



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

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**Material Name: Oxytetracycline hydrochloride capsules**

**Trade Name:** Not determined  
**Synonyms:** TERRAMYCIN® capsules  
**Chemical Family:** Tetracycline derivative  
**Intended Use:** Antibiotic agent

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Hazardous

Ingredient	CAS Number	EU EINECS List	%
Starch	9005-25-8	232-679-6	*
Magnesium stearate	557-04-0	209-150-3	*
Oxytetracycline hydrochloride	2058-46-0	218-161-2	*
Glucosamine hydrochloride	2002-25-7	Not listed	*

**Additional Information:** \* Proprietary

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Appearance:** Hard yellow gelatin capsule containing yellow powder  
**Signal Word:** CAUTION

**Statement of Hazard:** Infants of mothers exposed during pregnancy may develop discoloration of the teeth

**Eye Contact:** None known

**Skin Contact:** None known

**Inhalation:** None known

**Ingestion:** None known

**Known Clinical Effects:** Symptoms of chronic exposure to tetracyclines include redness and swelling of the skin, rash, chills, tooth discoloration, yellowing of the skin and eyes, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, and chest pain. May cause effects similar to those seen in clinical use including transient diarrhea, nausea and abdominal pain. Individuals sensitive to this material or other materials in its chemical class may develop allergic reactions. Wheezing, asthma, low or high blood pressure, dizziness, lung congestion, blood changes (leukocytosis, atypical lymphocytes, toxic granulation of granulocytes and thrombocytopenia purpura), convulsion or shock may also occur.

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**Note:** This document has been prepared in accordance with standards for workplace safety, which require the inclusion of all known hazards of the active substance or its intermediates regardless of the potential risk. The precautionary statements and warnings included may not apply in all cases. Your needs may vary depending upon the potential for exposure in your workplace.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs or persists, get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. This material may not be completely removed by conventional laundering. Consult professional laundry service. Do not home launder. If irritation occurs or persists, get medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Get medical attention immediately. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Media:** Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or water spray.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** May emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, hydrogen chloride and other chlorine-containing compounds.

**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Wear approved positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective turn out gear. Evacuate area and fight fire from a safe distance.

**Fire / Explosion Hazards:** Fine particles (such as dust and mists) may fuel fires/explosions.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Health and Safety Precautions:** Personnel involved in clean-up should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Minimize exposure.

**Measures for Cleaning / Collecting:** Contain the source of the spill or leak. Wipe up with a damp cloth and place in container for disposal. Clean spill area thoroughly.

**Measures for Environmental Protections:** Place waste in an appropriately labeled, sealed container for disposal. Care should be taken to avoid environmental release.

**Additional Consideration for Large Spills:** Review Sections 3, 8 and 12 before proceeding with clean up. Vacuum or sweep material into appropriate recovery container. Close container and move it to a secure holding area.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**General Handling:** Eliminate possible ignition sources (e.g., heat, sparks, flame, impact, friction, electricity), and follow appropriate grounding and bonding procedures. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Use only in a well-ventilated area. IF TABLETS OR CAPSULES ARE CRUSHED AND/OR BROKEN, AVOID BREATHING DUST AND AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN AND CLOTHING.

**Storage Conditions:** Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Store out of direct sunlight in a well ventilated area at room temperature.

**Storage Temperature** 15-30°C

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Starch

OSHA - Final PELs - TWAs	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable fraction
ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TWA)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA

#### Oxytetracycline hydrochloride

Pfizer OEL TWA-8 Hr: 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Analytical Method:** Oxytetracycline: CAM-KAS-99-003; STP O 12.93 (contact Pfizer for additional details).

**Engineering Controls:** Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels.

#### Personal Protective Equipment:

<b>Hands:</b>	None required under normal and foreseeable conditions of use.
<b>Eyes:</b>	Not required under normal conditions of use.
<b>Skin:</b>	None required under normal and foreseeable conditions of use.
<b>Respiratory protection:</b>	None required under normal conditions of use. Use dust mask for dusty conditions.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

<b>Physical State:</b>	Capsule	<b>Color:</b>	Yellow
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless	<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	Mixture
<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	Mixture		

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable

**Conditions to Avoid:** Contact with moist air causes darkening of this material. Direct sunlight, excessive heat, sparks or open flame

**Incompatible Materials:** Bases

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** No data available See Section 5 - under Hazardous combustion products.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<b>NTP:</b>	Not classified
<b>IARC:</b>	Not classified
<b>OSHA:</b>	No

#### Oxytetracycline hydrochloride

Mouse	Oral	LD50	6696 mg/kg
Mouse	SC	LD50	600mg/kg
Rat	SC	LD50	800mg/kg
Mouse	IV	LD50	100mg/kg
Rat	IV	LD50	302mg/kg

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## Starch

Mouse IP LD50 6600 mg/kg

## Magnesium stearate

Rat Oral LD50 > 2000 mg/kg

Rat Inhalation LC50 > 2000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

## Ingestion Acute Toxicity

The acute oral LD50 for the active ingredient is listed in the table, above. While this formulation has not been tested as a whole, it would not be expected to be toxic orally based on the amount of active ingredient it contains.

