

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET: SIMPLE GREEN®

## I. PRODUCT & COMPANY INFORMATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** SIMPLE GREEN® CLEANER / DEGREASER

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**USE OF PRODUCT:** An all purpose cleaner and degreaser used undiluted or diluted in water for direct, spray, and dip tank procedures.

## II. INGREDIENT INFORMATION

The only ingredient of Simple Green® with established exposure limits is undiluted 2-butoxyethanol (<6%) (Butyl Cellosolve; CAS No. 111-76-2): the OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV is 25 ppm (skin). Note, however, that Butyl Cellosolve is only one of the raw material ingredients that undergo processing and dilution during the manufacture of Simple Green®. Upon completion of the manufacturing process, Simple Green® does not possess the occupational health risks associated with exposure to undiluted Butyl Cellosolve. Verification of this is contained in the independent test results detailed under "Toxicological Information" on Page 3 of this MSDS.

The Butyl Cellosolve in Simple Green® is part of a chemical category (glycol ethers) regulated by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (SARA, Title III, section 313); therefore, a reporting requirement exists. Based upon chemical analysis, Simple Green® contains no known EPA priority pollutants, heavy metals, or chemicals listed under RCRA, CERCLA, or CWA. Analysis by TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure) according to RCRA revealed no toxic organic or inorganic constituents.

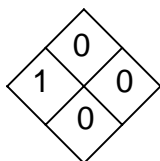
All components of Simple Green® are listed on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory.

## III. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

UN Number: Not required  
Dangerous Goods Class: Nonhazardous

### Hazard Rating (NFPA/HMIS)

Health = 1\*      Reactivity = 0  
Fire = 0          Special = 0



### Rating Scale

0 = minimal      1 = slight  
2 = moderate     3 = serious  
4 = severe

\*Mild eye irritant, non-mutagenic and non-carcinogenic. **None of the ingredients in Simple Green® are regulated or listed as potential cancer agents by Federal OSHA, NTP, or IARC.**

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## IV. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### ***SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE AND FIRST AID TREATMENT***

Eye contact:	Reddening may develop. Immediately rinse the eye with large quantities of cool water; continue 10-15 minutes or until the material has been removed; be sure to remove contact lenses, if present, and to lift upper and lower lids during rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
Skin contact:	Minimal effects, if any; rinse skin with water, rinse shoes and launder clothing before reuse. Reversible reddening may occur in some dermal-sensitive users; thoroughly rinse area and get medical attention if reaction persists.
Swallowing:	Essentially non-toxic. Give several glasses of water to dilute; do not induce vomiting. If stomach upset occurs, consult physician.
Inhalation:	Non-toxic. Exposures to concentrate-mist may cause mild irritation of nasal passages or throat; remove to fresh air. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

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## V. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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Simple Green® is stable, not flammable, and will not burn.

Flash Point/Auto-Ignition:	Not flammable.
Flammability Limits:	Not flammable.
Extinguishing Media:	Not flammable/nonexplosive. No special procedures required.
Special Fire Fighting Procedures:	None required.

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## VI. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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Recover usable material by convenient method; residual may be removed by wipe or wet mop. If necessary, unrecoverable material may be washed to drain with large quantities of water.

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## VII. HANDLING, STORAGE & TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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No special precautions are required. **This product is non-hazardous for storage and transport according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations.** Simple Green® requires no special labeling or placarding to meet U.S. Department of Transportation requirements.

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## VIII. EXPOSURE CONTROLS

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**Exposure Limits:** The Simple Green® formulation presents no health hazards to the user when used according to label directions for its intended purposes. Mild skin and eye irritation is possible (please see Eye contact and Skin contact in Section IV.).

**Ventilation:** No special ventilation is required during use.

**Human Health Effects or Risks from Exposure:** Adverse effects on human health are not expected from Simple Green®, based upon twenty years of use without reported adverse health incidence in diverse population groups, including extensive use by inmates of U.S. Federal prisons in cleaning operations.

Simple Green® is a mild eye irritant; mucous membranes may become irritated by concentrate-mist.

Simple Green® is not likely to irritate the skin in the majority of users. Repeated daily application to the skin without rinsing, or continuous contact of Simple Green® on the skin may lead to temporary, but reversible, irritation.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** No aggravation of existing medical conditions is expected; dermal-sensitive users may react to dermal contact by Simple Green®.

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## IX. PERSONAL PROTECTION

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Precautionary Measures:	No special requirements under normal use conditions.
Eye Protection:	Caution, including reasonable eye protection, should always be used to avoid eye contact where splashing may occur.
Skin Protection:	No special precautions required; rinse completely from skin after contact.
Respiratory Protection:	No special precautions required.
Work and Hygienic Practices:	No special requirements. Wash or rinse hands before touching eyes or contact lenses.

