



RHODASURF L-3 (CANADA)

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY DESCRIPTION

RHODIA INC.
HOME, PERSONAL CARE & INDUSTRIAL INGREDIENTS
CN 7500
Prospect Plains Road
Cranbury NJ 08512-7500

Emergency Phone Numbers:

FOR EMERGENCIES INVOLVING A SPILL, LEAK, FIRE, EXPOSURE OR ACCIDENT
CONTACT: CHEMTREC (800-424-9300 within the United States or
703-527-3887 for international collect calls) or DART (The Distribution
Assistance Response Team) at 800-334-7577.

For Product Information:

(800) 973-7873

Chemical Name or Synonym:

ETHOXYLATED LAURYL ALCOHOL

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS Reg Number	OSHA	
		Hazard	Percentage
ALCOHOLS, C10-16, ETHOXYLATED	68002-97-1	N	100
DIOXANE	123-91-1	Y	< 0.0005
ETHYLENE OXIDE	75-21-8	Y	< 0.0005
ACETALDEHYDE	75-07-0	Y	< 0.001

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

A. EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

Physical Appearance and Odor:

clear to hazy viscous liquid, slight odor.

Warning Statements:

WARNING!! SEVERE EYE IRRITANT. SKIN IRRITANT.



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3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION (Continued)

B. POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

Acute Eye:

Severe irritant. Can cause redness, irritation, tissue destruction.

Acute Skin:

Low acute dermal toxicity. Irritant. Can cause redness, inflammation, irritation, on prolonged contact.

Acute Inhalation:

Inhalation not likely. Mists may cause upper respiratory tract irritation.

Acute Ingestion:

Practically non-toxic.

Chronic Effects:

This product does not contain any ingredient designated by IARC, NTP, ACGIH or OSHA as probable or suspected human carcinogens.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

FIRST AID MEASURES FOR ACCIDENTAL:

Eye Exposure:

Hold eyelids open and flush with a steady, gentle stream of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention.

Skin Exposure:

In case of contact, immediately wash with plenty of soap and water for at least 5 minutes. Seek medical attention. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Clean contaminated clothing and shoes before re-use.

Inhalation:

Inhalation is not an expected route of exposure. If respiratory irritation or distress occurs remove victim to fresh air. Seek medical attention if respiratory irritation or distress continues.

Ingestion:

If victim is conscious and alert, give 1-2 glasses of water to drink. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical attention. Do not leave victim unattended.



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4. FIRST AID MEASURES (Continued)

MEDICAL CONDITIONS POSSIBLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:

Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:

All treatments should be based on observed signs and symptoms of distress in the patient. Consideration should be given to the possibility that overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred.

Treat symptomatically. No specific antidote available.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FIRE HAZARD DATA:

Flash Point:

> 93 C (200 F). Flammability Class: WILL BURN.

Method Used:

Closed cup

Flammability Limits (vol/vol%):

Lower:
No Data

Upper:
No Data

Extinguishing Media:

Recommended (small fires): dry chemical, carbon dioxide, Recommended (large fire): alcohol foam, universal foam, water spray, Not recommended: water jet (frothing possible).

Special Fire Fighting Procedures:

Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

Product will burn under fire conditions.

Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions):

oxides of carbon



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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Evacuation Procedures and Safety:

Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See Personal Protection information in Section 8.

Containment of Spill:

Follow procedure described below under Cleanup and Disposal of Spill.

Cleanup and Disposal of Spill:

Absorb with an inert absorbent. Sweep up and place in an appropriate closed container (see Section 7: Handling and Storage). Clean up residual material by washing area with water. Collect washings for disposal.

Environmental and Regulatory Reporting:

Do not flush to drain. Spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Minimum/Maximum Storage Temperatures:

15 to 49 C (59 to 120 F)

Handling:

Avoid breathing vapors and mists. Avoid direct or prolonged contact with skin and eyes. In cold weather, this product may stratify and freeze. This does not damage the product. If freezing occurs, thaw and remix before using. Frozen material may be thawed in a warm room. Avoid localized overheating. Vent drums while heating. Mix thoroughly to assure homogeneity.

Ethylene oxide may collect in container head space. Although concentrations are expected to remain below established exposure limits, provide adequate ventilation when accessing or working with open containers and tanks.

Storage:

Store in tightly closed containers. Store in an area that is dry, well-ventilated, away from ignition sources, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10. Stability and Reactivity).



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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Introductory Remarks:

These recommendations provide general guidance for handling this product. Because specific work environments and material handling practices vary, safety procedures should be developed for each intended application. While developing safe handling procedures, do not overlook the need to clean equipment and piping systems for maintenance and repairs. Waste resulting from these procedures should be handled in accordance with Section 13: Disposal Considerations.

Assistance with selection, use and maintenance of worker protection equipment is generally available from equipment manufacturers.

Exposure Guidelines:

No exposure limits were found for this product or any of its ingredients.

Engineering Controls:

Where engineering controls are indicated by use conditions or a potential for excessive exposure exists, the following traditional exposure control techniques may be used to effectively minimize employee exposures: general area dilution/exhaust ventilation.

Respiratory Protection:

When respirators are required, select NIOSH/MSHA approved equipment based on actual or potential airborne concentrations and in accordance with the appropriate regulatory standards and/or industrial recommendations.

For reasonably foreseeable industrial end uses of this material, respiratory protection should not be necessary.

