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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Hydroquinone, 1% (w/v) (10 g/L)

**Product Number:** 3865

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** 3865-16, 3865-4

#### 1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

#### 1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

**Company:** Ricca Chemical Company

**Address:** 448 West Fork Drive  
Arlington, TX 76012 USA

**Telephone:** 888-467-4222

#### 1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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## SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 4	H302	P264, P270, P301+P312, P330, P501
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 2A	H319	P264, P280, P305+P351+P338, P337+P313
Respiratory Sensitizer	Category 1	H334	P261, P285, P304+P341, P342+P311, P501
Skin Sensitizer	Category 1	H317	P261, P272, P280, P302+P352, P332+P313, P321, P363, P501
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 1	H340	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Carcinogenicity	Category 2	H351	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1	H360	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 1	H370	P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)	Category 2	H401	P273, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Chronic)	Category 3	H402	P273, P501

### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**



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### Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.



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### Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P260	Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P261	Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P285	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304+P341	IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for 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.
P307+P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.
P342+P311	If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### 2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

### 2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

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## SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

### 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	99.01%
Hydroquinone	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	110.11 g/mol	123-31-9	1.00%

## SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. May cause slight irritation.

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. May cause irritation and dermatitis.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Contact may cause eye irritation or allergic skin reaction. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. Contains Hydroquinone, which is considered toxic according to OSHA. If ingested, dilute with water. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician. For eyes, get medical attention. EYE CONTACT: May cause slight irritation. SKIN CONTACT: May cause irritation and dermatitis. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Prolonged exposure can cause damage to the eyes.

### 4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).

## SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

### 5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

## SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.



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### 6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Absorb with suitable material (paper towels, etc.) and treat as normal refuse if local regulations allow. Liquid may be flushed to the sewer. Always dispose of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

## SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

### 7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Protect from light.

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### 8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Hydroquinone (123-31-9)	TWA	USA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Hydroquinone (123-31-9)	TLV-TWA	USA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Respiratory Protection:** In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Skin Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

### 8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.



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### SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

#### 9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Colorless liquid

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Odor:** Data not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** Data not available.

**Melting/Freezing Point:** 0.0°C

**Initial Boiling Point /Range:** 100°C - 100°C

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Data not available.

**Flammability:** Data not available.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Data not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Data not available.

**Vapor Density:** Data not available.

**Relative Density:** 1.01

**Solubility:** Miscible

**Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):** Data not available.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Explosive Properties:** Data not available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** Data not available.

### SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

#### 10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

#### 10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Strong Oxidizing Agents, Strong Bases.

#### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.



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### SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

#### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

**Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:**

Harmful if swallowed. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:**

Not applicable.

**Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:**

Not applicable.

**Acute Toxicity - Other Information:**

LD50, Oral, Rat: 320 mg/kg (Hydroquinone), behavioral effects noted.

**Skin Corrosion and Irritation:**

Not applicable.

**Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:**

Causes serious eye irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

**Respiratory Sensitization:**

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Skin Sensitization:**

May cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:**

May cause genetic defects. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Carcinogenicity:**

Suspected of causing cancer. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.





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### **Reproductive Toxicity:**

May damage fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Aspiration Hazard:**

Not applicable.

### **Additional Toxicology Information:**

Data not available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological Information

### **12.1. Ecotoxicity**

Toxic to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations. Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **12.2. Persistence and Degradability**

Data not available.

### **12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential**

Data not available.

### **12.4. Mobility in Soil**

Data not available.

### **12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects**

Data not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

### **13.1. Waste Treatment Methods**

Data not available.

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### SECTION 14: Transportation Information

#### 14.1. Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Not regulated according to DOT Regulations.

Not regulated according to IATA Regulations.

### SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

#### 15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

#### 15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): 100 lb EPCRA RQ

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): 500 lb lower TPQ; 10000 lb upper TPQ

#### 15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): 100 lb final RQ; 45.4 kg final RQ

#### 15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): 1.0 % de minimis concentration

#### 15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): Extraordinarily hazardous

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### 15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): Environmental hazard

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): sn 1019

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): SN 1019 500 lb TPQ

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Not listed.

### 15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): Present (CEPA, subsection 81(3) applies) (DSL)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (DSL)

### 15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Hydroquinone (CAS # 123-31-9): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Not listed.

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### SECTION 16: Other Information

#### 16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

Harmful if swallowed. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause genetic defects. Suspected of causing cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Toxic to aquatic life. Harmful to aquatic life.

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Store locked up.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

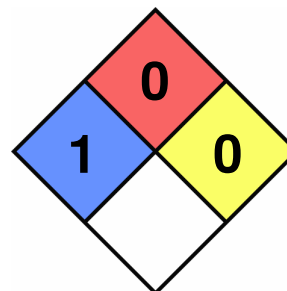
**Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC):** Not Applicable.

**Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC):** Not Applicable.

Not Applicable.

#### 16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

**Health:** 1  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 0  
**Special Hazard:**



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### 16.4. Document Revision

**Last Revision Date:** 5/1/2015

### DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.