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## Safety Data Sheet

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SPI Catalog #'s 02598-BA, 02599-BA, 02600-BA  
SPI-Chem™ Aqueous Osmium Tetroxide, EM Grade,  
4%

### Section 1.1: Identification

Chemical Name/Synonyms ..... Osmium Tetroxide; Osmium (VIII) oxide; Osmic acid

Product or Trade Name ..... SPI-Chem™ Aqueous Osmium Tetroxide, EM Grade, 4%

CAS #'s ..... 20816-12-0; 7732-18-2

Chemical Formula..... OsO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O

Chemical Family: Platinum Group Metal Salts

### Section 1.2: Relevant Uses/Restrictions

Identified Use: Laboratory chemical; Fixative for Transmission Electron Microscopy

### Section 1.3: Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

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### Section 1.4: Emergency telephone number

Emergencies

Contacting CHEMTREC:

24 Hour Emergency Use Only #'s...

Worldwide phone: 1-(703)-741-5970

Toll-free phone: 1-(800)-424-9300 USA + Canada only

### Section 2: Hazard Identification

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Acute toxicity, oral: Category 5

Serious eye damage / eye irritation: Category 1

Skin corrosion / irritation: Category 2

Acute toxicity, inhalation                      Category 3  
Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure: Category 1  
Reproductive toxicity                              Category 2

## 2.2 Label elements

### Pictogram



**Signal Word:** Danger

### Hazard statements:

- H303 May be harmful if swallowed.
- H315 Causes skin irritation.
- H318 Causes serious eye damage.
- H331 Toxic if inhaled.
- H370 Causes damage to organs.
- H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

### Precautionary statements:

- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
- P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces – No smoking
- P264 Wash thoroughly after handling
- P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection
- P308 + P313 If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
- P402 + P404 Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.
- P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/national/international rules.

### 2.3 Other Hazards:

Subchronic (Target Organ Effects): Eyes and Central Nervous System are target organs.  
Chronic/Carcinogenicity Effects: Laboratory tests have shown mutagenic effects. Reproductive hazard.  
Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Any respiratory condition such as asthma will be aggravated.  
Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure: Potential kidney damage.

### Hazardous Material Information System USA

Health ..... 4  
Fire Hazard ..... 0  
Reactivity ..... 1  
Personal Protection ..... J

### NFPA Rating (estimated)

Health ..... 4  
Flammability ..... 0  
Reactivity ..... 1  
Other ..... TOX

### **Section 3: Composition**

#### **3.1 Substances:**

Osmium tetroxide	CAS # 20816-12-0	EC # 244-058-7	Weight Percent: 4%
Water	CAS # 7732-18-5		Weight Percent: 96%

### **Section 4: First Aid Measures**

#### **4.1 Description of first aid measures:**

**General Information:** Ensure proper ventilation.

**Notable Exposure Symptoms:** Irritation to skin, eyes, and areas of contact.

**Inhalation:** Remove the victim from the contaminated area while protecting yourself from exposure by wearing an appropriate respirator. Put a similar respirator on the victim if possible. Get immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse with water thoroughly. Get medical advice if irritation develops or persists.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth. SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION. Clear the airway and administer artificial respiration if not breathing. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

**Additional Information:** Observe for any symptoms for several hours after exposure. Follow up with medical attention if symptoms develop.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:** Irritation to skin, eyes, and areas of contact.

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:** Observe for any symptoms for several hours after exposure. Follow up with medical attention if symptoms develop.

### **Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures**

**General Information:** O<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub> is a strong oxidizer and may react explosively with many organic compounds. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

**5.1 Extinguishing media:** Water fog; Carbon dioxide; Dry chemical powder; “Alcohol” foam.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture:** O<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub> is a strong oxidizer and may react explosively with many organic compounds. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

**5.3 Hazardous combustion products:** Constituents associated with burning/ combustion are to be considered toxic.

**5.4 Advice for firefighters:** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:** No additional information available.

