

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING**

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**Material Name: Methylprednisolone Acetate Suspension, USP, Animal Health Product**

Trade Name:  
Chemical Family:  
Intended Use:

Depo-medrol (R) Sterile Aqueous Suspension (Animal Health Product)  
Glucocorticoid  
Veterinary product used as anti-inflammatory

**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Hazardous	Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	%
	Methylprednisolone Acetate	53-36-1	200-171-3	2-4
	Myristyl-gamma-picolinium chloride	2748-88-1	Not listed	*

	Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	%
	Sodium chloride	7647-14-5	231-598-3	*
	Polyethylene glycol	25322-68-3	Not listed	*
	Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	*

Additional Information:

\* Proprietary  
Ingredient(s) indicated as hazardous have been assessed under standards for workplace safety.

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Appearance:  
Signal Word:

Clear, colorless solution  
WARNING

Statement of Hazard:

Eye Contact:  
Skin Contact:  
Inhalation:  
Ingestion:

May cause harm to the unborn child  
May cause adverse effects on blood forming organs  
None known; however, direct contact with any foreign material may cause eye irritation.  
Not a skin irritant (based on animal data). May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.  
No data available  
Not acutely toxic (based on animal data). Accidental ingestion may cause effects similar to those seen in clinical use. See 'Known clinical effects' and 'Other potential health effects', below.  
Clinical use has resulted in hormonal alterations. Clinical use has resulted in changes in electrolytes and/or blood chemistry changes. Adverse clinical reactions include the development of hypersensitivity and/or irritation leading to rashes, itching, and burning.

Known Clinical Effects:

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## Potential Health Effects:

May produce allergic reactions following skin contact. Animal studies have shown a potential to cause adverse effects on the fetus. Animal studies indicate that this material may cause adverse effects on the blood and blood forming organs  
Toxic to reproduction: Category 1

## EU Indication of danger:

## EU Hazard Symbols:



## EU Risk Phrases:

R61 - May cause harm to the unborn child.

## Note:

This document has been prepared in accordance with standards for workplace safety, which require the inclusion of all known hazards of the active substance or its intermediates regardless of the potential risk. The precautionary statements and warnings included may not apply in all cases. Your needs may vary depending upon the potential for exposure in your workplace.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

## Eye Contact:

Flush eye(s) immediately with plenty of water. If irritation occurs or persists, get medical attention.

## Skin Contact:

Wash exposed area with soap and water, remove contaminated clothing and obtain medical assistance if irritation or unusual symptoms occur even if they are delayed.

## Ingestion:

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel. Seek medical attention immediately.

## Inhalation:

Remove to fresh air and keep patient at rest. Seek medical attention immediately.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

## Extinguishing Media:

Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or water spray.

## Hazardous Combustion Products:

May include oxides of carbon.

## Fire Fighting Procedures:

During all fire fighting activities, wear appropriate protective equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus.

## Fire / Explosion Hazards:

Not applicable

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## Health and Safety Precautions:

Personnel involved in clean-up should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Minimize exposure.

## Measures for Cleaning / Collecting:

Contain the source of spill if it is safe to do so. Collect spill with absorbent material. Clean spill area thoroughly.

## Measures for Environmental Protections:

Place waste in an appropriately labeled, sealed container for disposal. Care should be taken to avoid environmental release.

## Additional Consideration for Large Spills:

Non-essential personnel should be evacuated from affected area. Report emergency situations immediately. Clean up operations should only be undertaken by trained personnel.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**General Handling:** Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Storage Conditions:** Store as directed by product packaging.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

No Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) or Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL) has been identified.

**Engineering Controls:** Engineering controls should be used as the primary means to control exposures.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Hands:** Rubber gloves  
**Eyes:** Not required under normal conditions of use. Wear safety glasses or goggles if eye contact is possible.  
**Skin:** Wear protective clothing when working with large quantities. Not required for the normal use of this product.  
**Respiratory protection:** None required under normal conditions of use.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

<b>Physical State:</b>	Solution	<b>Color:</b>	Colorless
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	Mixture	<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	Mixture

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Stability:** Stable  
**Conditions to Avoid:** None known  
**Incompatible Materials:** As a precautionary measure, keep away from strong oxidizers.  
**Polymerization:** Will not occur

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**General Information:** The information included in this section describes the potential hazards of various forms of the active ingredients. The remaining information describes the potential hazards of the individual ingredients.

