags and 1000-2000 lb. IBC's (supersacks).

**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG)**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Ammonium Persulfate

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) /  
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Ammonium Persulfate

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Protect from physical damage. Do not store near acids, moisture or heat.

Ship in refrigerated trucks when outside temperature exceeds 113°F.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**UNITED STATES**

**SARA TITLE III (SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT)**

**SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355, APPENDIX A):**  
Not listed

**SECTION 311 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370):**  
Fire Hazard, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

**SECTION 312 THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY (40 CFR 370):**  
The Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) for this product, if treated as a mixture, is 10,000 lbs; however, this product contains the following ingredients with a TPQ of less than 10,000 lbs.:  
None

**SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS (40 CFR 372):**

This product contains the following ingredients subject to Section 313 reporting requirements:  
Ammonium persulfate

**CERCLA (COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT)**

**CERCLA DESIGNATION & REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (RQ) (40 CFR 302.4):**

Unlisted, RQ = 100 lbs., Ignitability

**TSCA (TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT)**

**TSCA INVENTORY STATUS (40 CFR 710):**

Listed

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)**

**RCRA IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE (40 CFR 261):**

Waste Number: D001

**CANADA**

**WHMIS (WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM):**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

Product Identification Number: 1444

Hazard Classification / Division: C  
D2A  
D2B

Domestic Substance List: Listed

**INTERNATIONAL LISTINGS**

Australia (AICS): Listed

China: Listed

Japan (ENCS): (1)-406

Korea: KE-09815

Philippines (PICCS): Listed

**HAZARD AND RISK PHRASE DESCRIPTIONS:**

EC Symbols: O (Oxidizer)  
Xn (Harmful)  
Xi (Irritant)

EC Risk Phrases: R8 (Contact with combustible material may cause fire)  
 R22 (Harmful if swallowed.)  
 R36/37/38 (Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.)  
 R42/43 (May cause sensitization by inhalation or by skin contact.)

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### HMIS

Health	1
Flammability	0
Physical Hazard	1
Personal Protection (PPE)	J

Protection = J (Safety goggles, gloves, apron & combination dust & vapor respirator)

HMIS = Hazardous Materials Identification System

Degree of Hazard Code:

4 = Severe  
 3 = Serious  
 2 = Moderate  
 1 = Slight  
 0 = Minimal

### NFPA

Health	1
Flammability	0
Reactivity	1
Special	OX

SPECIAL = OX (Oxidizer)

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Degree of Hazard Code:

4 = Extreme  
 3 = High  
 2 = Moderate  
 1 = Slight  
 0 = Insignificant

### **REVISION SUMMARY:**

This MSDS replaces Revision #10, dated April 30, 2006.

Changes in information are as follows:

Section 1 (Product and Company Identification)

Section 11 (Toxicological Information)

Section 15 (Regulatory Information)

Section 16 (Other Information)

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