

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Mercury(II) Oxide, Red

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

Signal Word **DANGER**

Pictograms



SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, oral and inhalation (Category 2). Fatal if swallowed or inhaled (H300+H330). Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product (P270). Do not breath dust or fumes (P260).

Hazard class: Acute toxicity, dermal (Category 1). Fatal in contact with skin (H310).

Hazard class: Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2). May cause damage to the kidneys, nerves, gastrointestinal tract, blood, liver, and brain through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled, ingested, or absorbed through the skin (H373).

Hazard class: Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute and chronic toxicity (Category 1). Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects (H410). Avoid release to the environment (P273).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Mercury(II) oxide, red	21908-53-2	HgO	216.61	
Synonym: Mercuric oxide				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician (P310).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing.

If on skin: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water (P302 + P350).

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting (P301+P330+P331).

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

Strong oxidizer. Fire hazard when in contact with combustible materials.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

NFPA CODE

H - 3

F - 0

R - 1

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from the area. Sweep up the spill, place in a sealed bag or container, and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #4. Store with hydroxides, oxides, silicates and carbonates. Store in a cool, dry place. Protect from light. Store in a Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag. Store in a poisons cabinet. Keep container tightly closed (P233). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

Exposure guidelines: PEL 0.1 mg/m³ (OSHA); TLV 0.025 mg/m³ (ACGIH) Readily absorbed through the skin.

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Heavy bright red, orange-red powder. Odorless.

Soluble: Dilute hydrochloric and nitric acids. Insoluble in water, alcohol, and ether.

Melting point: 500 °C (decomposes)

Specific gravity: 11.00-11.29

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers. Decomposes on exposure to light.

Shelf life: Good, if stored properly.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Highly toxic, irritant

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 18 mg/kg

Chronic effects: Possible teratogen, neurological hazard

IHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.

Target organs: Kidneys, GI system, nerves

SKN-RAT LD₅₀: 315 mg/kg

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Avoid release into the environment.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #27d is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Mercury oxide; Hazard class: 6.1, Poison; UN number: UN1641

N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (244-654-7).

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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Consult your copy of the *Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual* for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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