



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY Emergency Phone: (614) 276-4000

Material Safety Data Sheet

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION		
Common/Trade Name: Dexamethasone Tablets USP		
Chemical Name: 9-Fluoro-11-beta,17,21-trihydroxy-16-alpha-methylpregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione		
Synonyms: None		
Molecular Formula: C ₂₂ H ₂₉ FO ₅		
Molecular Weight: 392.47		
CAS No: 50-02-2		
Chemical Family: adrenocortical steroid		
Product Use: Treatment for various inflammatory and autoimmune conditions		
Manufacturer's Name: Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc.		
Address: 1809 Wilson Road Columbus, Ohio 43228		
2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS		
Composition	CAS#	Exposure Limit
Dexamethasone (active ingredient)	50-02-2	None established
<i>REFER to PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE for common components present as <1%</i>		
3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION		
Emergency Overview	Physical State: Round tablets The 0.5 mg tablets are yellow with "54 299" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. The 0.75 mg tablets are blue with "54 960" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. The 1 mg tablets are yellow with "54 489" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. The 1.5 mg tablets are pink with "54 943" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. The 2 mg tablets are white with "54 662" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. The 4 mg tablets are green with "54 892" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. The 6 mg tablets are aqua with "54 769" engraved on one side and a scored line on the other. Odor: No data available WARNING! May be harmful if swallowed. Accidental ingestion of large amounts may be harmful.	
Primary Route(s) of Entry	Ingestion	
Potential Health Effects:	Inhalation: Not expected to be an inhalation hazard in final pharmaceutical form. Eye Contact: Not expected to be a hazard to the eye in final pharmaceutical form. Skin Contact: Not expected to be a hazard to the skin. Can cause hypersensitive reactions resulting in rash, redness, itching and inflammation. Ingestion: May be harmful if ingested. Ingestion may cause nausea, vomiting, increased appetite and glucose intolerance.	
Toxicity Data:	See Section 11	

Effects of Overexposure:	The potential for exposure is reduced in finished pharmaceutical form. Overexposure by ingestion may cause nausea, vomiting, increased appetite, fluid and sodium retention and glucose intolerance. Chronic side effects may include depression of adrenal gland function, increased possibility of severe infections (especially fungal), hypertension and osteoporosis.
Target Organs:	Gastrointestinal tract
4. FIRST AID MEASURES	
Eye Exposure	Any material that contacts the eye should be washed out immediately with water. If easy to do, remove contact lenses if worn. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.
Skin Exposure	Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Inhalation	Should not pose a hazard in the final form. If breathing is difficult, move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.
5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS	
Flammability	Lower: N/A Upper: N/A
Flash Point	Not Applicable
Extinguishing Media	Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, foam or material appropriate for fire in surrounding area
Special Fire Fighting Procedures	Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards	Not Applicable
Hazardous Combustion Products	Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, hydrogen fluoride
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE INFORMATION	
STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF PRODUCT IS SPILLED: Use appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Sweep up and containerize spill material in a compatible container. Dispose according to applicable regulations. Incineration of the waste at an approved facility is recommended.	
7. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE	
Precautions Handling Significant Quantities of Product:	Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
Storage	Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F). Keep container closed tightly. Protect from light and moisture. Store away from foodstuffs.
8. CONTROL MEASURES AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	
Exposure Limits	None
Engineering Controls	Not required when handling tablets or containers. Ventilation should be matched to conditions.
Respiratory Protection	Not required when handling tablets or containers. NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators for protection should be used if respirators are found to be necessary. Ventilation should be matched to conditions.
Personal Protection	Not required when handling tablets. If containers are compromised or exposure is likely wear: Goggles, Lab Coat, Gloves
Recommended Facilities	Eye wash, washing facilities
9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS	

Appearance	Round (color varies on dose) tablets	Melting point	Not available	Solubility in water	Slight
Odor	Not available	Boiling point	Not available	Specific Gravity	Not available
Taste	Not available	Vapor Pressure	Not available	Flashpoint	Not available
pH	Not available	Density	Not available	Flammability Limits	Not available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA

Stability	Stable
Incompatibility	None known
Hazardous Decomposition	Oxides of carbon, hydrogen fluoride
Conditions to Avoid	Excessive heat, light
Hazardous Polymerization	Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity:

Active Ingredient:

LD50 Oral (rat): >3000 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity: Not listed as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC Monographs or OSHA.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INFORMATION

No information is currently available on the environmental impact of this product.

13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Waste Disposal Considerations: Dispose of material according to federal, state and local disposal regulations or company operating procedures. Disposal by incineration is recommended.

At home: Discard away from children's reach.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

This product is not subject to the regulations for the safe transport of hazardous chemicals.

DOT: Not regulated

TDG: Not regulated

IATA: Not regulated

IMDG: Not regulated

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

DEA: Dexamethasone is not a controlled substance.

FDA: Dexamethasone is an approved prescription medication.

Inventory Status: This material is not listed on the US TSCA Inventory. Therefore, it can only be used for TSCA exempt purposes such as R&D or drug use.

This material is not listed on the DSL Inventory but is exempt.

16. OTHER DATA

ABBREVIATIONS:

N/A – not applicable

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References:

1. Dexamethasone Tablets USP, Package Insert, Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc. , Columbus, Ohio
2. RTECS No. TU3980000 - Pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione, 9-fluoro-11-beta,17,21-trihydroxy-16-alpha-methyl-
3. Ariel Webinsight. Regulatory and ChemExpert Database.

4. PDR – Physicians Desk Reference

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SEE CURRENT PACKAGE INSERT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The information provided is believed to be complete and accurate. If this product is combined with other materials, deteriorates or becomes contaminated, it may pose hazards not mentioned in this MSDS. It is the users' responsibility to use the information according to the application. Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc. assumes no responsibility or liability resulting from the use of this information.