

# Safety Data Sheet



## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **COPPER NITRATE TRIHYDRATE**

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** General chemical.

**Supplier:** Ixom Operations Pty Ltd  
**ABN:** 51 600 546 512  
**Street Address:** Level 8, 1 Nicholson Street  
East Melbourne Victoria 3002  
Australia

**Telephone Number:** +61 3 9906 3000  
**Emergency Telephone:** **1 800 033 111 (ALL HOURS)**

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

This material is hazardous according to Safe Work Australia; HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL.

### Classification of the chemical:

Oxidising solids - Category 2  
Acute Oral Toxicity - Category 4  
Skin Irritation - Category 2  
Eye Damage - Category 1

The following health/environmental hazard categories fall outside the scope of the Workplace Health and Safety Regulations:  
Acute Aquatic Toxicity - Category 1

**SIGNAL WORD:** DANGER



### Hazard Statement(s):

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H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
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H318 Causes serious eye damage.

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention:

P210 Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P220 Keep and store away from clothing, incompatible materials, combustible materials.  
P221 Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles / incompatible materials.  
P260 Do not breathe mist, vapours, spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P280 Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

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## Response:

P301+P312 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P330 Rinse mouth.

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P333+P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P321 Specific treatment (see First Aid Measures on Safety Data Sheet).

P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P370+P378 In case of fire: Use extinguishing media as outlined in Section 5 of this Safety Data Sheet to extinguish.

## Storage:

No storage statements.

## Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations.

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** None allocated.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Nitric acid, copper(2+) salt, trihydrate	10031-43-3	>=99%	H272 H302 H315 H318 H400

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 131 126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

### Inhalation:

Remove victim from area of exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. If patient finds breathing difficult and develops a bluish discoloration of the skin (which suggests a lack of oxygen in the blood - cyanosis), ensure airways are clear of any obstruction and have a qualified person give oxygen through a face mask. Apply artificial respiration if patient is not breathing. Seek immediate medical advice.

### Skin Contact:

If skin or hair contact occurs, immediately remove any contaminated clothing and wash skin and hair thoroughly with running water. If swelling, redness, blistering or irritation occurs seek medical assistance.

### Eye Contact:

Immediately wash in and around the eye area with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held apart. Remove clothing if contaminated and wash skin. Urgently seek medical assistance. Transport promptly to hospital or medical centre.

### Ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, give a glass of water to drink. If vomiting occurs give further water. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. Seek immediate medical assistance.

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## Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns. Clinical findings: The smooth muscle relaxant effect of nitrate salts may lead to headache, dizziness and marked hypotension.

Cyanosis is clinically detectable when approximately 15% of the haemoglobin has been converted to methaemoglobin (ie. ferric iron).

Symptoms such as headache, dizziness, weakness and dyspnoea occur when methaemoglobin concentrations are 30% to 40%; at levels of about 60%, stupor, convulsions, coma and respiratory paralysis occur and the blood is a chocolate brown colour. At higher levels death may result. Spectrophotometric analysis can determine the presence and concentration of methaemoglobin in blood.

Treatment:

1. Give 100% oxygen.
2. In cases of (a) ingestion: use gastric lavage, (b) contamination of skin (unburnt or burnt): continue washing to remove salts.
3. Observe blood pressure and treat hypotension if necessary.
4. When methaemoglobin concentrations exceed 40% or when symptoms are present, give methylene blue 1 to 2 mg/kg body weight in a 1% solution by slow intravenous injection. If cyanosis has not resolved within one hour a second dose of 2 mg/kg body weight may be given. The total dose should not exceed 7 mg/kg body weight as unwanted effects such as dyspnoea, chest pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, mental confusion and cyanosis may occur. Without treatment methaemoglobin levels of 20-30% revert to normal within 3 days.
5. Bed rest is required for methaemoglobin levels in excess of 40%.
6. Continue to monitor and give oxygen for at least two hours after treatment with methylene blue.
7. Consider transfer to centre where haemoperfusion can be performed to remove the nitrates from the blood if the condition of the patient is unstable.
8. Following inhalation of oxides of nitrogen the patient should be observed in hospital for 24 hours for delayed onset of pulmonary oedema.

Further observation for 2-3 weeks may be required to detect the onset of the inflammatory changes of bronchiolitis fibrosa obliterans.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Coarse water spray, fine water spray, normal foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Hazchem or Emergency Action Code:** 1Y

### Specific hazards arising from the chemical:

Non combustible, but will support combustion of other materials. Environmentally hazardous.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:

Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes, including those of oxides of nitrogen. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of decomposition. Keep containers cool with water spray.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Emergency procedures/Environmental precautions:

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Do not allow container or product to get into drains, sewers, streams or ponds. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

### Personal precautions/Protective equipment/Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Cover with damp absorbent (inert material, sand or soil). Sweep or vacuum up, but avoid generating dust. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling:

Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in dust.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. An impervious plastic liner (NOT a cardboard liner) should be used both between the product and the timber pallet, and on top of the product. Do not store on wooden floors. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for spills.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Control Parameters:** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s):

Copper (fume): 8hr TWA = 0.2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Copper dusts & mists (as Cu): 8hr TWA = 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

### Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure ventilation is adequate and that air concentrations of components are controlled below quoted Workplace Exposure Standards. Keep containers closed when not in use.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

### Individual protection measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES, DUST MASK.



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Wear overalls, chemical goggles and impervious gloves. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a dust mask/respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b>	Crystals
<b>Colour:</b>	Blue
<b>Odour:</b>	Odourless
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
<b>Solubility:</b>	Soluble in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	2.05
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	8.33
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	Not available
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	Not available
<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>Melting Point/Range (°C):</b>	Not available
<b>pH:</b>	Not available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Deliquescent.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions of use.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	May ignite paper spontaneously in the presence of moisture. Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid contact with combustible chemicals. Avoid exposure to moisture. Avoid exposure to heat.
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Incompatible with combustible materials , organic materials , ether , tin , acetylene , hydrazine , nitromethane , acetic anhydride , potassium ferrocyanide , ammonia and potassium amide , sodium hypobromite , ammonium compounds , cyanides , powdered metals .
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	Oxides of nitrogen. Oxides of copper.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

<b>Ingestion:</b>	Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, convulsions and loss of consciousness. Collapse and possible death may occur.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	A severe eye irritant. Contamination of eyes can result in permanent injury.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Contact with skin will result in irritation.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Breathing in dust may result in respiratory irritation.

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## Acute toxicity:

Oral LD50 (rat): 940 mg/kg

**Chronic effects:** Prolonged or repeated exposure to dusts of copper salts may cause discolouration of the skin or hair, blood and liver damage, ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum, runny nose, metallic taste, and atrophic changes and irritation of the mucous membranes.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity** Avoid contaminating waterways.

**Aquatic toxicity:** Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods:

Refer to Waste Management Authority. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Road and Rail Transport

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**Transport Hazard Class:** 5.1 Oxidizing Agent  
**Packing Group:** II  
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### Marine Transport

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

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**IMDG EMS Fire:** F-A  
**IMDG EMS Spill:** S-Q

### Air Transport

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**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** None allocated.

This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

This safety data sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd Toxicology & SDS Services.

### Reason(s) for Issue:

5 Yearly Revised Primary SDS

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.