

**ZINC SULPHATE SOLUTION
SAFETY DATA SHEET**

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identity: Zinc Sulphate Solution.

Trade Names and Synonyms: Zinc Sulfate Solution, Zinc Electrolyte, Neutral Zinc Sulfate.

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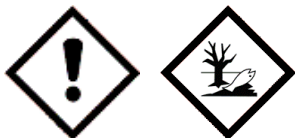
Product Use: Used as a micronutrient in fertilizer and feed supplements, may also be used as a floatation additive in mining.

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION:

Health	Physical	Environmental
Acute Toxicity (Oral, Inhalation) – Does not meet criteria Skin Corrosion/Irritation – Does not meet criteria Eye Damage/Eye Irritation – Category 2A Respiratory or Skin Sensitization – Does not meet criteria Mutagenicity – Does not meet criteria Carcinogenicity – Does not meet criteria Reproductive Toxicity – Does not meet criteria Specific Target Organ Toxicity Acute Exposure – Does not meet criteria Chronic Exposure – Does not meet criteria	Does not meet criteria for any Physical Hazard	Aquatic Toxicity – Short Term – Category 1

LABEL:

Symbols: 	Signal Word: WARNING
Hazard Statements WARNING! Causes serious eye irritation. Very toxic to aquatic life.	Precautionary Statements: Wear eye protection/face protection. Wash contaminated skin thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage. IF IN EYES: Rinse continuously with water for several minutes. If eye irritation persists: get medical advice/attention.

Emergency Overview: A clear or slightly opaque solution that does not burn or readily decompose. It consists principally of dissolved zinc sulphate. The solution is relatively non-toxic to humans and poses little immediate hazard to personnel in an emergency situation but contains a high concentration of dissolved zinc and can pose a threat to watercourses.

Potential Health Effects: Direct eye contact with the solution may cause mild eye irritation. Dried residues may cause eye, nose & throat irritation and, when heated strongly in air, will generate zinc oxide fume. Inhalation of freshly formed zinc oxide fume can result in metal fume fever, a temporary flu-like condition (see Toxicological Information, Section 11).

Potential Environmental Effects: As this product is a solution, the contained zinc, in elevated concentrations, is directly bioavailable and is potentially toxic to aquatic and soil organisms and plants (see Ecological Information, Section 12).

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS	CAS Registry No.	CONCENTRATION (% wgt/wgt)
Zinc Sulphate	7733-02-0	29-34%
Magnesium Sulphate	7487-88-9	0.4-1.5%
Manganese Sulphate	7785-87-7	0.3-0.5%

Note: See Section 8 for Occupational Exposure Guidelines.

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact: *Symptoms:* Eye irritation, redness. If irritation occurs, cautiously rinse eyes with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes, while holding the eyelids open. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Skin Contact: *Symptoms:* Mild irritation. Rinse/wash with lukewarm, gently flowing water (and mild soap) for 5 minutes or until product is removed. If skin irritation occurs or you feel unwell: Get medical advice/attention.

Inhalation: *Symptoms:* Respiratory irritation. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

Ingestion: *Symptoms:* Stomach upset. If swallowed, no specific intervention is indicated as this material is not likely to be hazardous by ingestion. If you feel unwell or are concerned: Get medical attention.

SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and Explosion Hazards: This product is not considered a fire or explosion hazard.

Extinguishing Media: Use any means of extinction appropriate for surrounding fire conditions such as water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or foam.

Fire Fighting: As with any fire, fire fighters should be fully trained and wear full protective clothing including an approved, self-contained breathing apparatus which supplies a positive air pressure within a full face piece mask.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Procedures for Cleanup: Stop release if possible to do so safely. Contain spill, isolate hazard area, and deny entry. Pump back into system if possible. Otherwise absorb with any suitable absorbent such as vermiculite or clay. Place contaminated material in suitable, labeled containers for final disposal. Dispose of waste material consistent with the requirements of waste disposal authorities.

Personal Precautions: Impervious chemical-resistant gloves, rubber boots and coveralls or other protective clothing are recommended for persons responding to an accidental release (see also Section 8). Close-fitting safety goggles may be necessary in some circumstances to prevent eye contact with the solution.

Environmental Precautions: Spilled product can pose immediate risks to aquatic and terrestrial environments. Released product should be prevented from reaching soil or entering watercourses in the vicinity of product handling areas.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Store in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Guidelines:

<u>Component</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>NIOSH REL</u>
Zinc Sulphate	None Established	None Established	None Established
Magnesium Sulphate	None Established	None Established	None Established
Manganese Sulphate	0.02 mg Mn/m ³ Respirable 0.1 mg Mn/m ³ Inhalable	5 mg Mn/m ³ Ceiling	1 mg Mn/m ³ TWA

NOTE: OEGs for individual jurisdictions may differ from those given above. Check with local authorities for the applicable OEGs in your jurisdiction.

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration; NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. TLV – Threshold Limit Value, PEL – Permissible Exposure Limit, REL – Recommended Exposure Limit.

NOTE: The selection of the necessary level of engineering controls and personal protective equipment will vary depending upon the conditions of use and the potential for exposure. The following are therefore only general guidelines that may not fit all circumstances. Control measures to consider include:

Ventilation: Use adequate local or general ventilation to maintain the concentration of aerosol mists well below recommended occupational exposure limits.

Protective Clothing: Impervious, chemical-resistant gloves are recommended when handling bulk solution. Eye protection should be worn where mist is generated and where any possibility exists that eye contact may occur.

