

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Sodium Metabisulfite

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### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Sodium metabisulfite

Synonym: Sodium pyrosulfite

CAS#: 7681-57-4

### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

White crystals or powder; slight sulfurous odor.

Slightly toxic by ingestion. Body tissue irritant. Possible sensitizer. Avoid all body tissue contact.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-1

Flammability-0

Reactivity-1

Exposure-1

Storage-0

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of SO<sub>x</sub>.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

#### NFPA CODE

None  
established

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

### SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #2. Store with acetates, halides, sulfates, sulfites, thiosulfates and phosphates. Moisture sensitive material. Store in a cool dry place. Use and dispense in a hood.

### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire). Exposure guidelines: REL 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (NIOSH)

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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White crystals or powder; slight sulfurous odor.  
Solubility: Soluble in water; slightly soluble in alcohol.  
Formula:  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$   
Formula weight: 190.107

Specific gravity: 1.480

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Avoid contact with strong acids, strong oxidizers.  
Shelf life: Poor, moisture sensitive.

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Toxic severe irritant, possible sensitizer, coughing, chest pains, difficulty breathing, stomach pains, vomiting, and diarrhea  
Chronic effects: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT  $\text{LD}_{50}$ : 1131 mg/kg.  
IHL-RAT  $\text{LC}_{50}$ : N.A.  
SKN-RBT  $\text{LD}_{50}$ : N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #12b is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Not regulated.  
Hazard class: N/A  
UN number: N/A  
N/A = Not applicable

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-673-9).

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**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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