

# Ammonia Solution, Strong

MSDS Number: A5472 --- *Effective Date: 10/04/00*

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## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Ammonia Aqueous; Aqua Ammonia; Ammonia TS

**CAS No.:** Not applicable to mixtures.

**Molecular Weight:** 58.179

**Chemical Formula:** NH<sub>3</sub>

**Product Codes:** 5905, 9724, 9726

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## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
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Ammonia	7664-41-7	27 - 31%	Yes
Water	7732-18-5	69 - 73%	No

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## 3. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

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**POISON! DANGER! CORROSIVE ALKALINE SOLUTION. CAUSES BURNS TO ANY AREA OF CONTACT. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED, INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN.**

**J.T. Baker SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup>** Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 3 - Severe (Poison)

Flammability Rating: 1 - Slight

Reactivity Rating: 2 - Moderate

Contact Rating: 3 - Severe (Corrosive)

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD;  
PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: White Stripe (Store Separately)

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## Potential Health Effects

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Ammonia is very alkaline and reacts corrosively with all body tissues.

### **Inhalation:**

Corrosive. Extremely destructive to tissues of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. Inhalation may be fatal as a result of spasm inflammation and edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema.

### **Ingestion:**

Corrosive. Swallowing can cause severe burns of the mouth, throat, and stomach, leading to death. Can cause sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea.

### **Skin Contact:**

Dermal contact with alkaline corrosives may produce pain, redness, severe irritation or full thickness burns. May be absorbed through the skin with possible systemic effects.

### **Eye Contact:**

Corrosive. Can cause blurred vision, redness, pain, severe tissue burns and eye damage. Eye exposure may result in temporary or permanent blindness.

### **Chronic Exposure:**

Prolonged or repeated skin exposure may cause dermatitis. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause eye, liver, kidney, or lung damage.

### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

### **Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

### **Ingestion:**

If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

### **Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

### **Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

### **Note to Physician:**

DO NOT induce emesis, perform gastric lavage or attempt neutralization after ingestion. Dilution with milk or water may be of benefit. Endoscopic evaluation may be required.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

### **Fire:**

Autoignition temperature: 651C (1204F)

Flammable limits in air % by volume:

lel: 16; uel: 25

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

### **Explosion:**

Gives off flammable vapors. Vapors may form explosive mixture with air. Closed containers exposed to heat may explode.

### **Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool. Do not allow water runoff to enter sewers or waterways.

### **Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Approach release from upwind. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Carefully neutralize spill with dilute HCl. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Use water spray to cool, absorb, and disperse vapors. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer! US Regulations (CERCLA) require reporting spills and releases to soil, water and air in excess of reportable quantities. The toll free number for the US Coast Guard National Response Center is (800) 424-8802.

J. T. Baker NEUTRACIT(R)-2 or BuCAIM(R) caustic neutralizers are recommended for spills of this product.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Store below 25C. Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Airborne Exposure Limits:

For Ammonia:

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) - 50 ppm (TWA)
- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV) 25 ppm (TWA), 35 ppm (STEL).

### Ventilation System:

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):

If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator with an ammonia/methylamine cartridge may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### Skin Protection:

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

### Eye Protection:

Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### Appearance:

Clear, colorless liquid.

### Odor:

Intense, pungent, suffocating odor.

### Solubility:

Complete (100%)

### Specific Gravity:

ca. 0.90 @ 25C/25C

### pH:

11.6 (1.0N)

### % Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):

100

### Boiling Point:

No information found.

**Melting Point:**

- 77C (-107F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

0.59 (ammonia gas)

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Burning may produce ammonia, nitrogen oxides.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Ammonia (anhydrous) is incompatible with mercury, chlorine, calcium hypochlorite, hydrofluoric acid (anhydrous), bromine pentafluoride, chlorine trifluoride, chloroformates, strong acids, strong oxidizing agents, brass, zinc, aluminum, copper, bronze, most common metals and dimethyl sulfate. Corrosive to copper, zinc and many metal surfaces. Reacts with hypochlorite or other halogen sources to form explosive compounds that are sensitive to pressure or increases in temperature. Reaction with sulfuric acid or other strong mineral acids is exothermic; mixture becomes boiling hot.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, direct sunlight, incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

For Ammonia: LC50 inhalation rat 2000 ppm/4H. Investigated as a tumorigen and mutagen.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----			
Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Ammonia (7664-41-7)	No	No	None
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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## 14. Transport Information

### Domestic (Land, D.O.T.)

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**Proper Shipping Name:** AMMONIA SOLUTIONS (WITH 10-35% AMMONIA)

**Hazard Class:** 8

**UN/NA:** UN2672

**Packing Group:** III

**Information reported for product/size:** 360LB

### International (Water, I.M.O.)

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**Proper Shipping Name:** AMMONIA SOLUTIONS

**Hazard Class:** 8

**UN/NA:** UN2672

**Packing Group:** III

**Information reported for product/size:** 360LB

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## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
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Ammonia (7664-41-7)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water (7732-18-5)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	Korea	DSL	NDL	Phil.
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Ammonia (7664-41-7)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Water (7732-18-5)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	-SARA 302-		-----SARA 313-----	
	RQ	TPQ	List	Chemical Catg.
Ammonia (7664-41-7)	100	500	Yes	No
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	No	No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA-	-TSCA-
		261.33	8 (d)
Ammonia (7664-41-7)	100	No	No
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No  
TSCA 12(b): No  
CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312  
Acute: Yes  
Chronic: Yes  
Fire: No  
Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No  
(Mixture / Liquid)

**Australian Hazchem Code: 2P**

**Poison Schedule: S6**

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: **3** Flammability: **1** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

POISON! DANGER! CORROSIVE ALKALINE SOLUTION. CAUSES BURNS TO ANY AREA OF CONTACT. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED, INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN.

**Label Precautions:**

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Do not breathe vapor or mist.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. In all cases get medical attention immediately.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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