

Safety Data Sheet

Cetyltrimethylammonium Bromide (CTAB)

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Cetyltrimethylammonium Bromide (CTAB)

Synonyms/Generic Names: Cetrimonium bromide; N,N,N-trimethyl-1-hexadecanaminium bromide;

Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide; Palmityltrimethylammonium bromide; CTAB

Product Number: 1320

Product Use: Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Target Organs: None
Signal Words: Danger

Pictograms:



GHS Classification:

Acute toxicity, Oral	Category 4
Skin irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	Category 3
Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 1

GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

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H302	Harmful if swallowed.	
H315	Causes skin irritation.	
H318	Causes serious eye damage.	
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.	
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.	

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Precautionary Statements:

P261	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.	
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.	
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.	
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.	
P273	Avoid release to the environment.	
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.	
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel	
F301 + F312	unwell.	
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.	
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for	
F304+F340	breathing.	
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove	
	contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.	
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.	
P330	Rinse mouth.	
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.	
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.	
P391	Collect spillage.	
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.	
P405	Store locked up.	
P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.	

Potential Health Effects

Eyes	Causes eye burns.	
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.	
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.	
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.	

NFPA Ratings

Health	2
Flammability	1
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	2
Fire	1
Reactivity	0

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS#	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Cetyltrimethylammonium Bromide	-	57-09-0	200-311-3	C ₁₉ H ₄₂ BrN	364.45 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention.	
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not	
	breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention.	
Skin	Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and	
	wash using soap. Get medical attention.	
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If	
	conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention.	

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5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Emits toxic fumes (oxides of nitrogen and carbon, hydrogen bromide gas) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section).

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of dusts.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls: Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.	
Inhalation	Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an	
	approved respirator.	
Skin	Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat.	
Other	Not Available	

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	White to off white solid.
Odor	Ammoniacal (Slight)

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Odor threshold	Not Available
pH	5.0-7 at 36.4 g/l at 25°C (77°F)
Melting point/freezing point	248-251°C (478-484°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	244°C (471°F) – Closed cup.
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Relative density	Not Available
Solubility (ies)	Completely soluble in water.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Log Pow: 3.18
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	Not Available
Incompatible Materials Strong oxidizing agents	
Hazardous Decomposition	Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides, hydrogen bromide gas.
Products	

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

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Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Eyes – rabbit – Severe eye irritation
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 Oral – rat – 410 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

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IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is
	identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is
	identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is
	identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is
	identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Skin	Redness, swelling, pain, itchiness, rash.	
Eyes	Redness, pain, tearing, conjunctivitis.	
Respiratory	Inflammation of mucous membranes, wheezing, sneezing, coughing.	
Ingestion	Gastrointestinal pain, nausea, vomiting.	

Chronic Toxicity	Not Available
Teratogenicity	Not Available
Mutagenicity	Not Available
Embryotoxicity	Not Available

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Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Available
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

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Aquatic Vertebrate	LC50 – Danio rerio (zebra fish) – 0.3 mg/l – 96.0 hours
Aquatic	EC50 – Daphnia magna (water flea) – 0.03 mg/l – 48 hours
Invertebrate	
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Biotic/Aerobic	
	Result: 100% - Readily biodegradable	
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available	
Mobility in Soil	Not Available	
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available	
Other Adverse Effects	Very toxic to aquatic life.	

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container or residues.
Product	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or
Containers	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary
	before disposing of waste product container.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	UN3077, Environmentally hazardous substance, n.o.s., (Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide), 9, pg III
TDG	UN3077, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, N.O.S., (CETYLTRIMETHYLAMMONIUM BROMIDE), 9, PG III
IMDG	UN3077, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, N.O.S., (CETYLTRIMETHYLAMMONIUM BROMIDE), 9, PG III
Marine Pollutant	Yes
IATA/ICAO	UN3077, Environmentally hazardous substance, n.o.s., (Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide), 9, pg III

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA Active inventory.
DSL / NDSL	All ingredients are listed on the DSL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed

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Rhode Island: Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
Massachusetts: Toxic or Hazardous Substance List,	Not Listed
Right to Know	
Pennsylvania: Hazardous Substance List	Not Listed
New Jersey: Right to Know Hazardous Substance	Not Listed
List	
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard.
SARA 312	Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard.
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Not Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Original	07/03/2012
Revision 1	02/04/2015
Revision 2	09/09/2021

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