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Understanding and Using Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

The Material Safety Data Sheet (or MSDS) contains more information on products and supplies than can be found on product labels. All MSDS' have the following sections:

Product Identification – This section includes the name of the product and manufacturer, as well as the manufacturer's contact information

Hazardous Ingredients – Lists the toxic chemicals included in the product. This section also lists the product's HMIS information.

Physical and Chemical Properties – Provides technical data on the product including physical densities.

Fire and Explosion Hazard Data– This section includes the product's flashpoint and flammability classification and how to properly extinguish a fire caused by the product.

Health Hazard Data – Lists the possible hazards associated with eye/skin contact, inhalation, and swallowing and describes the measures that should be taken in the event of hazardous exposure. The MSDS' will also list cancer, reproductive and other chronic hazards associated with the product.

Reactivity Data – Lists the types of chemicals and materials that should not be combined with product, as well as conditions that would be hazardous.

Spill or Leak Procedures – Gives instructions on how to handle an accidental spill.

Protection Information – Provides directions on how to minimize exposure and lists the types of personal protective equipment that should be worn when handling the chemical.

Precautions – Lists proper storage and handling procedures.

Other Regulatory Information – Additional information that applies to the product.



A product should only be used if your shop has the corresponding MSDS.

The MSDS should be consulted for treating exposure to potentially hazardous products.

Know the location of your shop's MSDS'!



**Our shop's MSDS' are
located:**

The information in this Compliance Alert is for directional purposes only and should not be used to determine regulatory compliance.

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