## Oxytetracycline hydrochloride

13 Week(s)	Mouse	Oral	3821 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	None identified
13 Week(s)	Rat	Oral	3352 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	Liver
12 Month(s)	Dog	Oral	125 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	Male reproductive system
24 Month(s)	Dog	Oral	250 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	None identified
14 Day(s)	Rat	Oral	108 g/kg	LOEL	Brain

## Subchronic Effects

Subacute and subchronic toxicity studies of oxytetracycline hydrochloride were performed in mice and rats for 14 days and 13 weeks. In the 14-day studies, no compound-related gross pathologic effects were seen in mice or rats given up to 100,000 ppm in their feed. In the 13-week studies, no compound-related gross or histopathologic effects were observed in male or female mice or in female rats given up to 50,000 ppm in their diet. In male rats, fatty metamorphosis of minimal severity was observed in the liver in all treated animals.

## Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity

Long-term studies of oxytetracycline hydrochloride toxicity were conducted by the US National Toxicology Program (NTP) in mice at doses up to 1400 mg/kg/day and in rats at doses up to 2000 mg/kg/day. In mice, no compound-related increases in non-neoplastic or neoplastic lesions were observed in males or females. In rats, increased incidences of pheochromocytomas of the adrenal gland in males and adenomas of the pituitary gland in females were observed. Under the conditions of these 2-year studies, the US National Toxicology Program concluded that there was equivocal evidence of carcinogenicity in male and female rats but no evidence of carcinogenicity in male or female mice.

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2 Generation Reproductive Toxicity	Rat	Oral	18 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	No effects at maximum dose
Embryo / Fetal Development	Rat	Oral	1500 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	Maternal Toxicity
Embryo / Fetal Development	Mouse	Oral	2100 mg/kg/day	NOAEL	Embryotoxicity

## Reproductive Effects

Effects on fertility (litter size) and embryo- or fetotoxicity were observed in rats at subcutaneous dose of oxytetracycline at 1000 mg/kg, in rabbits at intramuscular dose of 789 mg/kg, and in dogs at 643 mg/kg (no other details reported). Tetracyclines as a class are capable of crossing the placenta and causing staining of the primary teeth.

## Teratogenicity

No increase in congenital defects was found in mice and rats treated with oxytetracycline at oral doses of 1500 and 2100 mg/kg on days 6 - 15 of gestation, respectively. In rabbits, oxytetracycline was administered intramuscularly at 41.5 mg/kg/day from days 10 to 28 of gestation. The number and percentage of partial and total resorptions were significantly increased; no effects on fetal body weight were observed. No abnormalities were found at necropsy. Liver Reproductive system

## Mutagenicity

No evidence of mutagenicity was observed in the Ames test using S. typhimurium strains in the presence or absence of metabolic activation. Oxytetracycline hydrochloride was mutagenic in mouse lymphoma cells L5178Y/TK in the presence but not in the absence of metabolic activation. It was weakly positive in inducing sister chromatid exchanges in cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells with and without metabolic activation but did not induce chromosomal aberrations.

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24 Month(s)	Rat	Oral, in feed	150 mg/kg/day	NOEL	Not carcinogenic
103 Week(s)	Mouse	Oral, in feed	1372 mg/kg/day	NOEL	Not carcinogenic

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**Carcinogen Status:** Not listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or US OSHA.

**At increase risk from exposure:** Individuals who have shown hypersensitivity to this material or other materials in its chemical class and individuals with liver and/or kidney dysfunction or impairment may be more susceptible to toxicity in cases of overexposure. Individuals with alcoholic liver disease and also individuals with hyperlipidemia, especially hypertriglyceridemia, may be more likely to exhibit fatty changes from tetracycline.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Environmental Overview:** See Aquatic toxicity data of the active ingredient, below:

#### Oxytetracycline hydrochloride

Rainbow Trout LC50 > 116 mg/L

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Procedures:** Incineration is the recommended method of disposal for this material. Observe all local and national regulations when disposing of this material.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not regulated

**Proper shipping name:** Oxytetracycline hydrochloride capsules

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### OSHA Label:

CAUTION

Infants of mothers exposed during pregnancy may develop discoloration of the teeth

#### Canada - WHMIS: Classifications

#### WHMIS hazard class:

EU Classification/Labeling: Not classified.

#### Starch

EU EINECS List  
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)

232-679-6  
Listed

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### Magnesium stearate

EU EINECS List	209-150-3
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)	Listed

### Oxytetracycline hydrochloride

California Proposition 65	developmental toxicity, initial date 10/1/91 (internal use)
EU EINECS List	218-161-2
Inventory - United States TSCA - Sect. 8(b)	Listed

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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