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Product Name : **PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE**

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**1. Identification**

<b>GHS Product Identifier</b>	PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE	
<b>Company Name</b>	CHEM-SUPPLY PTY LTD (ABN 19 008 264 211)	
<b>Address</b>	38 - 50 Bedford Street GILLMAN SA 5013 Australia	
<b>Telephone/Fax Number</b>	Tel: (08) 8440-2000 Fax: (08) 8440-2001	
<b>Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use</b>	Drying agent for compatible materials; for absorption of moisture in vacuum systems; as a dehydrating agent; as a condensing agent in organic synthesis; for the manufacture of phosphorus oxychloride and metaphosphoric acid; surfactants; acrylate esters; as an intermediate in the synthesis of phosphate esters subsequently used as flame retardants, solvents and diluents; as a catalyst in the air-blowing of asphalt; used in development of specialty glasses for vacuum tubes; in the production of ammonium polyphosphate for fireproofing; in sugar refining and laboratory reagent.	
<b>Other Names</b>	<u>Name</u> PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE LR Phosphoric anhydride Phosphoric acid, anhydrous Phosphoric oxide di-Phosphorus pentoxide	<u>Product Code</u> PL121
<b>Other Information</b>	EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: +61 08 8440 2000 Business hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.	

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**2. Hazard Identification**

<b>GHS classification of the substance/mixture</b>	Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 1A
<b>Signal Word (s)</b>	DANGER
<b>Hazard Statement (s)</b>	H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
<b>Pictogram (s)</b>	Corrosion



<b>Precautionary statement – Prevention</b>	P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. P264 Wash thoroughly after handling. P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>Precautionary statement – Response</b>	Swallowed P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Skin P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Inhaled



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**Precautionary statement – Storage**  
**Precautionary statement – Disposal**

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
Eyes  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients**

Chemical Characterization Ingredients	Name	CAS	Proportion	Hazard Symbol	Risk Phrase
Solid	Phosphorus pentoxide	1314-56-3	100 %	C	R35

**4. First-aid measures**

**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area to fresh air immediately. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Immediately medical attention is required.

**Ingestion** Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately, repeat until all traces of product have been removed. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Seek immediate medical advice.

**Skin** Wash affected areas with copious quantities of water (prefer bicarbonate solution) immediately. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before re-use. Seek immediate medical advice.

**Eye contact** Immediately irrigate with copious quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held open. Seek immediate medical assistance.

**First Aid Facilities** Maintain eyewash fountain and drench facilities in work area.

**Advice to Doctor** Treat symptomatically based on judgement of doctor and individual reactions of the patient.

**Other Information** For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone eg Australia 13 1126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

**5. Fire-fighting measures**

**Hazards from Combustion Products** Phosphorus oxide and/or phosphine.

**Specific Methods** When material is not involved in fire: Do not use water on material itself.  
Small fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand or flooding quantities of water. If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from the fire area.  
Large fire: Flood fire with large quantities of water while knocking down vapours with water fog - If insufficient water supply, knock down vapours only.  
Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after the fire is out. Avoid getting water inside the containers.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** Does not burn but may produce poisonous and/or corrosive fumes upon heating. Heat of reaction may be enough to ignite combustible materials. Will react with water releasing, poisonous and/or corrosive gases and runoff.

**Hazchem Code** 2X

**Precautions in connection with Fire** Wear SCBA and acid-resistant chemical splash suit. Structural firefighter's uniform is NOT effective for these materials.

**6. Accidental release measures**

**Spills & Disposal** Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Stop leak if safe to do so - Prevent entry into waterways, drains or confined areas. DO NOT GET WATER INSIDE CONTAINERS.  
Small Spill: Cover with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material followed by a plastic sheet to minimize spreading or contact with rain. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect material and place it into loosely-covered plastic containers for later disposal.

**Personal Precautions** Avoid substance contact. Avoid generation of dusts: do not inhale dusts. Ensure supply of fresh air in enclosed rooms.



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**Personal Protection** Wear protective clothing specified for normal operations (see Section 8)**7. Handling and storage**

