

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:

PRODUCT NAME.....: Neutol Liquid NE  
PRODUCT CODE.....: BVMF8000  
CHEMICAL FAMILY.....: Aqueous Photochemical Solution  
BUSINESS GROUP.....: Photo Imaging Systems  
AGFA MSDS NUMBER....: 620p.002

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS:

INGREDIENT NAME /CAS NUMBER	EXPOSURE LIMITS	CONCENTRATION (%)
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\*\*\*\*\* HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS \*\*\*\*\*  
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Potassium sulfite		
10117-38-1	OSHA PEL : Not Established ACGIH TLV: Not Established	10-20 %
Potassium carbonate		
584-08-7	OSHA PEL : Not Established ACGIH TLV: Not Established	10-20 %
Potassium bromide		
7758-02-3	OSHA PEL : Not Established ACGIH TLV: Not Established	0.5-1.0 %
Hydroquinone		
123-31-9	OSHA PEL : 2.0 mg/m3 TWA ACGIH TLV: 2.0 mg/m3 TWA	1- 5 %

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

This product as a whole has not been tested. This hazard information is for the individual ingredients.

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\* EMERGENCY OVERVIEW \*  
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\* WARNING! Color: Colorless to brownish; Form: Liquid; \*  
\* Odor: Odorless; Causes respiratory tract irritation; May \*  
\* cause allergic respiratory reaction; Causes skin irritation; \*  
\* May cause allergic skin reaction; Causes eye irritation; \*  
\* Irritating gases/fumes may be given off during burning or \*  
\* thermal decomposition. \*  
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POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

ROUTES OF ENTRY.....: Eye and skin contact, inhalation of vapors or mists, accidental ingestion.

HUMAN EFFECTS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE:

ACUTE INHALATION.....: The potassium sulfite, hydroquinone, potassium bromide, and potassium carbonate in this product are expected to be irritating to the respiratory tract with symptoms of coughing, sore throat, and runny nose. Potassium sulfite may cause an allergic reaction in some asthmatics and sulfite sensitive individuals. Possible symptoms include bronchoconstriction, sweating, flushing, hives, rapid heart rate, decreased blood pressure, and anaphylaxis.

CHRONIC INHALATION.....: Persons who have been previously sensitized to sulfites should take precautions to prevent the inhalation of potassium sulfite.

ACUTE SKIN CONTACT.....: Potassium sulfite, potassium bromide, and hydroquinone can be irritating to the skin with symptoms of reddening, itching, and swelling. Potassium carbonate can be severely irritating with symptoms of reddening, itching, swelling, and possible burns. Hydroquinone may cause skin sensitization with symptoms of rash, itching, hives, and swelling.

CHRONIC SKIN CONTACT.....: Sensitization with dermatitis or hives may occur.

ACUTE EYE CONTACT.....: Potassium sulfite, potassium bromide, and hydroquinone can be irritating to the eyes with symptoms of tearing, stinging, reddening, and swelling. Potassium carbonate can be severely irritating with possible burns.

CHRONIC EYE CONTACT.....: Repeated exposure to hydroquinone may cause intolerance of the eyes to light. In addition, repeated overexposure to hydroquinone may cause pigment deposition, which can extend into the cornea with continued exposure to high concentrations. This pigment deposition does not impair vision.

ACUTE INGESTION.....: Ingestion of this product may cause gastrointestinal irritation. Hydroquinone may be harmful if swallowed with symptoms including nausea, vomiting, drowsiness, dizziness, disorientation, bluish skin color, and stomach pain.

CHRONIC INGESTION.....: None known.

OTHER EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE.....: See Section 11.

CARCINOGENICITY.....: The components of this product are not listed by NTP, IARC or regulated as a carcinogen by OSHA.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE.....: Persons with preexisting eye or skin conditions or impaired pulmonary function may be more susceptible to the effects of this product.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES:**

FIRST AID FOR EYES.....: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician.

FIRST AID FOR SKIN.....: Flush affected areas promptly with water and soap for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. In case of continued irritation consult physician.

