

1. Identification

Product identifier	Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1177032	
CAS number	2392-39-4	
Synonyms	Dexamethasone 21-(disodium phosphate)	
Chemical name	Pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione, 9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-16-methyl-21-(phosphonooxy)-, sodium salt (1:2), (11 β ,16 α)-	
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	CHEMTRAC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTRAC 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		



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

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	Potent pharmacologically active material.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate	Dexamethasone 21-(disodium phosphate)	2392-39-4	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation

If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. 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. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.

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.

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

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

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

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

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. 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.

Environmental precautions

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

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

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. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities 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

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

Exposure limit values

Industrial Use

Material	Type	Value
Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate (CAS 2392-39-4)	TWA	3 micrograms/m3

Biological limit values

Appropriate engineering controls No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s). 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.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	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.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	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.
Other	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.
Respiratory protection	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.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	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

Appearance Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.

Physical state Solid.

Form Powder.

Color White. Yellow.

Odor Not available.

Odor threshold Not available.

pH Not available.

Melting point/freezing point 451.4 - 455 °F (233 - 235 °C)

Initial boiling point and boiling range Not available.

Flash point Not available.

Evaporation rate Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas) Not available.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%) Not available.

Flammability limit - upper (%) Not available.

Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Freely soluble.
Solubility (other)	Ethanol: Slightly soluble. Ether: Practically insoluble. Methylene chloride: Practically insoluble.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Molecular formula	C22H28FO8P.2Na
Molecular weight	516.4
pH in aqueous solution	7.5 - 10.5

10. Stability and reactivity

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

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Eye contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete. Endocrine effects.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. Based on information from therapeutic use, this material may cause:
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Glucocorticoid effects: Bone fractures. Back pain. Joint pain or stiffness. Weakness. Increased appetite. Infection. Delayed wound healing. Thinning skin. Bruising. Purple lines on skin. Increased hair growth. Acne. Redistribution of body fat. Menstrual irregularities. Impotence. Headache. Increased sweating. Eye pain. Change in vision. Mental or behavioral changes. Mineralocorticoid effects: Swelling. Confusion. Lightheadedness. Nausea. Vomiting. Numbness. Tremors. Withdrawal effects: Fever. Muscle pain. Joint pain. Malaise.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Harmful if swallowed.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate (CAS 2392-39-4)		
Acute		
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	1800 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.
Carcinogenicity	Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.
IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity	
Not listed.	
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)	
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 hypoadrenalinism.
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

Product	Species	Test Results
Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate (CAS 2392-39-4)		
Aquatic		
Acute		
Fish	LC50	Fish > 100 mg/l, 96 hours
Persistence and degradability	Not readily biodegradable.	
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.	
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	
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	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. 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 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories	Immediate Hazard - Yes
	Delayed Hazard - Yes
	Fire Hazard - No
	Pressure Hazard - No
	Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

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 Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	Yes
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
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*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

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