

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Stearic Acid

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SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Stearic acid

Synonym: Octadecanoic acid

CAS#: 57-11-4

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

White, waxy solid. Fatty acid odor.

Body tissue irritant. Avoid all body tissue contact.

Combustible solid.

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Health-0

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-1

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Combustible solid.

Flash Point 196 °C Autoignition temp. 390 °C.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

NFPA CODE

H-1

F-1

R-0

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn suggested chemical storage pattern: Organic #1. Store with acids, anhydrides and peracids.

Store in a cool, dry place.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron.

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White, waxy solid. Fatty acid odor.

Solubility: Many common organic solvents. Insoluble in water.

Formula: $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{COOH}$

Formula weight: 284.54

Boiling point: 183-184 °C

Melting point: 67 °C

Specific gravity: 0.8390

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with strong oxidizers, bases and reducing agents.

Shelf life: Indefinite, if stored properly.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Irritant

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD₅₀: 4640 mg/kgIHL-RAT LC₅₀: N.A.SKN-RBT LD₅₀: >5 g/kg

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Not regulated

Hazard class: N/A

UN number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-313-4).

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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