

# Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid copper(II) disodium salt

sc-252811

Material Safety Data Sheet



The Power is Question

Hazard Alert Code Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### PRODUCT NAME

Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid copper(II) disodium salt

### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### NFPA



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### SYNONYMS

C11-H12-Cu-N2-O8-Na2, "ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, copper disodium chelate", "acetic acid, (ethylenedinitrilo)tetra-, copper disodium salt", "edetate copper disodium salt", "EDTA cupric disodium salt"

## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

		Min	Max
Flammability:	1		
Toxicity:	2		
Body Contact:	2		
Reactivity:	1		
Chronic:	2		

Min/Nil=0  
Low=1  
Moderate=2  
High=3  
Extreme=4



### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

### RISK

May cause SENSITISATION by skin contact.  
Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

##### SWALLOWED

- Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- A metallic taste, nausea, vomiting and burning feeling in the upper stomach region occur after ingestion of copper and its derivatives. The vomitus is usually green/blue and discolors contaminated skin.

##### EYE

- This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.
- Copper salts, in contact with the eye, may produce conjunctivitis or even ulceration and turbidity of the cornea.

##### SKIN

- This material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects, however the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.
- Exposure to copper, by skin, has come from its use in pigments, ointments, ornaments, jewellery, dental amalgams and IUDs and as an antifungal agent and an algicide.

Although copper algicides are used in the treatment of water in swimming pools and reservoirs, there are no reports of toxicity from these applications.

- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

##### INHALED

- The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.
- Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.
- Copper poisoning following exposure to copper dusts and fume may result in headache, cold sweat and weak pulse. Capillary, kidney, liver and brain damage are the longer term manifestations of such poisoning.

#### CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

- Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems. Skin contact with the material is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population. Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.
- Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.
- Chelates are occasionally used in therapies for various forms of poisoning. A systemic reaction known as the "excessive chelation syndrome" consists mainly of general unwellness, fatigue, thirst, followed by chills and fever.
- Injection of EDTA and its salts can cause severe kidney damage with tissue death and internal bleeding, bone marrow depression and critically low levels of calcium.
- Copper has fairly low toxicity. Some rare hereditary conditions (Wilson disease or hepatolenticular degeneration) can lead to accumulation of copper on exposure, causing irreversible damage to a variety of organs (liver, kidney, CNS, bone, vision) and lead to death.

## Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
EDTA copper disodium salt	39208-15-6	>98

## Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

##### SWALLOWED

· If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. · If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

##### EYE

■ If this product comes in contact with the eyes: · Wash out immediately with fresh running water. · Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.

##### SKIN

■ If skin contact occurs: · Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear · Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

##### INHALED

· If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. · Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.

## NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available
Specific Gravity (water=1):	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available

### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Water spray or fog.
- Foam.

### FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.

### GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty.
  - Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.
- Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), metal oxides, other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.
- May emit poisonous fumes.
- May emit corrosive fumes.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION

- Glasses:  
Chemical goggles.
- Gloves:
- Respirator:  
Particulate

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### MINOR SPILLS

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

### MAJOR SPILLS

- Moderate hazard.
- CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

## Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

### RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

## EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and mists (as Cu))		1						
US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume (as Cu))		0.1						
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume (as Cu))		0.2						TLV Basis: irritation; GI; metal fume fever
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and/or mists (as Cu))		1						TLV Basis: irritation; GI; metal fume fever
US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume (as Cu))		0.1						
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume (as Cu))		0.1						
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US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and mists (as Cu))		1						
US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and Mists (as Cu))		1						
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume (as Cu))		0.1						
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and mists (as Cu))		1						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and mists (as		1		2				

	Cu))				
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper fume)	0.1			
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume as Cu))	0.1			
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume)	0.2	-	0.2	
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and mists (as Cu))	1	-	2	
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper fume Dusts and Mists)	1			
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and/or mists (as Cu))	1			TLV Basis: irritation; GI; metal fume fever
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume as Cu))	0.1			
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume as Cu))	0.2			TLV Basis: irritation; GI; metal fume fever
Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Fume as Cu))	0.2			TLV Basis: irritation; GI; metal fume fever
Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper - Dusts and/or mists (as Cu))	1			TLV Basis: irritation; GI; metal fume fever
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Copper salts, dusts and mists, as Cu)	1			
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)	5			(n)
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)	5			

US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)	5	
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	EDTA copper disodium salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)	5	
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	EDTA copper disodium salt (Particles (Insoluble or Poorly Soluble) [NOS] Inhalable particles)	10	See Appendix B current TLV/BEI Book

#### ENDOELTABLE

### PERSONAL PROTECTION



### RESPIRATOR

Particulate

Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

### EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.

### HANDS/FEET

■ NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

· When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

· When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

· Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene
- nitrile rubber
- butyl rubber
- fluorocautchouc
- polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

### OTHER

- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain

proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.

· Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.

Mixes with water.

State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	397.74
Melting Range (°F)	>572	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

### APPEARANCE

Solid; mixes with water.

## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ Salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA):

- should not come into contact with strong oxidisers
- are incompatible with metals such as zinc, aluminum, carbon steel, copper, copper alloys, galvanized metals and nickel.
- in contact with metals, such as aluminum, may generate flammable hydrogen gas
- in contact with bases, may evolve hydrogen and oxygen.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

## Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

EDTA copper disodium salt

### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

#### EDTA COPPER DISODIUM SALT:

■ unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

■ Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's edema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type.

#### For ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) and its salts:

EDTA is a strong organic acid (approximately 1000 times stronger than acetic acid). It has a high affinity for alkaline-earth ions (for example, calcium and magnesium) and heavy-metal ions (for example, lead and mercury). This affinity generally results in the formation of highly stable and soluble hexadentate chelate complexes. EDTA's ability to complex is used commercially to either promote or inhibit chemical reactions, depending on application

EDTA and its salts are expected to be absorbed the lungs and gastrointestinal tract; absorption through the skin is unlikely.

In general, EDTA and its salts are mild skin irritants but considered severe eye irritants. The greatest risk in the human body will occur when the EDTA attempts to scavenge the trace metals used and required by the body

The binding of divalent and trivalent cations by EDTA can cause mineral deficiencies, which seem to be responsible for all of the known pharmacological effects. Sensitivity to the toxic effects of EDTA is, at least in part, related to the deficiency of zinc.

Several short term studies, reported no adverse effects from administering doses up to 5% of EDTA and its salts to lab rodents daily and for several weeks. Only diarrhoea and lowered food consumption were reported in animals given 5% disodium EDTA. However, abnormal

effects were seen in animals that were fed mineral deficient diets. Abnormal symptoms were observed in male and female rats fed a low mineral diet (0.54% Ca and 0.013%Fe) with the addition of 0%, 0.5%, or 1% disodium EDTA for 205 days. Rats fed a low percent of disodium EDTA in the diet for short term studies with adequate minerals showed no signs of toxicity. Rats fed 0.5% disodium EDTA for 44-52 weeks were without deleterious effects on weight gain, appetite, activity and appearance. Rats fed 1% disodium EDTA with adequate mineral diet for 220 days showed no evidence of dental erosion.

EDTA and its salts are eliminated from the body, 95% via the kidneys and 5% by the bile, along with the metals and free ionic calcium which was bound in transit through the circulatory system

Trisodium EDTA was tested in a bioassay for carcinogenicity by the National Cancer Institute. Trisodium EDTA administered to male and female rats at low (3,750 ppm) or high (7,500 ppm) concentrations for 103 weeks produced no compound-related signs of chemical toxicity, and tumor incidence was not related to treatment .

EDTA and its salts should not pose a teratogenic concern based on previous studies in lab rodents. Study results indicate no teratogenic effects are likely in lab rodents at doses up to 1000 mg/kg . Adequate minerals in the diet and administration of tap water prevented possible teratogenic effects of EDTA during pregnancy. Teratogenic effects observed in lab rodents were likely due to animals maintained on deionised water and a semi-purified diet, and housed in nonmetallic caging. Infants and children will unlikely be exposed to high concentrations as in lab rodents.

Rats given 1250 mg/kg or 1500 mg/kg by gavage exhibited more maternal toxicity than the diet group, but produced only 21% malformations in the offspring at the lower dose. The subcutaneously administration of 375 mg/kg was also maternally toxic, but did not result in malformations in the offspring. Differences in toxicity and teratogenicity are probably related to absorption differences and interaction with metals . Disodium EDTA ingested during pregnancy is teratogenic in rats at 2% in the diet and greater.

The maximum human consumption of EDTA and its salts in foods was reported to be on the order of 0.4 mg/kg/day . Infants and children also generally drink tap water instead of deionised or distilled water. Even if young infants were to be fed some solid food, given the characteristics of EDTA and its salts, residues are not likely to be present at concentrations for potential sensitivity.

No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

## Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

! Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

### EDTA copper disodium salt (CAS: 39208-15-6) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Saskatchewan Industrial Hazardous Substances", "Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances", "Canada National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)", "US - California Air Toxics ""Hot Spots"" List (Assembly Bill 2588) Substances for which emissions must be quantified", "US - California Environmental Health Standards for the Management of Hazardous Waste - List of Inorganic Persistent and Bioaccumulative Toxic Substances and Their STLC & TTLC Values", "US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List", "US - California OEHHA/ARB - Acute Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (RELs)", "US - California Toxic Air Contaminant List Category II", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits", "US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material List", "US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)", "US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)", "US CWA (Clean Water Act) - Priority Pollutants", "US CWA (Clean Water Act) - Toxic Pollutants", "US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1", "US RCRA (Resource Conservation & Recovery Act) - Appendix IX to Part 264 Ground-Water Monitoring List 1", "US RCRA (Resource Conservation & Recovery Act) - List of Hazardous Inorganic and Organic Constituents 1"



## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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