

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

Product Name	<u>Mercuric oxide</u>
Molecular Formula	HgO
Molecular Weight	216.59
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	No Information available

Product Code	AJA1286, AJA315,FNNJL666AL
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 2
Acute Dermal Toxicity	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 1

**Label Elements****Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H373 - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

H300 + H310 + H330 - Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P262 - Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P284 - Wear respiratory protection

P273 - Avoid release to the environment

**Response**

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

P330 - Rinse mouth

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

P361 + P364 - Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

P391 - Collect spillage

**Storage**

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Mercuric oxide	21908-53-2	100

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

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09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way

	valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## **Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

None under normal use conditions.

### **Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## **Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

#### **Emergency procedures**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

#### **Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

#### **Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

### Precautions for Safe Handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

#### Storage Conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

#### Incompatible Materials

None known.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

### Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

**UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

**ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace.

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
Mercuric oxide			TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr

#### Biological limit values

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) TLVs® and BEIs® - Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents & Biological Exposure Indices. 2022 Edition

Component	New Zealand	Australia	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices	United Kingdom
Mercuric oxide			20 µg/g creatinine Medium: urine Time: prior to shift Determinant: Mercury	

### Appropriate engineering controls

#### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

#### Respiratory Protection

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

#### Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

#### Recommended half mask:-

Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

#### Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid	
Appearance	Yellow-orange	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	Not applicable	
Melting Point/Range	500 °C / 932 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	Not applicable	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	Not applicable	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Insoluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

### Other information

Molecular Formula	HgO
Molecular Weight	216.59
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	None known.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None under normal use conditions.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Eyes	Not an expected route of exposure.
Skin	No known effect based on information supplied.
Ingestion	Not an expected route of exposure.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 2
Dermal	Category 2
Inhalation	Category 2

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Mercuric oxide	LD50 = 18 mg/kg ( Rat )		

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

#### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity;	No data available
(h) STOT-single exposure;	No data available
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	Category 2
Target Organs	No information available.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**  
No information available.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity

<b>Aquatic ecotoxicity</b>	Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.
<b>Terrestrial ecotoxicity</b>	There is no data for this product
<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	
<b>Persistence</b>	Insoluble in water.
<b>Degradability</b>	Not relevant for inorganic substances.
<b>Degradation in sewage treatment plant</b>	Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	May have some potential to bioaccumulate
<b>Mobility</b>	Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil. Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

### Other adverse effects

<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

### Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure
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conformity with all applicable regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information**

Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations . Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

Component	Hazchem Code
Mercuric oxide 21908-53-2 ( 100 )	2X

**NZS 5433:2020**

UN-No UN1641  
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURY OXIDE  
 Technical Shipping Name Mercury (II) Oxide  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

**IATA**

UN-No UN1641  
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURY OXIDE  
 Technical Shipping Name Mercury (II) Oxide  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN1641  
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURY OXIDE  
 Technical Shipping Name Mercury (II) Oxide  
 Hazard Class 6.1  
 Packing Group II

Component	IMDG Marine Pollutant
Mercuric oxide 21908-53-2 ( 100 )	IMDG regulated marine pollutant (Listed in the index, [UN1641]) IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN2025) IMDG regulated marine pollutant (Listed in the index, [MERCURY BASED PESTICIDE], listed under Mercuric compounds)

**Environmental hazards**

Dangerous for the environment  
 Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable, packaged goods

**Special Precautions**

No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

**Additional information**

None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

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**National Regulations**

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

**Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements**

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

**Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

**International Regulations**

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Chemicals Subject to Prior Informed Consent (PIC)

Component	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)
Mercuric oxide - 21908-53-2	X

Component	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	IMDG Marine Pollutant
Mercuric oxide			IMDG regulated marine pollutant (Listed in the index, [UN1641]) IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN2025) IMDG regulated marine pollutant (Listed in the index, [MERCURY BASED PESTICIDE], listed under Mercuric compounds)

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Mercuric oxide	-	Use restricted. See entry 18. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

**International Inventories**

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Mercuric oxide	21908-53-2	X	X	244-654-7	-	-	KE-23130	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Mercuric oxide	21908-53-2	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

## Section 16 - Other Information

This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations

### Legend

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

### Key literature references and sources for data

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Chemical incident response training.

### Revision Date

12-Mar-2025

### Revision Summary

Update to GHS format

### Disclaimer

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