

# Safety Data Sheet



## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** OXALIC ACID 10% SOLUTION

**Other name(s):** Oxclean

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** Cleaning of ultrafiltration, Nanofiltration and reverse osmosis membranes.

**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

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

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

### Classification of the chemical:

Skin Irritation - Category 2  
Eye Damage - Category 1

**SIGNAL WORD:** DANGER



### Hazard Statement(s):

H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention:

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

#### Response:

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

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**Storage:**

No storage statements.

**Disposal:**

No disposal statements.

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** S6 Poison.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Water	7732-18-5	90%	-
Oxalic acid	144-62-7	10%	H312 H302

## 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. Seek medical advice if effects persist.

**Skin Contact:**

If skin or hair contact occurs, immediately remove any contaminated clothing and wash skin and hair thoroughly with running water and soap. 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:**

Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Never give anything by the mouth to an unconscious patient. Seek immediate medical assistance.

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

Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:**

Non-combustible material.

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

Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes. 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

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## Emergency procedures/Environmental precautions:

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

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

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Slippery when spilt. Avoid accidents, clean up immediately. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact and breathing in vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Contain - prevent run off into drains and waterways. Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. Wash area down with excess water.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

This material is a Scheduled Poison S6 and must be stored, maintained and used in accordance with the relevant regulations.

### Precautions for safe handling:

Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in vapour, mists and aerosols. Keep out of reach of children.

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

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for leaks.

## 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):

Oxalic acid: 8hr TWA = 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 15 min STEL = 2 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.

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) - the airborne concentration of a particular substance calculated as a time-weighted average over 15 minutes, which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight hour work day. According to current knowledge this concentration should neither impair the health of, nor cause undue discomfort to, nearly all workers.

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.

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## 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.



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

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b>	Liquid
<b>Colour:</b>	Colourless
<b>Odour:</b>	Odourless
<b>Solubility:</b>	Miscible in water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.06
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	Not available
<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>pH:</b>	Not available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	No information available.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	None known.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	None known.
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Incompatible with strong alkalis.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	Oxides of carbon.

## 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:

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<b>Ingestion:</b>	Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and gastrointestinal irritation.
<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 mists or aerosols may produce respiratory irritation.
<b>Acute toxicity:</b>	No LD50 data available for the product. For the constituent Oxalic acid : Oral LD50 (rat): 382 mg/kg
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation:</b>	Mild irritant (rabbit).
<b>Serious eye damage/irritation:</b>	Severe irritant (rabbit).
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitisation:</b>	Not a skin sensitiser (mouse).
<b>Chronic effects:</b>	No information available for the product.
<b>Aspiration hazard:</b>	No information available.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Avoid contaminating waterways.
<b>Persistence/degradability:</b>	This product is readily biodegradable.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential:</b>	No information available.
<b>Mobility in soil:</b>	No information available.

## 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**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

### **Marine Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

### **Air Transport**

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**Hazard Statement(s):**

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**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** S6 Poison.

All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

'Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances'. Ed. D. Sweet, US Dept. of Health & Human Services: Cincinnati, 2018.

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

**Reason(s) for Issue:**

Revised Primary SDS

Change in Hazardous Chemical Classification

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.