

Dexamethasone Formulation

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Section 1: Identification

Product name Dexamethasone Formulation

Other means of identification DEXAFORT AQUEOUS SUSPENSION OF

DEXAMETHASONE AS MIXED ESTERS (37231)

Manufacturer or supplier's details

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Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Veterinary product Recommended use Restrictions on use Not applicable

Section 2: Hazard identification

GHS Classification

Skin sensitisation Category 1

Reproductive toxicity Category 1

Hazardous to the aquatic

environment - chronic hazard

Category 3

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms

Signal word

Hazard statements H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H360D May damage the unborn child.

H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.



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Precautionary statements : Prevention:

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapours.

P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of

the workplace.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protec-

tion/ face protection.

Response:

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.

P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/

attention

P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical ad-

vice/ attention.

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste

disposal plant.

Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)	
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	1.04	
Dexamethasone	50-02-2	0.3	

Section 4: First-aid measures

General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical ad-

vice immediately.

When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical

advice.

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.

Get medical attention.

In case of skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and plenty

of water.

Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse.

Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.



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Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

If swallowed If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.

Get medical attention.

Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. May cause an allergic skin reaction. May damage the unborn child.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and

delayed

Protection of first-aiders

First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection,

and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8).

Treat symptomatically and supportively. Notes to physician

Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray

> Alcohol-resistant foam Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Dry chemical None known.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Specific hazards during fire-

fighting

Hazardous combustion prod-

ucts

Carbon oxides Metal oxides

Specific extinguishing meth-

ods

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local cir-

Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.

cumstances and the surrounding environment. Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do

SO.

Evacuate area.

Special protective equipment

for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Use personal protective equipment.

Section 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protec- : tive equipment and emer-

gency procedures

Use personal protective equipment.

Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal pro-

tective equipment recommendations (see section 8).

Avoid release to the environment. **Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

Prevent spreading over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil

barriers).

Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.

Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages

cannot be contained.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up Soak up with inert absorbent material.

For large spills, provide dyking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If dyked material can be pumped, store recovered material in appropriate container. Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absor-



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bent.

Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to deter-

mine which regulations are applicable.

Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding

certain local or national requirements.

Section 7: Handling and storage

Technical measures : See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE

CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.

Local/Total ventilation : If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust

ventilation.

Advice on safe handling : Do not get on skin or clothing.

Do not breathe vapours or spray mist.

Do not swallow.

Avoid contact with eyes.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure as-

sessment

Keep container tightly closed.

Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the

environment.

Hygiene measures : If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye

flushing systems and safety showers close to the working

place.

When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labelled containers.

Store locked up. Keep tightly closed.

Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.

Materials to avoid : Do not store with the following product types:

Strong oxidizing agents

Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type	Control parame-	Basis	
		(Form of	ters / Permissible		
		exposure)	concentration		
Dexamethasone	50-02-2	TWA	10 μg/m3 (OEB 3)	Internal	
	Further information: Skin				
		Wipe limit	100 μg/100 cm ²	Internal	

Engineering measures : Minimize workplace exposure concentrations.

If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust

ventilation.



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Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or expo-

sure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the rec-

ommended guidelines, use respiratory protection.

Filter type Hand protection

Combined particulates and organic vapour type

Material : Chemical-resistant gloves

Remarks : Choose gloves to protect hands against chemicals depending

on the concentration and quantity of the hazardous substance and specific to place of work. Breakthrough time is not determined for the product. Change gloves often! For special applications, we recommend clarifying the resistance to chemicals of the aforementioned protective gloves with the glove manufacturer. Wash hands before breaks and at the

end of workday.

Eye protection : Wear the following personal protective equipment:

Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Select appropriate protective clothing based on chemical

resistance data and an assessment of the local exposure

potential.

Skin contact must be avoided by using impervious protective

clothing (gloves, aprons, boots, etc).

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance : suspension

Colour : white to off-white

Odour Threshold : No data available

pH : 7.0 - 7.8

Melting point/freezing point : No data available

Initial boiling point and boiling

range

No data available

Flash point : No data available

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : Not applicable

Flammability (liquids) : No data available

Upper explosion limit / Upper

flammability limit

No data available

Lower explosion limit / Lower : No data available



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flammability limit

Vapour pressure No data available

Relative vapour density No data available

Density No data available

Solubility(ies)

Water solubility No data available

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

No data available

Auto-ignition temperature No data available

Decomposition temperature No data available

Viscosity

No data available Viscosity, kinematic

Explosive properties Not explosive

Oxidizing properties The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.

Molecular weight No data available

Particle size No data available

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

Not classified as a reactivity hazard. Reactivity Chemical stability Stable under normal conditions. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.

Possibility of hazardous reac-

Conditions to avoid

None known. Oxidizing agents

Incompatible materials Hazardous decomposition

products

No hazardous decomposition products are known.

Section 11: Toxicological information

Exposure routes Inhalation

Skin contact Ingestion Eye contact

Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Product:



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Acute oral toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 2,000 mg/kg

Method: Calculation method

Acute inhalation toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 5 mg/l

Exposure time: 4 h

Test atmosphere: dust/mist Method: Calculation method

Acute dermal toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 2,000 mg/kg

Method: Calculation method

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): 1,620 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 4.178 mg/l

Exposure time: 4 h

Test atmosphere: dust/mist

Method: OECD Test Guideline 403

Acute dermal toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: 1,100 mg/kg

Method: Expert judgement

Remarks: Based on national or regional regulation.