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## X. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Appearance/odor:</b>	Translucent green liquid with characteristic sassafras odor.		
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.0257	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	17 mm Hg @ 20 °C; 22 mm Hg @ 25 °C
<b>pH of concentrate:</b>	9.5	<b>Vapor Density:</b>	1.3 (air = 1)
<b>Evaporation:</b>	>1 (butyl acetate = 1)	<b>Density:</b>	8.5 lbs./gallon
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	110 °C (231 °F)		
<b>Freezing Point:</b>	-9 °C (16 °F) If product freezes, it will reconstitute without loss of efficacy when brought back to room temperature and agitated.		

**VOC Composite Partial Pressure:** 0.006 mm Hg @ 20 °C

**Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs):** 7.96 g/L per ASTM Method 3960-90. Per California AQMD's VOC test method, product must be diluted at least 2 parts of water to 1 part Simple Green® in order to meet SCAQMD Rule 1171 & Rule 1122 and BAAQMD Regulation 8-16 VOC requirements for solvent cleaning operations.

**Water Solubility:** Completely soluble in water. The higher salt concentrations in marine ecosystems will lead to complexes with Simple Green® that may become visible at ratios above one part Simple Green® to 99 parts seawater.

**Ash Content:** At 600 °F: 1.86% by weight.

**Nutrient Content:** Nitrogen: <1.0% by weight (fusion and qualitative test for ammonia).  
Phosphorus: 0.3% by formula.  
Sulfur: 0.6% by weight (barium chloride precipitation method).

**Detection:** Simple Green® has a characteristic sassafras odor that is not indicative of any hazardous situation.

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## XI. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

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Nonreactive. Simple Green® is stable, even under fire conditions, and will not react with water or oxidizers. Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

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## XII. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Nonhuman Toxicity

#### **Acute Mortality Studies:**

Oral LD <sub>50</sub> (rat):	>5.0 g/kg body weight
Dermal LD <sub>50</sub> (rabbit):	>2.0 g/kg body weight

**Dermal Irritation:** Only mild, but reversible, irritation was found in a standard 72-hr test on rabbits. A value of 0.2 (non-irritating) was found on a scale of 8.

**Eye Irritation:** With or without rinsing with water, the irritation scores in rabbits at 24 hours did not exceed 15 (mild irritant) on a scale of 110.

**Subchronic dermal effects:** No adverse effects, except reversible dermal irritation, were found in rabbits exposed to Simple Green® (up to 2.0 g/kg/day for 13 weeks) applied to the skin of 25 males and 25 females. Only female body weight gain was affected. Detailed microscopic examination of all major tissues showed no adverse changes.

**Fertility Assessment by Continuous Breeding:** The Simple Green® formulation had no adverse effect on fertility and reproduction in CD-1 mice with continuous administration for 18 weeks, and had no adverse effect on the reproductive performance of their offspring.

### XIII. BIODEGRADABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICITY INFORMATION

#### Biodegradability:

Simple Green® is readily decomposed by naturally occurring microorganisms. The biological oxygen demand (BOD), as a percentage of the chemical oxygen demand (COD), after 4, 7, and 11 days was 56%, 60%, and 70%, respectively. Per OECD Closed Bottle Test, Simple Green® meets OECD and EPA recommendations for ready biodegradability.

In a standard biodegradation test with soils from three different countries, Butyl Cellosolve reached 50% degradation in 6 to 23 days, depending upon soil type, and exceeded the rate of degradation for glucose which was used as a control for comparison.

#### Environmental Toxicity Information:

Simple Green® is considered practically non-toxic per EPA's aquatic toxicity scale. Simple Green® is non-lethal to any of the marine and estuarine test animals listed in the following table at concentrations below 200 mg/L (0.02%). This table shows the Simple Green® concentrations that are likely to be lethal to 50% of the exposed organisms.

	<u>LC<sub>50</sub> in mg/L (ppm)</u>	
	<u>48-hour</u>	<u>96-hour</u>
<u>Marine Fish:</u>		
Mud minnow ( <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> )	1690	1574
Whitebait ( <i>Galaxias maculatus</i> )	210	210
<u>Marine/Estuarine Invertebrates:</u>		
Brine Shrimp ( <i>Artemia salina</i> )	610	399
Grass Shrimp ( <i>Palaemonetes pugio</i> )	270	220
Green-lipped Mussel ( <i>Perna canaliculus</i> )	220	220
Mud Snail ( <i>Potamopyrgus estuarinus</i> )	410	350

### XIV. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Simple Green® is fully water soluble and biodegradable and will not harm sewage-treatment microorganisms if disposal by sewer or drain is necessary. Dispose of in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

### XV. OTHER INFORMATION

Containers:	Simple Green® residues can be completely removed by rinsing with water; the container may be recycled or applied to other uses.
Electrical Wiring Compatibility:	Polyimide insulated wiring is not affected by exposure to Simple Green®. After immersion in Simple Green® for 14 days at 74°F, the 61 cm piece of polyimide insulated wire passed a one minute dielectric proof test at 2500 volts (ASTM D-149).
Contact Point:	Sunshine Makers, Inc., Research and Development Division: 562-795-6000.

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