**Acute Toxicity: (Species, Route, End Point, Dose)****Methylprednisolone**

Rat	Oral	LD 50	> 2000 mg/kg
Mouse	Oral	LD 50	450 mg/kg
Rat	Intraperitoneal	LD 50	1000 mg/kg
Mouse	Intraperitoneal	LD 50	1409 mg/kg
Rat	Subcutaneous	LD 50	>3000 mg/kg

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**Sodium chloride**

Rat Oral LD50 3000 mg/kg  
Mouse Oral LD 50 4g/kg

**Myristyl-gamma-picolinium chloride**

Rat Oral LD 50 250 mg/kg

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Rat Oral LD50 >10,000 mg/kg  
Mouse Intraperitoneal LD50 >1,409 mg/kg  
Rat Subcutaneous LD50 265 mg/kg

**Acute Toxicity Comments:** A greater than symbol (>) indicates that the toxicity endpoint being tested was not achievable at the highest dose used in the test.

**Irritation / Sensitization: (Study Type, Species, Severity)****Methylprednisolone**

Skin Irritation Rabbit No effect  
Eye Irritation Rabbit No effect  
Skin Sensitization - GPMT Guinea Pig No effect

**Sodium chloride**

Eye Irritation Rabbit Moderate  
Skin Irritation Rabbit Mild

**Polyethylene glycol**

Eye Irritation Rabbit Mild  
Skin Irritation Rabbit Mild

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Eye Irritation Rabbit No effect  
Skin Irritation Rabbit No effect

**Repeated Dose Toxicity: (Duration, Species, Route, Dose, End Point, Target Organ)****Methylprednisolone**

42 Day(s)	Dog	Oral	167 µg/kg/day	LOAEL	Adrenal gland
6 Week(s)	Rat	Subcutaneous	500 µg/kg/day	LOAEL	None identified
14 Week(s)	Rat	Subcutaneous	0.4 µg/kg/day	NOAEL	Blood forming organs, Adrenal gland
52 Week(s)	Rat	Subcutaneous	4 µg/kg/day	NOAEL	Blood forming organs Adrenal gland

**Sodium chloride**

10 Day(s) Rat Oral 12500 mg/kg LOAEL Kidney, Ureter, Bladder

**Reproduction & Development Toxicity: (Duration, Species, Route, Dose, End Point, Effect(s))****Methylprednisolone**

Reproductive & Fertility	Rat	Subcutaneous	0.004 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	Paternal toxicity
Reproductive & Fertility	Rat	Subcutaneous	0.02 mg/kg/day	LOAEL	Fetotoxicity
Embryo / Fetal Development	Rat	Subcutaneous	1.0 mg/kg/day	LOAEL	Fetotoxicity, Teratogenic
Embryo / Fetal Development	Mouse	Intramuscular	330 mg/kg/day	LOAEL	Teratogenic
Embryo / Fetal Development	Rabbit	Intramuscular	0.1 mg/kg/day	LOAEL	Teratogenic

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Genetic Toxicity: (Study Type, Cell Type/Organism, Result)**Methylprednisolone**

Bacterial Mutagenicity (Ames)	Salmonella	Negative
Unscheduled DNA Synthesis	Rat Hepatocyte	Negative
Mammalian Cell Mutagenicity	Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells	Negative
Direct DNA Interaction		Negative

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Direct DNA Interaction	Not applicable	Negative
In Vitro Cytogenetics	Not applicable	Negative

**Carcinogen Status:**

None of the components of this formulation are listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or OSHA.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Environmental Overview:**

Environmental properties have not been investigated. Releases to the environment should be avoided.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Disposal Procedures:**

The material should be disposed of by incineration in a chemical incinerator in compliance with national and regional requirements.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Not regulated for transport under USDOT, EUADR, IATA, or IMDG regulations.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****EU Labeling:****EU Indication of danger:****EU Risk Phrases:****T**

Toxic to reproduction: Category 1

R61 - May cause harm to the unborn child.

**EU Safety Phrases:**

S53 - Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.  
S36/37 - Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

OSHA Label:  
WARNING

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Canada - WHMIS: Classifications

WHMIS hazard class:  
Class D, Division 2, Subdivision A



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Sodium chloride  
EU EINECS List 231-598-3  
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

Polyethylene glycol  
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

Water  
EU EINECS List 231-791-2  
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b) Listed

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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