<b>Precautions for Safe Handling</b>	Avoid inhalation and ingestion. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing. Keep away from incompatibles such as alkalis, moisture. Never add water to this product. Do not allow water to get into the container because of violent reaction. Handle under dry protective gas. Minimise dust generation. Protect against physical damage. Mild steel is the preferred material of construction of process equipment when the product is kept dry. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Protect against physical damage. Protect from humidity and water/moisture. Do not store together with oxidizing and acidic materials, alkalis (caustic solutions), reducing agents, water, metals, organic and combustible substances, flammable materials and animal feed. Keep away from sources of ignition. This product is moisture sensitive - reacts with moisture to evolve heat. Store under dry inert gas. Building must be waterproof, located on high ground and separated from other storage. This building should conform to that required for storage of hydrogen. If water or moisture is present, type 316LSS rubber-lined steel or FRP are the preferred materials of construction. Mild steel is the preferred material of construction of storage or shipping containers when the product is kept dry. Corrosives area - Store in a locked, separate safety cabinet/room or with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.
<b>Corrosiveness</b>	Not corrosive to the common metals when dry. Corrosive to metals, such as steel, cast iron, copper and its alloys, and aluminium, in the presence of moisture because orthophosphoric acid is formed.
<b>Storage Regulations</b>	Refer Australian Standard AS 3780-1994 'The storage and handling of corrosive substances'.
<b>Storage Temperatures</b>	To be stored at dry condition in temperatures > 15 °C.
<b>Recommended Materials</b>	When water is present: 316LSS rubber-lined steel or FRP; when the product is kept dry: mild steel.
<b>Unsuitable Materials</b>	Store in glass, other acid-resistant containers.
<b>Additional information on precautions for use</b>	Avoid plastic materials.
	Avoid getting water inside containers.

**8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

<b>Other Exposure Information</b>	A time weighted average (TWA) concentration for an 8 hour day, and 5 day week has not been established by Safe Work Australia for this product. There is a blanket limit of 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> for dusts when limits have not otherwise been established.
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	In industrial situations maintain the concentrations values below the TWA. This may be achieved by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Where ventilation is not adequate, respiratory protection may be required. Avoid breathing dust, vapours or mists. Respiratory protection should comply with AS 1716 - Respiratory Protective Devices and be selected in accordance with AS 1715 - Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices. Filter capacity and respirator type depends on exposure levels. In event of emergency or planned entry into unknown concentrations a positive pressure, full-facepiece SCBA should be used. If respiratory protection is required, institute a complete respiratory protection program including selection, fit testing, training, maintenance and inspection.
<b>Eye Protection</b>	The use of a face shield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection as appropriate. Must comply with Australian Standards AS 1337 and be selected and used in accordance with AS 1336.
<b>Hand Protection</b>	Hand protection should comply with AS 2161, Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance. Recommendation: Excellent: Neoprene gloves Poor: Nitrile rubber gloves
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	Final choice of personal protective equipment will depend on individual circumstances and/or according to risk assessments undertaken.
<b>Footwear</b>	Safety boots in industrial situations is advisory, foot protection should comply with AS 2210, Occupational protective footwear - Guide to selection, care and use.
<b>Body Protection</b>	Clean clothing or protective clothing should be worn, preferably with an apron. Clothing for protection



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**Hygiene Measures** against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals. Always wash hands before smoking, eating or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

**9. Physical and chemical properties**

<b>Form</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White crystalline powder; very deliquescent.
<b>Odour</b>	Odourless or a slight phosphorus-like odour.
<b>Melting Point</b>	340 °C
<b>Boiling Point</b>	Sublimes at 360 °C
<b>Solubility in Water</b>	Very soluble (600 g/l (at 20 °C)). Reacts violently with water to form orthophosphoric acid, with the generation of heat. Absorbs moisture from the air with avidity, forming meta-, pyro-, or ortho-phosphoric acid, depending on the amount of water absorbed and upon conditions of absorption.
<b>Solubility in Organic Solvents</b>	Soluble in sulfuric acid; insoluble in acetone and ammonia. Reacts with ethanol with the generation of heat.
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	2.30; 2.39 (water = 1)
<b>pH</b>	Forms orthophosphoric acid, a strong acid, when dissolved in water (~ 1.0 at 5 g/L H <sub>2</sub> O).
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	Essentially zero at normal temperatures; 0.133 kPa (1 mm Hg) at 384 °C (solid; stable form); 0.133 kPa (1 mm Hg) at 189 °C (metastable form).
<b>Vapour Density (Air=1)</b>	4.9 (air = 1)
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Very low at normal temperatures.
<b>Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	Not applicable (reacts with water).
<b>Flammability</b>	Non combustible material.
<b>Explosion Properties</b>	Forms flammable and potentially explosive hydrogen gas with metals (e.g. ferrous metals, aluminum or zinc) in the presence of moisture. Reaction with calcium is explosive when heated. Reaction with ammonia, perchloric acid in chloroform, or methyl hydroperoxide is vigorous and may explode.
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	141.95 (monomer); 283.90 (dimer)
<b>Other Information</b>	Bulk density: 700 - 1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup> .