FIRST AID FOR INHALATION: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

FIRST AID FOR INGESTION.: Drink 1-2 glasses of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical attention. Take this MSDS to physician.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:**

FLASH POINT.....: Noncombustible

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA.....: Material is not combustible. Use extinguishing media suitable for other combustible materials in the area.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Evacuate personnel to a safe area. Keep

personnel removed and upwind of fire. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

UNUSUAL FIRE / EXPLOSION HAZARDS: When heated to decomposition emission of toxic fumes of SO<sub>2</sub> is possible.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:**

SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES.....: Use appropriate PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT during clean up. Dike Spill. Prevent liquid from entering sewers, waterways or low areas. Soak up with sawdust, sand, oil dry or other absorbent material. Spill may be neutralized with powdered Citric Acid. For disposal see section 13.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE:**

STORAGE TEMPERATURE(MIN/MAX): Store between 40 F (4.4 C) and 80 F (26 C). Preferred storage is at 68 F (20 C).

SHELF LIFE.....: N.A.

SPECIAL SENSITIVITY.....: Keep from freezing.

HANDLING/STORAGE PRECAUTIONS: Avoid eye and skin contact, and store in well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Do not store with incompatible materials. Do not store or consume food, drink or tobacco in area where they may become contaminated with this material. For incompatibles see section 10.

OTHER NOTES.....: Keep out of the reach of children.

**8. PERSONAL PROTECTION:**

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS...: Splash protection required for eyes, e.g., eye glasses with side shields or goggles. For skin protection use chemical resistant gloves and aprons, e.g. made of neoprene, rubber or vinyl.

VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS.....: Use sufficient general room ventilation and/or local exhaust to maintain airborne levels of vapors below applicable exposure limits (see Section 2).

RESPIRATOR REQUIREMENTS.....: Under normal conditions of use, respirator protection is not required. If respirators are used, institute a program in accordance with OSHA standard 29CFR1010.134.

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES.....: Emergency showers and eye wash stations should be made available. Educate and train employees in the safe use and handling of this product.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

PHYSICAL FORM.....: Liquid

COLOR.....: Colorless to brownish

ODOR.....: Odorless

pH .....: Approx. 11.7

BOILING POINT.....: Greater than 212 F (100 C)

MELTING/FREEZING POINT....: Less than 32 F (0 C)

SOLUBILITY IN WATER .....: Soluble

SPECIFIC GRAVITY .....: 1.375 at 68 F (20 C)

BULK DENSITY.....: Not Applicable

VAPOR PRESSURE .....: Approx. 23 mbar at 68 F (20 C) (water)

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY:**

STABILITY.....: This is a stable material.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION...: Will not occur.

INCOMPATIBILITIES.....: Corrosive to metal. Strong acids, oxidizers

INSTABILITY CONDITIONS.....: None known.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS.....: In case of fire, oxides of sulfur, CO<sub>2</sub>, carbon monoxide and other potentially toxic fumes.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

TOXICITY DATA FOR: Hydroquinone

ACUTE TOXICITY

ORAL LD50.....: 320 mg/kg (Rat) (1)  
SKIN EFFECTS.....: 2% skin - mild (Human); 5% skin - severe (Human) (1)  
OTHER ACUTE EFFECTS: Oral-Human LDLO: 29 mg/kg (1)

CHRONIC TOXICITY.....: Adverse kidney effects have been observed primarily in one strain of male rat (F-344) following chronic administration of oral doses. Nephropathy did not occur in two other strains of rats, mice, or dogs. (2)

CARCINOGENICITY.....: Formation of benign kidney tumors occurred only after nephropathy developed and only in one strain of male rat. Additional effects have been reported. Although an increase in leukemia was reported in the female F-344 rat, this result was not reproduced in a subsequent study. There was no evidence of cancer in male mice following chronic oral administration of hydroquinone. Increases in primarily benign tumors were noted in female mice, although this finding was not reproduced in a subsequent study. No tumors were reported in mice following long-term dermal application of hydroquinone. (2)

MUTAGENICITY.....: Studies using the Ames' test were generally negative. There is some evidence for mutagenicity from studies in animals, in isolated cells taken from animals and plants, and in other microorganisms. (2)

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Hydroquinone has not caused birth defects when administered orally at dose levels not causing systemic toxicity in the mother. (2)

REPRODUCTION.....: Hydroquinone has not caused reproductive effects in male or female animals when administered orally at dose levels not causing systemic toxicity in the mother. (2)

1 Occupational Health Services Material Safety Data Sheet  
2 Hydroquinone Health, Safety, and Environmental Information, Eastman Chemical Company

TOXICITY DATA FOR: Potassium Carbonate

ACUTE TOXICITY

ORAL LD50.....: 1870 mg/kg (rat) 1

1 Supplier MSDS

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

NO ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD.....: Recover nonusable free liquid and/or contaminated water, and dispose of in an approved and permitted treatment system. Remove nonusable solid material and/or contaminated soil, for disposal in an approved and permitted landfill. Discharge to sewer may require approval of permitting authority and may require pretreatment.

