

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**AMMONIUM NITRATE**

PRODUCT CODE NUMBER(S): 1460-1, 1460-4

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**Chemical Name and Synonyms:** *Ammonium nitrate; Norway saltpeter***Chemical Family:** *Inorganic salt***Chemical Formula:** NH_4NO_3 **Product Use:** *Laboratory reagent***Manufacturer's Name and Address:***Caledon Laboratories Ltd.
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<i>Ingredients</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>TLV Units</i>	<i>CAS No.</i>
<i>Ammonium nitrate</i>	<i>~98</i>	<i>25 ppm (ammonia)</i>	<i>6484-52-2</i>

PHYSICAL DATA**Physical State:** *Solid***Odour and Appearance:** *White crystals, odourless***Odour Threshold (ppm):** *Not applicable***Vapour Pressure (mm Hg):** *Not available***Vapour Density (Air = 1):** *Not available***Evaporation Rate:** *Not available***Boiling Point (°C):** *Decomposes at 210°C. Presence of impurities such as chloride salts, metal oxides lowers decomposition temperature markedly (to below 200°C)***Melting Point (°C):** *170°C***pH:** *5.43 (0.1M)***Specific Gravity:** *1.7 @ 20°C***Coefficient of Water/Oil distribution:** *Not available***SHIPPING DESCRIPTION****UN:** *1942***T.D.G. Class:** *5.1***Pkg. Group:** *III***REACTIVITY DATA****Chemical Stability:** *Stable when pure. Hygroscopic, absorbs moisture from air; deliquescent, absorbs moisture from air and forms wet solid or solution.***Incompatibility with other substances:** *Avoid combustible materials, organics, metals, oil, ammonium sulphate, sodium hypochlorite, sodium perchlorate, chlorides, strong reducing agents, strong acids. Reacts violently with metal powders, with risk of fire and explosion.***Reactivity:** *May explode under confinement or when heated. Reacts explosively with water and with many powdered metals. Avoid excessive heat, shock, friction, combustible or incompatible materials, generation of dust.***Hazardous Decomposition Products:** *Emits toxic fumes of nitric oxides when heated to decomposition. Liberates ammonia in reaction with strong alkalis.***FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA****Flammability:** *Not combustible but strong oxidizer. Will increase the burning rate of combustible matter. Contact with easily oxidizable, organic, or other combustible materials may result in ignition, violent combustion or explosion. Containers may explode in heat of fire.***Extinguishing Media:** *Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Use flooding amounts of water to blanket fire, cool exposed containers, and to flush solid or vapours away from fire. Fight fire from upwind, from a safe distance. Firefighters must wear protective equipment (full face-piece, positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus) and clothing sufficient to prevent inhalation of dusts or vapours, and contact with skin and eyes.***Flash Point (Method Used):** *Not applicable***Autoignition Temperature:** *Not applicable***Upper Flammable Limit (% by volume):** *Not applicable***Lower Flammable Limit (% by volume):** *Not applicable***Hazardous Combustion Products:** *Nitrogen oxides, ammonia***Sensitivity to Impact:** *Insensitive to impact when pure. When contaminated with any organic material can explode***Sensitivity to Static discharge:** *Mixtures of dust with air may be sensitive under certain conditions, particularly when contaminated with organic materials, when ignited by an electrostatic or other high-voltage spark, or other ignition source.***TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES AND HEALTH DATA****Toxicological Data:****LD₅₀:** *(oral, rat) 2,217 mg/kg***LC₅₀:** *Not available***Effects of Acute Exposure to Product:****Inhaled:** *Very irritating to the mucous membranes, symptoms may include coughing, sore throat, and shortness of breath. At high temperatures, exposure to toxic nitrogen oxides decomposition products can quickly cause acute respiratory problems. Absorption leads to systemic poisoning with headache, fall in blood pressure, the formation of methemoglobin which decreases the ability of the blood to carry oxygen, causing cyanosis, possible convulsions, coma, and death. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer. Severe overexposure can be fatal.***In contact with skin:** *Irritant. Contact causes irritation or dermatitis, with itching, redness, scaling, blistering, even burns or ulceration if exposure is prolonged. Harmful if absorbed. Extent of tissue damage depends on concentration and duration of exposure.***In contact with eyes:** *Irritating; causes redness, itching and pain. Extent of irritation depends on concentration and duration of exposure.*

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Ingested: Large oral doses of nitrates may cause dizziness, abdominal pain, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, weakness, convulsions, and collapse. May cause methemoglobinemia and cyanosis (see "Inhaled").