**10. Stability and reactivity**

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable under normal storage and handling conditions. Strongly hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Water, humid conditions, high temperatures, incompatible materials and moisture.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Water/moisture, alcohols, organic substances (e.g. wood, cotton, paper and straw), combustible substances, metals (e.g. ferrous metals, aluminium, magnesium or zinc) + moisture, strong oxidizing agents (e.g. bromine pentafluoride, chlorine trifluoride, oxygen difluoride or hydrogen peroxide), inorganic bases (e.g. calcium oxide or sodium oxide) + heat/moisture, formic acid, alkali or alkaline earth metals (calcium, sodium or potassium + heat), hydrogen fluoride (below 20 °C), hydrogen halides, ammonia, perchloric acid in chloroform, or methyl hydroperoxide, sodium carbonate (anhydrous conditions) + heat, propargyl alcohol, acids, bases, halogen-halogen compounds, halogen oxides, halogens, alkali salts, nitrates - chlorates, reducing agents, 3-propynol, iodides, sulfides. Orthophosphoric acid, toxic fumes of phosphorus oxides and/or phosphine.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	Reacts violently with ammonia, barium sulfide, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen peroxide, iodides, water and organic materials such as wood, cotton or straw, generating heat. Ignition may occur on contact with chlorine trifluoride and oxygen difluoride. Reacts violently with inorganic bases if warmed or moistened. Reaction with formic acid rapidly evolves carbon monoxide. Reaction with calcium is explosive when heated. Reaction with warm sodium and potassium is incandescent (glowing hot). Contact with perchloric acid may form anhydrous perchloric acid if heated possibly leading to an explosion.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Will not occur.

**11. Toxicological Information**

<b>Ingestion</b>	Corrosive. Causes burns to the mouth, throat, oesophagus and stomach, due to the formation of
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	orthophosphoric acid. Causes severe pain, sore throat, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and shock. Brown or yellow stains will be found around the mouth. Suffocation may occur from swelling of the tongue. Aspiration into the lungs can cause chemical pneumonitis. Risk of perforation of the oesophagus and stomach. In severe cases, death may result. Ingestion is not a typical route of occupational exposure.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Harmful if inhaled. Inhalation produces damaging effects on the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include severe irritation of the nose, eyes, throat and respiratory tract with sore throat, coughing, shortness of breath and labored breathing. May cause delayed lung oedema, a medical emergency. Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract. May cause pulmonary oedema and severe respiratory disturbances.
<b>Skin</b>	Corrosive. Causes severe skin irritation, burns, redness and pain. Burns usually penetrate the skin with sharply defined edges and heal slowly with the formation of scar tissue.
<b>Eye</b>	Corrosive. Fumes and airborne powder cause eye irritation. Contact with substance can cause severe eye burns and permanent damage.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Not listed in the IARC Monographs.
<b>Chronic Effects</b>	Early symptoms of chronic phosphorus intoxication include gastrointestinal distress and possibly a garlic-like odour to the breath. Chronic exposure can lead to necrosis of the jaw, or 'phossy-jaw'.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	No evidence of mutagenic properties.
<b>Other Information</b>	Potential for Accumulation: Phosphorus pentoxide reacts with water in the body to form orthophosphoric acid, which enters the phosphate pool. Inorganic phosphate ion is naturally found in the body. It is excreted mainly in the urine.

**12. Ecological information**

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	Harmful effect due to pH shift. Hydrolysis leads to formation of: phosphoric acid. After hydrolysis acid effect on fish and plankton. Depending on the concentration, phosphorus and/or nitrogen compounds may contribute to the eutrophication of drinking- water supplies.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Abiotic degradation: Product reacts with water. Hydrolysis leads to the formation of phosphoric acid (H3PO4).
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	Depending on the concentration, phosphorus compounds may contribute to the eutrophication of water supplies.
<b>Other Precautions</b>	Reacts violently with water to evolve heat; dangerous fire risk.
<b>Environmental Protection</b>	Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil!
<b>Acute Toxicity - Fish</b>	LC50 (Aquatic organisms): 100-1000 mg/l/96 h.
<b>Acute Toxicity - Bacteria</b>	EC50 (Activated sludge): 270 mg/l.

**13. Disposal considerations**

<b>Disposal Considerations</b>	Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be disposed of according to relevant local, state and federal government regulations.
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**14. Transport information**

<b>Transport Information</b>	Dangerous goods of Class 8 (Corrosive) are incompatible in a placard load with any of the following: Class 1, Class 4.3, Class 5, Class 6, if the Class 6 dangerous goods are cyanides and the Class 8 dangerous goods are acids, Class 7; and are incompatible with food and food packaging in any quantity.
<b>U.N. Number</b>	1807
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	8
<b>Hazchem Code</b>	2X
<b>Packaging Method</b>	3.8.8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II
<b>EPG Number</b>	8A3
<b>IERG Number</b>	40

**15. Regulatory information**



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**Regulatory Information** Listed in the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).**Poisons Schedule** Not Scheduled**16. Other Information****Literature References**

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**Empirical Formula & Structural Formula**

Empirical Formula: P<sub>2</sub> O<sub>5</sub> (monomer).  
 Structural Formula: P<sub>4</sub> O<sub>10</sub> (dimer).  
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