**14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:**

TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME.....: Potassium Carbonate Solution  
PRODUCT LABEL.....: Neutol Liquid NE

DOT (DOMESTIC SURFACE)  
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PROPER SHIPPING NAME.....: Caustic Alkali Liquid, N.O.S.  
HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION .....: 8  
UN/NA NUMBER.....: UN1719  
PACKING GROUP .....: III  
DOT PRODUCT RQ lbs (kgs).....: None  
HAZARD LABEL(s).....: Corrosive  
HAZARD PLACARD(s).....: Corrosive

Limited Quantity Exception may apply to this product, for "inner packagings not over 1.0 L (0.3 gal) for liquids and 1.0 kg (2.2 lb) for solids". 173.154 (b) (1). Each package must conform to the packaging requirements of Subpart B of Part 173 and may not exceed 30 kg (66 lb) gross weight. For further information consult the 49 CFR.

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 UN NUMBER.....: UN1719  
 SUBSIDIARY RISK.....: None  
 PACKING GROUP.....: III  
 HAZARD LABEL(s).....: Corrosive  
 RADIOACTIVE?.....: Non-Radioactive  
 PASSENGER AIR - MAX. QTY. ....: 1 L  
 PASSENGER PACKING INSTRUCTION..: 809  
 CARGO AIR - MAX. QTY. ....: 30 L  
 CARGO AIR PACKING INSTRUCTION..: 813

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

OSHA STATUS.....: This product is hazardous under the criteria of the Federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.  
 TSCA STATUS.....: On TSCA Inventory  
 CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY..: Hydroquinone (Reportable Quantity = 100 lbs.)  
 SARA TITLE III:  
   SECTION 302 EXTREMELY  
     HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES...: Hydroquinone (CAS# 123-31-9) - 1-5%  
   SECTION 311/312  
     HAZARD CATEGORIES.....: Immediate Health Hazard; Delayed Health Hazard  
   SECTION 313  
     TOXIC CHEMICALS.....: Hydroquinone (CAS# 123-31-9) - 1-5%  
 RCRA STATUS.....: If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a hazardous waste either by listing or by characteristic. However, under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the product user to determine at the time of disposal, whether a material containing the product or derived from the product should be classified as a hazardous waste. (40 CFR 261.20-24)

The following chemicals are specifically listed by individual states; other product specific health and safety data in other sections of the MSDS may also be applicable for state requirements. For details on your regulatory requirements you should contact the appropriate agency in your state.

COMPONENT NAME /CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION	STATE CODE
Water		
7732-18-5	40-60 %	PA3, NJ4
Potassium sulfite		
10117-38-1	10-20 %	PA3, NJ4
Potassium carbonate		
584-08-7	10-20 %	PA3, NJ4
Potassium bromide		
7758-02-3	0.5-1.0 %	PA3, NJ4
Hydroquinone		
123-31-9	1-5 %	PA1, PA4, MA, NJ1, NJ3

COMPONENT NAME

/CAS NUMBER	CONCENTRATION	STATE CODE
EDTA Tetrasodium salt 64-02-8	1-5 %	PA3, NJ4

MA = Massachusetts Hazardous Substance List  
 NJ1 = New Jersey Hazardous Substance List  
 NJ3 = New Jersey Special Health Hazardous Substance List  
 NJ4 = New Jersey Other - included in 5 predominant ingredients > 1%  
 PA1 = Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List  
 PA3 = Pennsylvania Non-hazardous present at 3% or greater.  
 PA4 = Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance List.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION:**

HMIS RATINGS:           Health   Flammability   Reactivity   Personal Prot  
                           2           0           0           B  
                           0=Minimal 1=Slight 2=Moderate 3=Serious 4=Severe  
                           B=Safety Glasses, Gloves

AGFA's method of hazard communication is comprised of Product Labels and Material Safety Data Sheets. HMIS ratings are provided by AGFA as a customer service.

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