

Mercury (II) Oxide Red

MSDS # 451.00

Section 1: Product and Company Identification**Mercury (II) Oxide Red****Synonyms/General Names:** Mercuric Oxide, Red**Product Use:** For educational use only**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc., Columbus, WI 53925.**24 Hour Emergency Information Telephone Numbers****CHEMTREC (USA): 800-424-9300****CANUTEC (Canada): 613-424-6666**

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Section 2: Hazards Identification*Orange-red powder, no odor.***HMIS (0 to 4)**

Health	4
Fire Hazard	0
Reactivity	0

DANGER! Highly toxic [severe poison] by ingestion and severe body tissue irritant.

Target organs: Central nervous system, kidneys

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

Mercuric oxide, red (21908-53-2), >99%

Section 4: First Aid Measures*Always seek professional medical attention after first aid measures are provided.***Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with excess water for 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally.**Skin:** Immediately flush skin with excess water for 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing.**Ingestion:** Call Poison Control immediately. Rinse mouth with cold water. Give victim 1-2 cups of water or milk to drink. Induce vomiting immediately.**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.**Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures**

Non-flammable solid. When heated to decomposition, emits acrid fumes.

Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters: Use foam or dry chemical to extinguish fire.

Firefighters should wear full fire fighting turn-out gear and respiratory protection (SCBA). Cool container with water spray. Material is not sensitive to mechanical impact or static discharge.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Isolate the hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary and unprotected personnel. Sweep up spill and place in sealed bag or container for disposal. Wash spill area after pickup is complete. See Section 13 for disposal information.

Section 7: Handling and Storage**Blue****Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation and do not breathe dust or vapor. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.**Storage:** Store in Toxic Storage Area [Blue Storage] with other toxic material. Store in a dedicated poison cabinet. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated, locked store room away from incompatible materials.**Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection**Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Have approved eyewash facility, safety shower, and fire extinguishers readily available. Wear chemical splash goggles and chemical resistant clothing such as gloves and aprons. Wash hands thoroughly after handling material and before eating or drinking. Use NIOSH-approved respirator with a dust cartridge. Exposure guidelines: Mercury compounds: OSHA PEL: 0.01 mg/m³ ceiling, ACGIH: TLV: 0.1 mg/m³, STEL: N/A.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Molecular formula	HgO.	Appearance	Orange-red powder.
Molecular weight	216.61.	Odor	No odor.
Specific Gravity	11.14g/mL @ 20°C.	Odor Threshold	N/A.
Vapor Density (air=1)	N/A.	Solubility	Dilute Hydrochloric and Nitric Acids.
Melting Point	500°C decomposes.	Evaporation rate	N/A. (<i>Butyl acetate</i> = 1).
Boiling Point/Range	N/A.	Partition Coefficient	N/A. (<i>log P_{ow}</i>).
Vapor Pressure (20°C)	N/A.	pH	N/A.
Flash Point:	N/A.	LEL	N/A.
Autoignition Temp.:	N/A.	UEL	N/A.

N/A = Not available or applicable

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Avoid heat and ignition sources.

Stability: Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

Incompatibility: Strong reducing agents, strong oxidizing agents, combustible materials, organic materials.

Shelf life: Fair, light sensitive. Store in a cool, dry, dark environment.

Section 11: Toxicology Information

Acute Symptoms/Signs of exposure: *Eyes:* Redness, tearing, itching, burning, conjunctivitis. *Skin:* Redness, itching.

Ingestion: Irritation and burning sensations of mouth and throat, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. *Inhalation:* Irritation of mucous membranes, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath,

Chronic Effects: No information found.

Sensitization: none expected

Mercury Oxide: LD50 [oral, rat]; 18 mg/kg; LC50 [rat]; N/A; LD50 Dermal [rabbit]; N/A

Material has been found to be a carcinogen and produce genetic, reproductive, or developmental effects.

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity (aquatic and terrestrial): Contains a heavy metal – toxic to terrestrial and aquatic plants and animals. Do not release to environment.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Check with all applicable local, regional, and national laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national regulations. Use a licensed chemical waste disposal firm for proper disposal.

Section 14: Transport Information

DOT Shipping Name:	Mercury Oxide.	Canada TDG:	Mercury Oxide.
DOT Hazard Class:	6.1, pg II.	Hazard Class:	6.1, pg II.
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Section 15: Regulatory Information

EINECS: Not listed.

WHMIS Canada: D1A: Toxic material causing immediate/serious effects.

TSCA: All components are listed or are exempt.

California Proposition 65: Listed – Developmental hazards.

The 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.

Section 16: Other Information

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