

# Safety Data Sheet



## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **FERRIC SULPHATE 70% w/v (40-45% w/w)**

**Other name(s):** Ferric sulfate 70% w/v (40-45% w/w); Ferric sulphate solution; Iron (III) sulphate solution.

**Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use** Flocculation in municipal water supplies. Phosphate removal in sewage treatment.

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Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

This material is hazardous according to Safe Work Australia; HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL.

### Classification of the chemical:

Corrosive to Metals - Category 1  
Skin Corrosion - Sub-category 1B  
Eye Damage - Category 1

**SIGNAL WORD:** DANGER



### Hazard Statement(s):

H290 May be corrosive to metals.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

### Precautionary Statement(s):

#### Prevention:

P234 Keep only in original container.  
P260 Do not breathe mist, vapours, spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

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## Response:

P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.  
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P321 Specific treatment (see First Aid Measures on Safety Data Sheet).  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

## Storage:

P405 Store locked up.  
P406 Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

## Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations.

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** S6 Poison.

## 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Components	CAS Number	Proportion	Hazard Codes
Ferric sulphate	10028-22-5	70% w/v (40-45% w/w)	H302 H315 H319 H335
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	<3%	H290, H314, H318
Other non-hazardous components	-	to 100%	-

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 131 126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

### Inhalation:

Remove victim from area of exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow patient to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. For all but the most minor symptoms arrange for patient to be seen by a doctor as soon as possible, either on site or at the nearest hospital.

### Skin Contact:

If spilt on large areas of skin or hair, immediately drench with running water and remove clothing. Continue to wash skin and hair with plenty of water (and soap if material is insoluble) until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

### Eye Contact:

Immediately wash in and around the eye area with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held apart. Remove clothing if contaminated and wash skin. Urgently seek medical assistance. Transport promptly to hospital or medical centre.

### Ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Seek immediate medical assistance.

### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns. Material is acidic. Material is corrosive.

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## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Not combustible, however, if material is involved in a fire use: Fine water spray, normal foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Hazchem or Emergency Action Code:** 2X

### Specific hazards arising from the chemical:

Non-combustible material. Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes including those of oxides of sulfur .

### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:

Decomposes on heating emitting toxic fumes. If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire. Fire fighters to wear self-contained breathing apparatus and suitable protective clothing if risk of exposure to products of decomposition.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Emergency procedures/Environmental precautions:

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact. Avoid breathing in vapours. Work up wind or increase ventilation. If contamination of sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

### Personal precautions/Protective equipment/Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Contain - prevent run off into drains and waterways. Use absorbent (soil, sand or other inert material). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. Neutralise residues with lime or soda ash. Wash area down with excess water.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

This material is a Scheduled Poison S6 and must be stored, maintained and used in accordance with the relevant regulations.

### Precautions for safe handling:

Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in vapour, mists and aerosols. Keep out of reach of children.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Do not allow to freeze. Store in stainless steel, plastic or epoxy lined vessels. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Do not store in aluminium containers. Do not store in copper or copper alloy containers. Do not store in mild steel containers. Store away from foodstuffs. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for leaks.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Control Parameters:** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s):

Iron salts, soluble (as Fe): 8hr TWA = 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Sulfuric acid: 8hr TWA = 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 15 min STEL = 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) - the airborne concentration of a particular substance calculated as a time-weighted average over 15 minutes, which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight hour work day. According to current knowledge this concentration should neither impair the health of, nor cause undue discomfort to, nearly all workers.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

## Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure ventilation is adequate and that air concentrations of components are controlled below quoted Workplace Exposure Standards. Keep containers closed when not in use.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

## Individual protection measures, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, FACE SHIELD, GLOVES (Long), APRON, RUBBER BOOTS.



Wear overalls, chemical goggles, face shield, elbow-length impervious gloves, splash apron or equivalent chemical impervious outer garment, and rubber boots. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a suitable mist respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b>	Liquid
<b>Colour:</b>	Dark red-brown-black
<b>Odour:</b>	Odourless
<b>Solubility:</b>	Miscible with water.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.5-1.7
<b>Relative Vapour Density (air=1):</b>	Not available
<b>Vapour Pressure (20 °C):</b>	Not available

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Flash Point (°C):	Not applicable
Flammability Limits (%):	Not applicable
Autoignition Temperature (°C):	Not applicable
Boiling Point/Range (°C):	112
pH:	<1
Freezing Point/Range (°C):	- 18

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Reacts with alkalis. Corrodes metals.
<b>Chemical stability:</b>	Stable under normal conditions of use.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions:</b>	Mildly corrosive to metals and concrete. Reacts with alkalis . Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	Avoid contact with metals. Avoid contact with alkalis .
<b>Incompatible materials:</b>	Incompatible with alkalis. Mildly corrosive to metals and concrete.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products:</b>	Oxides of sulfur. Oxides of iron.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

<b>Ingestion:</b>	Swallowing can result in nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain and chemical burns to the gastrointestinal tract.
<b>Eye contact:</b>	A severe eye irritant. Corrosive to eyes; contact can cause corneal burns. Contamination of eyes can result in permanent injury.
<b>Skin contact:</b>	Contact with skin will result in severe irritation. Corrosive to skin - may cause skin burns.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Breathing in mists or aerosols may produce respiratory irritation.

**Acute toxicity:**  
Oral LD50 (rat): >5000 mg/kg for product (1)

**Chronic effects:** No information available for the product. For the component Sulfuric acid: Repeated overexposure may lead to chronic conjunctivitis, lung damage and dental erosion. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have concluded that occupational exposure to strong inorganic acid mists containing sulfuric acid is carcinogenic to humans, causing cancer of the larynx and to a lesser extent, the lung. No direct link has been established with sulfuric acid, itself, and cancer in humans. Exposure to any mist or aerosol during the use of this product should be avoided and exposure should not exceed the exposure standard.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Avoid contaminating waterways.
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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## Disposal methods:

Refer to Waste Management Authority. Dispose of material through a licensed waste contractor.

## Special precautions for landfill or incineration:

Decontamination and destruction of containers should be considered.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### Road and Rail Transport

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.



**UN No:** 3264  
**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS FERRIC SULPHATE)  
**Hazchem or Emergency Action Code:** 2X

### Marine Transport

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN No:** 3264  
**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS FERRIC SULPHATE)  
**IMDG EMS Fire:** F-A  
**IMDG EMS Spill:** S-B

### Air Transport

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN No:** 3264  
**Transport Hazard Class:** 8 Corrosive  
**Packing Group:** II  
**Proper Shipping Name or Technical Name:** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS FERRIC SULPHATE)

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### Classification:

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H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Poisons Schedule (SUSMP):** S6 Poison.

All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Supplier Safety Data Sheet; 04/ 2001.

This safety data sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd Toxicology & SDS Services.

**Reason(s) for Issue:**

Product Name change

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.