



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

Product identifier	Desoximetasone	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1173508	
CAS number	382-67-2	
Synonyms	Desoxymethasone	
Chemical name	Pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione, 9-fluoro-11,21-dihydroxy-16-methyl-, (11beta, 16alpha)-	
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Manufacturer		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Reproductive toxicity	Category 2
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1 (endocrine system)
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs (endocrine system) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
<b>Response</b>	If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
<b>Storage</b>	Store locked up.
<b>Disposal</b>	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

This product is supplied in a small quantity which does not constitute a combustible dust hazard. The physical properties of this material indicate that in large quantities accumulated dust may be hazardous.

**Supplemental information**

Potent pharmacologically active material.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients****Substance**

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Desoximetasone	Desoxymethasone	382-67-2	100

**4. First-aid measures****Inhalation**

Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

**Skin contact**

Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

**Eye contact**

Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

**Ingestion**

Rinse mouth. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

**Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed**

Endocrine system effects. Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically. Treatment of corticosteroid overdose may include the following: Toxicity is low after acute ingestion. Gastrointestinal decontamination is generally not necessary.

**General information**

Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

**5. Fire-fighting measures****Suitable extinguishing media**

Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

None known.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

Explosion hazard: 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.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters**

Wear suitable protective equipment.

**Fire fighting equipment/instructions**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.

**Specific methods**

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

**General fire hazards**

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

**6. Accidental release measures****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

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. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

**Environmental precautions**

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Combustible dust clouds may be created where operations produce fine material (dust). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Occupational exposure limits</b>	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	No open handling. For laboratory operations, use approved ventilation or containment system (biological safety cabinet, ventilated balance enclosure, glovebox). Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	Consider double gloves. Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
<b>Other</b>	Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear disposable lab coat, disposable sleeve covers and two pair of gloves as appropriate for the task. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filters, disposable outerware and head cover for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Pharmacological effects may be seen with occupational exposure. Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Powder.
<b>Color</b>	White.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	402.8 - 424.4 °F (206 - 218 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.

<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Insoluble.
<b>Solubility (other)</b>	Acetone: Freely soluble. Alcohol: Freely soluble. Benzene: Slightly soluble. Chloroform: Freely soluble. Ether: Slightly soluble.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	2.35
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Chemical family</b>	Corticosteroid.
<b>Dust explosion properties</b>	
<b>Kst</b>	196 bar.m/s
<b>Minimum ignition energy (MIE) - dust cloud</b>	1 - 3 mJ
	30 - 100 mJ
<b>Molecular formula</b>	C22H29FO4
<b>Molecular weight</b>	376.46

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	F-. Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Based on information from therapeutic use, this material may cause: Endocrine effects.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed.
<b>Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics</b>	Corticosteroids: Fluid and electrolyte imbalance. Adrenal suppression. Immunosuppression. Cushing's syndrome. High blood pressure. Gastrointestinal disturbances. Headache. Lightheadedness. Weakness. Visual disturbances. Mood or mental status changes. Infection. Thinning skin. Swelling. Bruising. Bone fractures. Back pain. Joint pain. Tremors. Menstrual irregularities. Impotence.

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Harmful if swallowed.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Desoximetasone (CAS 382-67-2)		
Oral LD50	Mouse	1519 mg/kg
	Rat	1469 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Skin sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.	
Mutagenicity		
Ames test (Salmonella typhimurium)		
Result: Negative (+/- activation)		
Carcinogenicity	Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.	
IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity		
Not listed.		
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)		
Not regulated.		
US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		
Not listed.		
Reproductive toxicity	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Most studies have concluded that therapeutic use of corticosteroids by pregnant women does not cause adverse effects on the fetus. A small increase in the incidence of cleft palate was seen in some human studies. Infants born to mothers who received substantial doses of corticosteroids during pregnancy should be observed for signs of hypoadrenalism.	
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs (endocrine system) through prolonged or repeated exposure.	
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Further information	Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.	
12. Ecological information		
Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.	
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this substance.	
Bioaccumulative potential		
Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow		
2.35		
Mobility in soil	No data available.	
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.	
13. Disposal considerations		
Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.	
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.	
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.	
Waste from residues / unused products	Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).	
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.	

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

**General information** It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

### CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

### SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

Not regulated.

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

#### SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**Classified hazard categories** Combustible dust  
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)  
Reproductive toxicity  
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

#### SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

### Other federal regulations

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

### US state regulations

#### California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2016 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)  
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

## 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

<b>Issue date</b>	06-10-2008
<b>Revision date</b>	12-31-2018
<b>Version #</b>	04
<b>Further information</b>	Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, for safe handling.
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