

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC.

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## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

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#### Mercurous Nitrate Solution

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### Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Mercurous Nitrate (7782-86-7) 24%, Nitric Acid (7697-37-2) 24%, and Water (7732-18-5) 52%

CAS#: None Established

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### Section 3 — Hazards Identification

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Colorless, odorless solution.

Highly toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Severely corrosive to body tissues. Avoid all body tissue contact.

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Health-3  
Flammability-0  
Reactivity-1  
Exposure-3  
Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

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### Section 4 — First Aid Measures

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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 for 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse out mouth, give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

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### Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

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Non flammable liquid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic mercury and NO<sub>x</sub> fumes.

**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

None Established

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### Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

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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.

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### Section 7 — Handling and Storage

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #3. Store with amides, nitrates and nitrites.

Store in a poisons cabinet.

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### Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

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

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### Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

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Colorless, odorless solution.

A solution of mercurous nitrate, nitric acid, and water.

Concentration: 1.0 molar.

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### Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

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Avoid contact with organic materials.

Shelf life: Indefinite.

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### Section 11 — Toxicological Information

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Acute effects: Highly toxic, irritant, sensitizer

Chronic effects: N.A.

Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD50: 170 mg/kg as mercury nitrate

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 #27b is one option.

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### Section 14 — Transport Information

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Shipping Name: Mercurous nitrate

Hazard Class: 6.1 Poison

UN Number: UN1627

N/A = Not applicable

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### Section 15 — Regulatory Information

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Not listed.

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### Section 16 — Other Information

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