

# 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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#### Nessler's Reagent

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### Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Mercuric iodide (7487-94-7) 3%, Potassium Iodide (7681-11-0) 3.5%, Sodium Hydroxide (1310-73-2) 12%, and Water (7732-5-18) 81.5%

CAS#: None Established

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### Section 3 — Hazards Identification

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Slightly yellow colored-liquid. Odorless.

Highly toxic by ingestion and skin absorption. Corrosive to body tissue. Avoid body tissue contact.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-3  
Flammability-0  
Reactivity-0  
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. After vomiting, give mixture of 2 Tbs. of activated charcoal mixed with one cup of water. Call a physician or poison control at once.

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### Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

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Not combustible liquid.

#### NFPA CODE

None established

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### Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

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Restrict unprotected personnel from area and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. 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 #2. Store with acetates, halides, sulfates, sulfites, thiosulfates and phosphates. Store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag, and lock up in a poison 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. Use exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

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### Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

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Slightly yellow colored-liquid. Odorless.

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### Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

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Avoid strong oxidizing and reducing agents.  
Shelf Life: Indefinite.

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### Section 11 — Toxicological Information

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Acute effects: Corrosive  
Chronic effects: Neurological hazard  
Target organs: Skin, kidneys, GI system, nerves

ORL-RAT LD50: 18 mg/kg as mercuric iodide  
IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.  
SKN-RBT LD50: 75 mg/kg as mercuric iodide

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 #27f 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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Not listed.

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### Section 16 — Other Information

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