Respirators: Where liquid aerosol mists are generated and cannot be controlled to within acceptable levels, use appropriate NIOSH-approved respiratory protection equipment (42 CFR 84 Class N, R or P-95 particulate filter as a minimum).

General Hygiene Considerations: Always practice good personal hygiene. Refrain from eating, drinking, or smoking in work areas. Thoroughly wash hands after handling and before eating, drinking, or smoking in appropriate designated areas only.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Clear to slightly opaque liquid	Odour: None	Odour Threshold: Not Applicable	pH: Approx. 4.5 – 5.0
Vapour Pressure: Negligible @ 20°C	Vapour Density: Not Applicable	Freezing Point/Range: No Data	Boiling Point/Range: No Data
Relative Density (Water = 1): 1.25- 1.35	Evaporation Rate: Not Applicable	Coefficient of Water/Oil Distribution: No Data	Solubility: Aqueous Solution
Flash Point: None	Flammable Limits (LEL/UEL): Not Flammable	Auto-ignition Temperature: None	Decomposition Temperature: None

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability & Reactivity: This material is stable and not considered reactive under normal temperatures and pressures. Hazardous polymerization or runaway reactions will not occur.

Incompatibilities: None have been identified.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: High temperature operations such as oxy-acetylene cutting, electric arc welding or overheating of dried residues will generate zinc oxide fume which, on inhalation in sufficient quantity, can produce metal fume fever. Under such conditions, sulphur dioxide will also be generated and can cause respiratory distress.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

General: In the form in which this product is sold it is relatively non-toxic. The major route of exposure would be through the generation and inhalation of aerosol mist, or the generation of zinc oxide fume through welding or burning around dried residues.

Acute:

Skin/Eye: Contact with liquid may cause local irritation but would not cause tissue damage. Dust or fume from burning or welding on dried residues may also cause local irritation.

Inhalation: Acute inhalation of mists will result in irritation of the nose, throat and upper respiratory passages. Symptoms may include discomfort, coughing, tingling sensation, sneezing and/or shortness of breath and wheezing. Excessive heating of dried zinc sulphate residues will generate zinc oxide fume. If inhaled, this fume can result in the condition called metal fume fever. The symptoms of metal fume fever will occur within 3 to 10 hours of exposure, and include immediate dryness and irritation of the throat, tightness of the chest, and coughing which may later be followed by flu-like symptoms of fever, malaise, perspiration, frontal headache, muscle cramps, low back pain, occasionally blurred vision, nausea, and vomiting. The symptoms are temporary and generally disappear, without medical intervention, within 24 to 48 hours of onset. There are no recognized complications, after effects, or chronic effects that result from this condition.

Ingestion: Zinc sulphate is very astringent, and when ingested in excessive quantities, can irritate the stomach, resulting in nausea and spontaneous vomiting.

Chronic: Prolonged skin contact with zinc sulphate solution may cause skin dermatitis. Zinc, magnesium and manganese are not listed as carcinogens by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), or the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

Animal Toxicity:

<u>Hazardous Ingredient:</u>	<u>Acute Oral Toxicity:</u> †	<u>Acute Dermal Toxicity:</u>	<u>Acute Inhalation Toxicity:</u> ‡
Zinc Sulphate	1,538 mg/kg	No data	No data
Magnesium Sulphate	>5,000 mg/kg	No data	No data
Manganese Sulphate	2,150 mg/kg	No data	No data

† LD₅₀, Rat, Oral, ‡ LC₅₀, Rat, Inhalation, 4 hour

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

In elevated concentrations, zinc sulphate in solution is potentially toxic to aquatic and terrestrial organisms. However, processes in the environment may alter its bioavailability in diluted form. In aquatic systems, zinc has the potential to bioaccumulate in both plants and animals. In terrestrial systems, the mobility of zinc in soil depends primarily on soil conditions, such as cation exchange capacity, pH, redox potential, and chemical species present in the soil. Zinc also bioaccumulates in terrestrial plants, vertebrates, and mammals, with plant uptake from soil dependent on plant species, soil pH, and soil composition.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do not wash down drain. Dike area around spill and pump uncontaminated solution back to process if possible, then absorb any remaining liquid in a solid absorbent such as vermiculite or clay. Place contaminated material in suitable, labeled containers for final disposal. Dispose of waste material consistent with the requirements of waste disposal authorities.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

PROPER SHIPPING NAME U.S. DOT	Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Liquid, n.o.s. (contains Zinc Sulfate)
TRANSPORT CANADA CLASSIFICATION	Not regulated
U.S. DOT CLASSIFICATION	Class 9, Packing Group III (RQ)
PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	UN3082
MARINE POLLUTANT	No
IMO CLASSIFICATION	Not regulated

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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INGREDIENTS LISTED ON TSCA INVENTORY	Yes
HAZARDOUS UNDER HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD	No Ingredients Qualify
CERCLA SECTION 103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	Zinc Sulfate.....RQ: 1,000lbs. Manganese Compounds ...RQ: None Assigned
EPCRA SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE	No Ingredients Qualify
EPCRA SECTION 311/312 HAZARD CATEGORIES	No Hazard Categories Apply
EPCRA SECTION 313 TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY:	Zinc Compounds (Zinc Sulfate) CAS No. 7733-02-0 Percent by Weight29-34% Manganese Compounds (Manganese Sulfate) CAS No. 7785-87-7 Percent by Weight0.3-0.5%

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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