Eye/Face Protection:

Eye and face protection requirements will vary dependent upon work environment conditions and material handling practices. Appropriate ANSI Z87 approved equipment should be selected for the particular use intended for this material.

Eye contact should be prevented through use of chemical safety glasses with side shields or splash proof goggles. An emergency eye wash must be readily accessible to the work area.

Skin Protection:

Skin contact should be minimized through use of gloves and suitable



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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION (Continued)

long-sleeved clothing (i.e., shirts and pants). Consideration must be given both to durability as well as permeation resistance.

Work Practice Controls:

Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material:

- (1) Do not store, use, and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored.
- (2) Wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics, or using the toilet.
- (3) Wash exposed skin promptly to remove accidental splashes of contact with this material.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical and Chemical properties here represent typical properties of this product. Contact the business area using the Product Information phone number in Section 1 for its exact specifications.

Physical Appearance:

clear to hazy viscous liquid.

Odor:

slight odor.

pH:

6 to 8 at 10 wt/wt%.

Specific Gravity:

0.95 at 25 C (77 F).

Water Solubility:

partially soluble

Melting Point Range:

Not Available

Freezing Point Range:



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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES (Continued)

< 5 C (41 F)

Boiling Point Range:

> 150 C (302 F) at 760 mmHg

Vapor Pressure:

< 0.1 mmHg at 20 C (68 F)

Vapor Density:

Not Available

Percent Volatiles by Volume:

< 0.5

Viscosity:

viscosity (centipoises) : < 250 cps at 25 C (77 F).

Molecular Weight:

317 to 325

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability:

This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions described in Section 7.

Conditions To Be Avoided:

heat
open flame
spark

Materials/Chemicals To Be Avoided:

air
strong oxidizing agents

The Following Hazardous Decomposition Products Might Be Expected:

Decomposition Type: thermal
oxides of carbon

Hazardous Polymerization Will Not Occur.

Avoid The Following To Inhibit Hazardous Polymerization:



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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY (Continued)

not applicable

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Eye Irritation:

The following data is for similar or related products.

Toxicological Information and Interpretation

eye - eye irritation, rabbit.

Severely irritating.

Acute Skin Irritation:

The following data is for similar or related products.

Toxicological Information and Interpretation

skin - skin irritation, rabbit.

Moderately irritating.

Acute Dermal Toxicity:

No test data found for product.

Acute Respiratory Irritation:

No test data found for product.

Acute Inhalation Toxicity:

No test data found for product.

Acute Oral Toxicity:

The following data is for similar or related products.

Toxicological Information and Interpretation

LD50 - lethal dose 50% of test species, 6365 mg/kg, rat.

Chronic Toxicity:

This product does not contain any substances that are considered by OSHA, NTP, IARC or ACGIH to be "probable" or "suspected" human carcinogens.

No additional test data found for product.



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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicological Information:

No data found for product.

Chemical Fate Information:

No data found for product.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Method:

Chemical additions, processing or otherwise altering this material may make the waste management information presented in this MSDS incomplete, inaccurate or otherwise inappropriate. Please be advised that state and local requirements for waste disposal may be more restrictive or otherwise different from federal laws and regulations. Consult state and local regulations regarding the proper disposal of this material.

Container Handling and Disposal:

Any containers or equipment used should be decontaminated immediately after use.

EPA Hazardous Waste - NO

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Transportation Status:

The listed Transportation Classification does not address regulatory variations due to changes in package size, mode of shipment or other regulatory descriptors.

US Department of Transportation

Shipping Name:

NOT REGULATED



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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Inventory Status

Inventory	Status
UNITED STATES (TSCA)	Y
CANADA (DSL)	Y
EUROPE (EINECS/ELINCS)	P
AUSTRALIA (AICS)	Y
JAPAN (MITI)	Y
SOUTH KOREA (KECL)	Y

Y = All ingredients are on the inventory.

E = All ingredients are on the inventory or exempt from listing.

P = One or more ingredients fall under the polymer exemption or are on the no longer polymer list. All other ingredients are on the inventory or exempt from listing.

N = Not determined or one or more ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Inventory Issues:

All functional components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

SARA Title III Hazard Classes:

Fire Hazard	- NO
Reactive Hazard	- NO
Release of Pressure	- NO
Acute Health Hazard	- YES
Chronic Health Hazard	- NO

STATE REGULATIONS:

This product contains the following components that are regulated under California Proposition 65:

Ingredient Name	Cancer	Reprod.	No Sign. Risk	Lvl (ug/day)	
	List	List	California	RPI	
DIOXANE	Y	N	30		ND
ETHYLENE OXIDE	Y	Y	2		ND
ACETALDEHYDE	Y	N	90		ND



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16. OTHER INFORMATION

National Fire Protection Association Hazard Ratings--NFPA(R):

- 3 Health Hazard Rating--Serious
- 1 Flammability Rating--Slight
- 0 Instability Rating--Minimal

National Paint & Coating Hazardous Materials Identification System--HMIS(R):

- 3 Health Hazard Rating--Serious
- 1 Flammability Rating--Slight
- 0 Reactivity Rating--Minimal

Reason for Revisions:

Change and/or addition made to Section 2.

Key Legend Information:

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
TLV - Threshold Limit Value
PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit
TWA - Time Weighted Average
STEL - Short Term Exposure Limit
NTP - National Toxicology Program
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer
ND - Not determined
RPI - Rhone-Poulenc Established Exposure Limits

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