

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Ammonium hydroxide, Optima

**Cat No. :** A470-1; A470-250; A470-500

**Synonyms** Ammonia solution; Ammonia water; Ammonium hydrate

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

**Importer/Distributor**  
Fisher Scientific  
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##### **Manufacturer**

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 1 B
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

**Storage**

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	78-80
Ammonium hydroxide	1336-21-6	20-22
Ammonia	7664-41-7	-

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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. Remove from exposure, lie down. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Clean mouth with water. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. . Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue

**Notes to Physician** and danger of perforation  
Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** No information available

**Flash Point** No information available  
**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** No information available

**Explosion Limits**

**Upper** No data available

**Lower** No data available

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). Ammonia. Hydrogen.

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

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.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
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**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

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

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

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

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Acids. Halogens. Strong acids.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines** This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limit established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWA/ELV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Ammonia	TWA: 25 ppm TWA: 17 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 25 ppm STEL: 35 ppm	TWA: 25 ppm STEL: 35 ppm	TWA: 25 ppm TWA: 17 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 25 ppm STEL: 35 ppm	(Vacated) STEL: 35 ppm	IDLH: 300 ppm TWA: 25 ppm

	STEL: 35 ppm STEL: 24 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			STEL: 35 ppm STEL: 24 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		(Vacated) STEL: 27 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 50 ppm TWA: 35 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 18 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 35 ppm STEL: 27 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
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**Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles

**Hand Protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Butyl rubber	> 480 minutes	0.5 mm	Splash protection only
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.4 mm	

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) 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. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 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 properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 or Ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives filter Type K Green conforming to EN14387 Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey

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

**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.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	Ammonia-like
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	13.6
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	500 hPa @ 50 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	0.59

Specific Gravity	0.920
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Acids, Halogens, Strong acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Ammonia, Hydrogen
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
Ammonium hydroxide	LD50 > 350 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed
Ammonia	LD50 = 350 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	LC50 = 9850 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 1 h LC50 = 13770 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 1 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** Causes burns by all exposure routes

**Sensitization** No information available

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

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Ammonium hydroxide	1336-21-6	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Ammonia	7664-41-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Contains a substance which is: Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ammonium hydroxide	-	0.53 mg/l LC50 96h 0.75 - 3.4 mg/l LC50 96h 8.2 mg/L LC50 96h	-	EC50: 0.66 mg/L/48h
Ammonia	Not listed	LC50: 0.26 - 4.6 mg/L, 96h (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 1.17 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 0.73 - 2.35 mg/L, 96h (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 5.9 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: > 1.5 mg/L, 96h (Poecilia reticulata) LC50: = 1.19 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata) LC50: = 0.44 mg/L, 96h (Cyprinus carpio)	EC50 = 2.0 mg/L 5 min	EC50 = 25.4 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna) NOEC = 0.79 mg/L (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No	UN2672
Proper Shipping Name	AMMONIA SOLUTIONS
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	III

### TDG

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### IATA

UN-No	UN2672
Proper Shipping Name	AMMONIA SOLUTION

<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN2672
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	AMMONIA SOLUTION
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	X	ACTIVE	231-791-2	-	-
Ammonium hydroxide	1336-21-6	X	-	X	ACTIVE	215-647-6	-	-
Ammonia	7664-41-7	X	-	X	ACTIVE	231-635-3	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Water	7732-18-5	X	KE-35400	X	-	X	X	X	X
Ammonium hydroxide	1336-21-6	X	KE-01688	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ammonia	7664-41-7	X	KE-01625	X	X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

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

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

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

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

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

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

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

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

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Ammonia	Part 1, Group A Substance	Schedule I	

### Other International Regulations

#### 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)
Ammonium hydroxide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 65. (see link for restriction details)	-
Ammonia	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### REACH links

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

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ammonium hydroxide	1336-21-6	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ammonia	7664-41-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ammonium hydroxide	1336-21-6	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ammonia	7664-41-7	50 tonne	200 tonne	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**End of SDS**