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Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg

LD50 (Mouse): > 6,500 mg/kg

Acute toxicity (other routes of:

administration)

LD50 (Rat): 14 mg/kg

Application Route: Subcutaneous

Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Species : Rabbit

Method : OECD Test Guideline 404

Result : No skin irritation

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Species : Rabbit

Result : Mild skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

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Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Species : Rabbit

Result : Irritation to eyes, reversing within 21 days

Method : OECD Test Guideline 405

Dexamethasone:

Species : Rabbit

Result : Mild eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Respiratory sensitisation

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Assessment : Probability or evidence of skin sensitisation in humans

Remarks : Based on national or regional regulation.

Chronic toxicity

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)

Result: negative

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo

cytogenetic assay) Species: Mouse

Application Route: Intraperitoneal injection

Result: negative

Dexamethasone:

Genotoxicity in vitro : Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES)

Result: negative

Test Type: in vitro assay

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Result: negative

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Micronucleus test



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Species: Mouse Application Route: Oral Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Species : Mouse
Application Route : Ingestion
Exposure time : 103 weeks

Method : OECD Test Guideline 451

Result : negative

Reproductive toxicity

May damage the unborn child.

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Effects on fertility : Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development

Species: Rat

Application Route: Ingestion

Result: negative

Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Effects on foetal develop-

ment

Test Type: Embryo-foetal development

Species: Mouse

Application Route: Ingestion

Result: negative

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Effects on foetal develop-

ment

Test Type: Development

Species: Mouse

Application Route: Subcutaneous

Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 6 mg/kg body weight Result: Specific developmental abnormalities, Cleft palate

Species: Rabbit

Application Route: Intramuscular

Developmental Toxicity: NOAEL: 0.025 mg/kg body weight

Result: Specific developmental abnormalities

Species: Rabbit

Application Route: Intramuscular

Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: >= 0.062 mg/kg body weight

Result: Specific developmental abnormalities

Species: Rat



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Application Route: Subcutaneous

Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: >= 0.02 mg/kg body weight

Result: Skeletal and visceral variations, Retardations

Reproductive toxicity - As-

sessment

May damage the unborn child.

STOT - single exposure

Not classified based on available information.

STOT - repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

Components:

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Exposure routes Oral

Target Organs : Adrenal gland, Immune system, thymus gland

Assessment May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated

exposure.

Repeated dose toxicity

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Species Rat

NOAEL 1.072 mg/l **Application Route** inhalation (dust/mist/fume)

Exposure time 28 Days

Method **OECD Test Guideline 412**

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Species Rat

NOAEL 0.0015 mg/kg

Application Route Oral Exposure time 7 d **Target Organs** Liver

Remarks Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species Rat

LOAEL 0.003 mg/kg

Application Route Oral Exposure time 90 d

Target Organs Blood, Adrenal gland, thymus gland Significant toxicity observed in testing Remarks

Species Rat

LOAEL 0.125 mg/kg Application Route Oral 6 Weeks Exposure time **Target Organs** Adrenal gland



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Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat
LOAEL : 0.4 mg/kg
Application Route : Oral
Exposure time : 3 Months
Target Organs : Immune system

Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Dog
LOAEL : 8 mg/kg
Application Route : Oral
Exposure time : 3 Months
Target Organs : Immune system

Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Experience with human exposure

Components:

Dexamethasone:

Ingestion : Target Organs: Immune system

Target Organs: Adrenal gland

Target Organs: Bone

Symptoms: muscle weakness

Section 12: Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 460 mg/l

Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other :

aquatic invertebrates

EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 230 mg/l

Exposure time: 48 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic

plants

EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 770

mg/l

Exposure time: 72 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 310

ng/l

Exposure time: 72 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201



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Toxicity to daphnia and other : aquatic invertebrates (Chron-

ic toxicity)

NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 51 mg/l

Exposure time: 21 d

Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

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Toxicity to daphnia and other :

aquatic invertebrates

EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 56 mg/l

Exposure time: 48 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic

plants

EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 9.2

mg/l

Exposure time: 72 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 9.2

mg/l

Exposure time: 72 h

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Toxicity to fish (Chronic tox-

icity)

NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.033 mg/l

Exposure time: 32 d

Method: OECD Test Guideline 210

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic

toxicity)

Toxicity to microorganisms

: 1

EC50: > 1,000 mg/l

Exposure time: 3 h

Test Type: Respiration inhibition Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

NOEC: 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h

Test Type: Respiration inhibition Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Biodegradability Result: Readily biodegradable.

Biodegradation: 92 - 96 %

Exposure time: 14 d

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Biodegradability Result: Not readily biodegradable.

> Biodegradation: 50 % Exposure time: 3.54 d

Method: OECD Test Guideline 314



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Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Benzyl alcohol:

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

: log Pow: 1.05

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Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

log Pow: 1.83

Mobility in soil
No data available

Other adverse effects

No data available

Section 13: Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Do not dispose of waste into sewer.

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste han-

dling site for recycling or disposal.

If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

Section 14: Transport information

International Regulations

UNRTDG

UN number : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable
Packing instruction (cargo : Not applicable

aircraft)

Packing instruction (passen-

ger aircraft)

Not applicable

IMDG-Code

UN number : Not applicable



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Proper shipping name : Not applicable Class : Not applicable Subsidiary risk : Not applicable Packing group : Not applicable Labels : Not applicable EmS Code : Not applicable Marine pollutant : Not applicable

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

NZS 5433

UN number : Not applicable
Proper shipping name : Not applicable
Class : Not applicable
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable
Packing group : Not applicable
Labels : Not applicable
Hazchem Code : Not applicable

Special precautions for user

Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

HSNO Approval Number

HSR100759 Veterinary Medicines Non dispersive Open System Application Group Standard

HSW Controls

Certified handler certificate not required.

Tracking hazardous substance not required.

Refer to the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, for further information.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

AICS : not determined

DSL : not determined

IECSC : not determined

Section 16: Other information

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Further information

Sources of key data used to : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD



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Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR -Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation: DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada): ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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