

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

Section 1 - Identification

Product Identifier

Product Name Mercury, Triple Distilled 99.99999% (metals basis)

CAS No 7439-97-6

Synonyms Quicksilver

Molecular FormulaHgMolecular Weight200.59

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against No Information available

Product Code 98904

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Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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HSNO Approval Number HSR003014

GHS Classification

Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal Category 1

Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors

Skin Sensitization

Reproductive Toxicity

Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)

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Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity Category 1

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Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 1

Label Elements



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child

H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction

H300 + H330 - Fatal if swallowed or if inhaled

Precautionary Statements

Prevention

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

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

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

P284 - Wear respiratory protection

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

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

P391 - Collect spillage

Storage

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

P405 - Store locked up

Disposal

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

Other hazards which do not result in classification

Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %	
Mercury	7439-97-6	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

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required.

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Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. 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.

Eye Contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical

attention is required.

Ingestion Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

Self-Protection of the First Aider Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to

protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

First Aid Facilities Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

Most important symptoms and

effects

Neurological disorders. May cause central nervous system depression: May cause adverse

kidney effects: May cause adverse liver effects: Symptoms may be delayed: Chronic

exposure damages the brain and the central nervous system

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO2), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Very toxic. Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Mercury oxide, Toxic fumes.

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.

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. Should not be released into the environment.

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Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Storage Conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store in metal containers.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Ammonia. Metals. Halogens.

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

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Control parameters

Exposure limits

NZ - Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

AUS - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)] Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)]

updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia

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
Mercury	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.003 ppm	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³	TWA: 0.02 mg/m ³ 8 hr
	Skin	TWA: 0.025 mg/m ³	Skin	_

Biological limit values

NZ - Substances assigned Biological Exposure Indices in the New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor

UK - Biological Monitoring Guidance Values provided by the UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 (as amended) and EH40/2005.

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
Mercury	20 µg/g creatinine (urine)		20 μg/g creatinine	Mercury: 20 µmol/mol
	prior to shift (Mercury)		Medium: urine	creatinine urine random
			Time: prior to shift	
			Determinant: Mercury 35	

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	µg/g creatinine Medium: urine Time: prior to shift Determinant: Total inorganic	
	mercury 15 µg/L Medium: blood Time: end of shift at end of workweek	
	Determinant: Total inorganic mercury	

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. 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 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
Nitrile rubber, Natural	> 480 minutes	0.54mm	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
rubber.	> 480 minutes	0.48mm		

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

Repiratory 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 repiratory protective devices

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 or Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey

conforming to EN14387 (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 Liquid

Appearance Silver Odor Odorless

Odor Threshold No data available

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pH Not applicable

Melting Point/Range-38.9 °C / -38 °FSoftening PointNo data availableBoiling Point/Range356.5 °C / 673.7 °FFlammability (liquid)No data available

Flammability (solid,gas) Not applicable Liquid

Explosion Limits No data available

Flash Point No information available Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature

Decomposition Temperature

Viscosity

No data available

No data available

1.554 cP at 20 °C

Water Solubility

Insoluble

Solubility in other solvents No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Vapor Pressure 0.01 hPa @ 20 °C

Density / Specific Gravity 13.540

Bulk DensityNot applicableLiquidVapor Density7.0(Air = 1.0)

Particle characteristics Not applicable (liquid)

Other information

Molecular FormulaHgMolecular Weight200.59

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 Strong oxidizing agents, Ammonia, Metals, Halogens.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Mercury oxide. Toxic fumes.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Acute Effects

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation Not an expected route of exposure.

Eyes Avoid contact with eyes.

Skin Avoid contact with skin. Harmful in contact with skin.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

Numerical measures of toxicity

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(a) acute toxicity;

No data available Oral Dermal No data available Inhalation Category 2

Component	LD50 Oral	D50 Oral LD50 Dermal LC50 Inh.	
Mercury			LC50 < 27 mg/m ³ (Rat) 2 h

(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

No data available (f) carcinogenicity:

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

(g) reproductive toxicity; Category 1B

Developmental Effects May cause harm to the unborn child

(h) STOT-single exposure: No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Category 1

Target Organs Kidney, Liver, Central nervous system (CNS).

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed

May cause central nervous system depression. May cause adverse kidney effects. May cause adverse liver effects. Symptoms may be delayed. Chronic exposure damages the brain and the central nervous system.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic ecotoxicity 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. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Mercury	0.9 mg/L LC50 96h			
,	0.18 mg/L LC50 96h			
	0.16 mg/L LC50 96h			
	0.5 mg/L LC50 96h			

There is no data for this product Terrestrial ecotoxicity

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Persistence and Degradability Product contains heavy metals. Discharge into the environment must be avoided. Special

pre-treatment is necessary

Persistence Insoluble in water, May persist.

Degradability

Degradation in sewage treatment

plant

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste

water treatment plants.

Bioaccumulative Potential Product has a high potential to bioconcentrate

Mobility Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil. Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water

solubility.

Other adverse effects

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

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Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods

Waste from Residues/Unused Products

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 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
Mercury	2X
7439-97-6 (100)	

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UN-No
Proper Shipping Name
Hazard Class
Subsidiary Hazard Class
Packing Group
UN2809
Mercury
8
6.1

IATA

UN-No UN2809
Proper Shipping Name Mercury
Hazard Class 8

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Subsidiary Hazard Class 6.1
Packing Group

IMDG/IMO

UN-No
Proper Shipping Name
Hazard Class
Subsidiary Hazard Class
Packing Group
UN2809
Mercury
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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 licencing 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)

Mercury - 7439-97-6
X

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

ſ	Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV -	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII -	REACH Regulation (EC
	-	Substances Subject to	Restrictions on Certain Dangerous	1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate
		Authorization	Substances	List of Substances of Very High
				Concern (SVHC)

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Mercury, Triple Distilled 99.99999% (metals basis)

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Mercury	-	Use restricted. See item 18[a]. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 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 (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
Mercury	7439-97-6	X	Х	-	-	-	KE-23117	Χ	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Mercury	7439-97-6	Х	ACTIVE	Х	-	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/NDSL - 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

ADG - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

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.

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

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