## **Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions:**

Keep unnecessary personnel away.  
Keep people away from and upwind of spill/ leak.  
Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area).  
Wear appropriate protective equipment (SCBA) and clothing during clean-up.  
Avoid breathing dust.  
Ventilate area if easy to do so and wash spill site after clean up is complete.  
Contact local authorities if significant spillages cannot be contained.  
For personal protection, see Section 8 of the SDS.

**6.2 Environmental precautions:** Do not allow chemical to enter the environment.

### **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Large spills: Contain actively spilling material if safe and easy to do so, avoid generating dust.  
Small spills: Sweep spilled substance into containers.  
Collect all contaminated media, or other cleanup materials into a waste receptacle for disposal.  
If cleaning surface is necessary, utilize vacuum cleaner, provided adequate ventilation is available.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections:**

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for information on disposal.

## **Section 7: Handling and Storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling:**

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

#### **Protective measures:**

Keep containers tightly closed.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Avoid breathing dust or solution spray.  
Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.  
Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.  
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

#### **Advice on general hygiene conditions:**

Wash thoroughly after handling.  
If eyes are exposed to vapor over a short period of time, night vision will be affected for about one evening. One will notice colored halos around lights.  
Keep container tightly closed when not in use.  
Use only with adequate personal protection.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:**

Store in cool, dry area in a tightly closed product container.  
Store at 2 – 8 °C.  
Store away from sources of ignition or flame.

**Other precautions:** 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> supplied air respirator with a full face piece, any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full face piece. Any chemical cartridge respirator with a high efficiency particulate filter with a full face piece and cartridges providing protection against osmic acid. Any air-purifying full face

piece respirator (gas mask) with a chin style or front or back mounted canister providing protection against osmium tetroxide and having a high efficiency particulate filter. 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> any supplied air respirator with a full face piece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.

Emergency or planned entry in unknown concentration or immediately dangerous to life or health conditions: Any self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece and operated in a pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode. Any self-contained breathing apparatus.

Escape: Any air-purifying full face piece respirator (gas mask) with a chin-style or front or back mounted canister providing protection against osmium tetroxide and having a high efficiency particulate filter. Any appropriate escape type self-contained breathing apparatus.

LDLH 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

### 7.3 Specific end uses:

Identified Use: Laboratory chemical; Fixative for Transmission Electron Microscopy.

This material is not being offered for clinical or diagnostic applications, agricultural uses or for human or animal consumption.

## **Section 8: Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

### 8.1 Control parameter and Personal Protection:

#### Workplace exposure limits:

ACGIH – TLV-STEL: 0.0006 ppm

OSHA – PEL – 8H TWA: 0.002 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH – TLV – TWA: 0.002 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Biological limit values:** No data available.

### 8.2 Exposure controls:

#### 8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls:

Ventilation: Local exhaust: yes; Mechanical exhaust: yes; Fume Hood: yes

#### 8.2.2 Individual protection measures:

Work Clothing: Protective work clothing which covers skin and prevents exposures. Lab coat/apron, flame and chemical resistant protective clothing, eye wash, safety shower, and hygiene facilities for washing.

Eye/face Protection: Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles or face shield.

Skin Protection: Wear chemical resistant gloves.

Respiratory Protection: 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> supplied air respirator with a full face piece.