Effects of Chronic Exposure to Product:

Chronic overexposure to nitrates can lead to methemoglobinemia (see "Inhaled"), and conversion of nitrate to nitrite in the stomach, causing nausea and vomiting, blood and central nervous system effects, weakness, depression, headache, irregular heart rate; severe overexposure can cause coma and death.

Carcinogenicity: Not listed as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA

Teratogenicity: No information available

Reproductive Effects: No information available

Mutagenicity: No information available

Synergistic Products: None known

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Engineering Controls: Local exhaust ventilation required.

Respiratory Protection: Dust mask. NIOSH/MSHA approved half-face dust/mist respirator for dusty conditions. For higher or unknown concentrations, as in fire or spill conditions, full face-piece, positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.

Eye Protection: Use chemical safety goggles. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals.

Skin Protection: Wear butyl rubber or neoprene gloves and clean body-covering clothing sufficient to avoid contact.

Other Personal Protective Equipment: Safety shower and eye wash in work area.

Leak and Spill Procedure: Restrict access to area of spill. Eliminate all sources of ignition and combustible materials. Cleanup personnel must be thoroughly trained in the hazards of this chemical and its safe use, and must wear protective equipment and clothing sufficient to prevent inhalation of dust or fumes, and contact with skin and eyes. Wet if necessary to avoid generating dust. Prevent from entering sewers and waterways. Contain spill with inert material (earth, sand, inert absorbent). Use non-sparking tools to collect material, in suitable, labelled, covered containers for disposal. Contaminated absorbent may pose the same hazards as the chemical; treat with caution. Flush area of spill with large amounts of running water.

Waste Disposal: Ensure compliance with local, provincial, and federal regulations.

Handling Procedures and Equipment: OXIDIZER. Workers using this chemical must be thoroughly trained in its hazards and its safe use, and must wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing. Keep away from combustible or organic materials, and all sources of ignition. Use non-sparking tools. Avoid all contact and inhalation. Do not shock. Use the smallest amount possible for the purpose, in designated areas with adequate ventilation. Keep work area clean and free of extraneous, particularly combustible, materials. Do not use on porous surfaces (wood); use surfaces that can be easily and thoroughly cleaned. Clean up spills immediately and thoroughly. Keep containers closed when not in use and when empty. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues; treat with caution. Wash hands thoroughly after use.

Storage Requirements: Store in suitable, labelled containers, in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight, and away from incompatible, combustible or organic materi-

als. Storage facilities (shelves, floors) should be constructed of non-combustible materials. Keep away from all ignition sources. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use and when empty. Protect from damage, and inspect frequently for signs of leaking; unattended spillage onto combustible materials (wood, paper, etc.) could result in fire.

FIRST AID MEASURES**Specific Measures:**

Eyes: Flush eyes immediately with large amounts of gently running water or normal saline, holding eyelids open, for at least fifteen (15) minutes, or until no evidence of chemical remains. Take care not to flush contaminated water into unaffected eye. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing, including watches, rings, belts, and shoes. Wash skin with plenty of running water for five to ten (5-10) minutes, or until no trace of chemical remains. If irritation develops get medical attention. Decontaminate clothing before reuse, or discard; clothing may become dangerously flammable after contact with this chemical.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Rescuer should take precaution to limit his own exposure. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Give oxygen and get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. Because exposure to nitrates can cause methemoglobinemia, the symptoms of which may be delayed, unless exposure is minor, the victim needs to be monitored for several hours for cyanosis, irregular heart rate, loss of consciousness.

Ingestion: Give several glasses of water to drink to dilute. If large amounts were ingested, and if victim is conscious, alert and NOT convulsing, induce vomiting immediately, under medical supervision, after giving two to four (2-4) glasses of water to drink to dilute the product. Have victim lean forward with head down to avoid breathing of vomitus. Get medical attention.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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