

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Oxalic Acid

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### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Oxalic Acid, dihydrate

Synonym: ethandionic acid

CAS#: 6153-56-6

### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

White, odorless crystalline solid.

Moderately toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Corrosive to body tissues. Will cause burns.

Avoid all body contact.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-2

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-2

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician, 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: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water and mild soap for 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse out mouth and give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, followed by a gastric antacid, such as milk of magnesia. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Combustible solid.

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-3

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. Use and dispense in a hood.

### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, STEL 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (OSHA, ACGIH)

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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White, odorless crystalline solid.

Solubility: Partially soluble in water or alcohol.

Formula:  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 

Formula Weight: 126.07

Specific Gravity: 1.653

Melting Point: 101.5 °C (dihydrate)

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Avoid contact with bases, acid chlorides, alkali metals, corrodes steel.

Shelf life: Indefinite.

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Toxic, corrosive, dermatitis, abdominal pain

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: Kidneys, nerves

ORL-RAT LD50: 375 mg/kg

IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.

SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

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

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please consult with state and local regulations.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24a is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping Name: Not regulated

Hazard Class: N/A

UN Number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (205-6343-3), RCRA code D002.

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**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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