**8.2.3 Environmental exposure controls:** Do not allow to enter the environment.

## **Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

**Appearance:** Liquid, Colorless to pale yellow

**Odor:** Sharp chlorine like

**Odor threshold:** No data available

**pH:** 6-7

**Melting point:** .0 ° C

**Boiling point/Boiling point:** 100 °C

**Flash Point:** No data available

**Evaporation rate:** No data available

**Flammability (solid, gas):** No data available.

**Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits:** No data available.

**Vapor Pressure:** 63.591 mm Hg

**Vapor density:** No data available

**Relative density:** No data available

**Solubility in water:** 5 g OsO<sub>4</sub> in 100 ml water

**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** No data available

**Auto-ignition temperature:** No data available

**Decomposition temperature:** No data available

**Viscosity:** No data available

**Explosive properties:** No data available

**Oxidizing Properties:** No data available

**9.2 Other information:** No additional information available.

## ***Section 10: Stability and Reactivity***

**10.1 Reactivity:** Non-reactive under normal conditions of use.

**10.2 Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use.

**10.3 Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Product is not subject to hazardous polymerization.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid:**

Avoid open flame and ignition sources.

Avoid elevated temperature.

Contact with Hydrochloric Acid will cause formation of poisonous chlorine gas.

**10.5 Incompatible materials:**

Strong reducing agents; Organic materials; Hydrochloric acid; Bases; Chlorine gas/ Finely powdered metals.

Contact with HCl will form poisonous chlorine gas.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:**

The nature of decomposition products is not known.

## ***Section 11: Toxicological Information***

**Information on the likely routes of exposure:**

So far as we know, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been thorough investigated. OsO<sub>4</sub> is highly destructive in an irreversible way to all tissue of the mucous membranes and upper

respiratory tract, eyes and skin. Inhalation may result in spasm, convulsions, inflammation and edema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema.

**Symptoms of exposure:**

Burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms might be delayed. A "halo" effects with vision would indicate a chronic low level exposure and one for which immediately steps should be taken to remove the exposure risk. Sometimes this halo effect is described as color rings around lights. Exposure to skin can cause a greenish or black discoloration of the skin where exposure occurred. **May be fatal if inhaled, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin.** Allergic like reactions are also possible.

**Chronic effects:**

Target organs: Eyes, central nervous system, male reproductive system, kidneys

**11.1 Information on toxicological effects (OsO<sub>4</sub>):**

**A. Acute toxicity:**

Oral/mouse	LD <sub>50</sub>	162 mg/kg
Inhalation/man	LD <sub>Lo</sub>	133 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Inhalation/mouse	LC <sub>Lo</sub>	40 ppm / 4h
Inhalation/rat	LC <sub>Lo</sub>	40 ppm / 4h
Intraperitoneal/mouse	LD <sub>50</sub>	13500 µg/kg
Intraperitoneal/rat	LD <sub>50</sub>	14100 µg/kg

**B. Skin corrosion/irritation:** No data available.

**C. Serious eye damage/irritation:**

Ocular/rabbit	TD <sub>Lo</sub>	0.25 mg/kg
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**D. Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Product is not expected to be a sensitizer.

**E. Germ cell mutagenicity:**

Chronic:		
Embryo/Hamster	200 µmol/l	Unscheduled DNA synthesis
/Bacillus subtilis	5 µmol/l	DNA repair

**F. Carcinogenicity:**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible, or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP>

ACGIH: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

**G. Reproductive toxicity:**

Intratesticular/rat	20336 µg/kg (1 D male)	Paternal effects: Spermatogenesis (including genetic material, sperm morphology, motility, and count)
Intratesticular/rat	20336 µg/kg (1D male)	Paternal effects: Testes, epididymis, Sperm duct

Subcutaneous/mouse 20336 µg/kg (30 D male) Paternal effects: Spermatogenesis (including genetic material, sperm morphology, motility, and count)

Subcutaneous/mouse 20336 µg/kg (30 D male) Paternal effects: Testes, epididymis, sperm duct

**H. STOT-single exposure:** No additional information available.

**I. STOT-repeated exposure:** No additional information available.

**J. Aspiration hazard:** No data available.

## **Section 12: Ecological Information**

### **12.1 Toxicity:**

Aquatic toxicity: No specific data available. Do not allow large quantities of product to reach water, ground water, water courses, or sewer systems.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability:** No specific data available.

