

**Dexamethasone Solid Formulation**

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**SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name                                : Dexamethasone Solid Formulation

**Manufacturer or supplier's details**

Company name of supplier                : MSD  
Address                                        : 2000 Galloping Hill Road  
    Kenilworth - New Jersey - U.S.A. 07033  
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Emergency telephone                      : 1-908-423-6000  
E-mail address                              : EHSDATASTEWARD@msd.com

**Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use**

Recommended use                          : Veterinary product

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**SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****GHS Classification**

Reproductive toxicity                      : Category 1B

**GHS label elements**

Hazard pictograms                         :



Signal Word                                 : Danger

Hazard Statements                         : H360D May damage the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements                : **Prevention:**  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
**Response:**  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  
**Storage:**  
P405 Store locked up.  
**Disposal:**  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**Other hazards**

Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.  
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.  
May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.

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**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

**Components**

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Starch	9005-25-8	>= 30 -< 50
Dexamethasone	50-02-2	>= 0.1 -< 1

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

- General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice 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 : If in eyes, rinse well with water.  
 Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
- If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
 Get medical attention.  
 Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : May damage the unborn child.  
 Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.  
 Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.
- 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).
- Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.

**SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
 Alcohol-resistant foam  
 Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
 Dry chemical
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.
- Specific hazards during fire fighting : Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.  
 Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.
- Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

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- Specific extinguishing methods : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances 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 fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.  
Use personal protective equipment.
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### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment.  
Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions : Avoid release to the environment.  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
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 : Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.  
Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air).  
Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration.  
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 determine which regulations are applicable.  
Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.
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### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Technical measures : Static electricity may accumulate and ignite suspended dust causing an explosion.  
Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.
- 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 dust.  
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 assessment  
Keep container tightly closed.  
Minimize dust generation and accumulation.  
Keep container closed when not in use.  
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

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- Take precautionary measures against static discharges.  
 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.  
 The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.
- Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labeled containers.  
 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  
 Organic peroxides  
 Explosives  
 Gases

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Starch	9005-25-8	VLE-PPT	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NOM-010-STPS-2014
		TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
Dexamethasone	50-02-2	TWA	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (OEB 3)	Internal
	Further information: Skin			
		Wipe limit	100 µg/100 cm <sup>2</sup>	Internal

- Engineering measures** : All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment.  
 Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., open-face containment devices).  
 Minimize open handling.

**Personal protective equipment**

- Respiratory protection : If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or exposure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the recommended guidelines, use respiratory protection.
- Filter type : Particulates type
- Hand protection
- Material : Chemical-resistant gloves

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Remarks	:	Consider double gloving.
Eye protection	:	Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles. Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols.
Skin and body protection	:	Work uniform or laboratory coat. Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces. Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.

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**SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance	:	powder
Color	:	white
Odor	:	No data available
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.
Flammability (liquids)	:	No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	Not applicable
Relative vapor density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies)	:	

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Water solubility	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Not applicable
Autoignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity	:	
Viscosity, kinematic	:	Not applicable
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

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**SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity	:	Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
Chemical stability	:	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.
Conditions to avoid	:	Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible materials	:	Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products	:	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

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**SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Information on likely routes of exposure**

Inhalation  
Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

**Acute toxicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Starch:**

Acute oral toxicity	:	LD50 (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg
Acute dermal toxicity	:	LD50 (Rabbit): > 2,000 mg/kg

**Dexamethasone:**

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

Species : Rabbit  
Result : Mild skin irritation

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Starch:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No eye irritation

**Dexamethasone:**

Species : Rabbit  
Result : Mild eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitization****Skin sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

**Respiratory sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Starch:**

Test Type : Maximization Test  
Routes of exposure : Skin contact  
Species : Guinea pig  
Result : negative

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Starch:**

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

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

Test Type: in vitro test  
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells  
Result: negative

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Micronucleus test  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Oral  
Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Reproductive toxicity**

May damage the unborn child.

**Components:****Dexamethasone:**

Effects on fetal development : 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  
Application Route: Subcutaneous  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: >= 0.02 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Skeletal and visceral variations ., Retardations.

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment : May damage the unborn child.

**STOT-single exposure**

Not classified based on available information.

**STOT-repeated exposure**

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**Components:****Dexamethasone:**

Routes of exposure : Oral



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Target Organs : Adrenal gland, Immune system, thymus gland  
 Assessment : May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Repeated dose toxicity****Components:****Starch:**

Species : Rat  
 NOAEL : >= 2,000 mg/kg  
 Application Route : Skin contact  
 Exposure time : 28 Days  
 Method : OECD Test Guideline 410

**Dexamethasone:**

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  
 Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat  
 LOAEL : 0.125 mg/kg  
 Application Route : Oral  
 Exposure time : 6 Weeks  
 Target Organs : Adrenal gland  
 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.

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**Experience with human exposure****Components:****Dexamethasone:**

Ingestion : Target Organs: Immune system  
Target Organs: Adrenal gland  
Target Organs: Bone  
Symptoms: muscle weakness

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**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity****Components:****Dexamethasone:**

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 toxicity) : NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.033 mg/l  
Exposure time: 32 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 210

Toxicity to microorganisms : 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:****Dexamethasone:**

Biodegradability : Result: Not readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 50 %  
Exposure time: 3.54 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 314

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**Bioaccumulative potential****Components:****Dexamethasone:**

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 1.83

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.  
Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.  
If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

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**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****International Regulations****UNRTDG**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**IATA-DGR**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**IMDG-Code**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

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

Not applicable for product as supplied.

**Domestic regulation****NOM-002-SCT**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**Special precautions for user**

Not applicable

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**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Federal Law for the control of chemical precursors, essential chemical products and machinery for producing capsules, tablets and pills. : Not applicable

**The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

AICS : not determined

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DSL : not determined

IECSC : not determined

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

## Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

NOM-010-STPS-2014 : Mexico. Norm NOM-010-STPS-2014 on Chemicals Polluting the Work Environment - Identification, Assessment and Control - Appendix 1 Occupational Exposure Limits

ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average

NOM-010-STPS-2014 / VLE- : Time weighted average limit value

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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; 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

Sources of key data used to compile the Material Safety Data Sheet : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

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# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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