**12.3 Bio-accumulative potential:** No specific data available.

**12.4 Mobility in soil:** No specific data available.

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:** PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/ not conducted.

### **12.6 Other adverse effects:**

No additional data available.

## **Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods:**

**Product disposal:** Consult Federal EPA, State and local regulations for proper disposal/ recycle/ reclamation.

**Container disposal:** Treat empty containers with extra care. Consult waste contractor.

**Other considerations:** NOTE; Chemical additions, processing, or otherwise altering this material may make the waste management information presented above incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise inappropriate.

## **Section 14: Transport Information**

### **DOT:**

UN Number:	UN 3287
Proper shipping name:	Toxic liquid, inorganic, N.O.S. (Osmic acid)
Class:	6.1
Packing group:	II
Reportable Quantity (RQ)	
Poison Inhalation Hazard:	No

### **IMDG:**

UN Number:	UN 3287
Proper shipping name:	TOXIC LIQUID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (OSMIC ACID)ii



Class: 6.1  
Packing group: II  
EMS-No: F-A, S-A

**IATA:**

UN Number: UN 3287  
Proper shipping name: Toxic liquid, inorganic, N.O.S. (Osmic acid)  
Class: 6.1  
Packing group: II

## **Section 15: Regulatory Information**

### **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/ legislation specific for the substance or mixture:**

#### **U.S. Government Regulations:**

**TSCA:** All ingredients of this product are listed or are excluded from listing under the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act. (TSCA) Chemical Substance Inventory..

#### **SARA 313:**

This product is subject to SARA Section 313 reporting requirements.  
Ingredient(s) – U.S. Regulatory Information: Osmium Tetroxide / Osmium Oxide.  
RCRA Hazardous Waste  
Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard  
Toxic Release Chemical List – 1.0 De Minimis for OsO<sub>4</sub>

**SARA Section 304 Reportable Quantity:** 1000 lbs for OsO<sub>4</sub>.

#### **State Regulations:**

Massachusetts Right To Know Components:	Osmic Acid	CAS # 20816-12-0
Pennsylvania Right To Know Components:	Osmic Acid	CAS # 20816-12-0
New Jersey Right To Know Components:	Osmic Acid	CAS # 20816-12-0

#### **California Prop. 65 Components:**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

#### **CANADA:**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the SDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

DSL: CAS # 20816-12-0 is listed on the DSL list.  
NDSL: CAS # 20816-12-0 is not listed on the NDSL list.

### **15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment:** A chemical safety assessment has not been carried.

Date of Preparation: 09 January 2019.

#### **Abbreviations and acronyms**

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
DOT: US Department of Transportation  
CMRG: Chemical Manufacturer's Recommended Guidelines  
IATA: International Air Transport Association

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
AIHA: American Industrial Hygiene Association  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)  
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
PBT: Persistent, Bio-accumulative and Toxicological  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bio-accumulative  
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety  
OSHA: Occupational Safety Health  
ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimates  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit  
REL: Recommended Exposure Limit  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
CEIL: Ceiling  
TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act (USA)  
DSL: Domestic Substances List (Canada)  
PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan)  
AICS: Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China  
KECL: Korea Existing Chemicals List

## ***Section 16: Other Information***

### **Disclaimer of Liability:**

Caution! Do not use SPI Supplies products or materials in applications involving implantation within the body; direct or indirect contact with the blood pathway; contact with bone, tissue, tissue fluid, or blood; or prolonged contact with mucous membranes. Products offered by SPI Supplies are not designed or manufactured for use in implantation in the human body or in contact with internal body fluids or tissues. SPI Supplies will not provide to customers making devices for such applications any notice, certification, or information necessary for such medical device use required by US FDA (Food and Drug Administration) regulation or any other statute. SPI Supplies and Structure Probe, Inc. make no representation, promise, express warranty or implied warranty concerning the suitability of these materials for use in implantation in the human body or in contact with internal body tissues of fluids.

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