

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

I. MANUFACTURER INFORMATION:

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II. MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION – UNKNOWN NUMBERS 138-146 & Custom Series 800:

Qualitative analysis unknowns are designed for individual student use in chemistry laboratory courses. Each package contains between 0.20 grams and 0.40 grams of solid chemical (pure or mixture) which is sealed in a small plastic vial bearing a code number. In typical use, the instructors of chemistry labs do not reveal the code number or the identity of the contents of any vial to students. Identity of each sample is known to the instructor or stockroom personnel by comparing the “Key” to the code numbers.

III. GROUP V CATIONS: INGREDIENTS, EXPOSURE LIMITS AND TOXICITY DATA

Please refer to the Key for the identification of cations for Unknown Numbers 138 – 146. The cations and corresponding raw materials are as follows:

Cation	Ingredient	CAS	TWA	LD50- Oral	LD50- Dermal	National Fire Protective Association		
				mg/m ³	mg/kg	H	F	R
K ⁺	KCl	7447-40-7		2600 (rat)		1	0	0
Mg ²⁺	MgCO ₃	23389-33-5		N/A			0	0
Na ⁺	NaHCO ₃	144-55-8		4220 (rat)		1	0	0
NH ₄ ⁺	NH ₄ Cl	12125-02-9	10	1650 (rat)		1	0	0

KCl: Potassium chloride

MgCO₃: Magnesium carbonate, basic; (4MgCO₃•Mg(OH)₂•5H₂O)

NaHCO₃: Sodium hydrogen carbonate, Sodium bicarbonate

NH₄Cl: Ammonium chloride

IV. HEALTH HAZARDS:

Due to the small amount of material in each package, the hazard associated with each package is minimal. This information is obtained from the MSDS of the individual raw materials and other reliable sources and may or may not be directly applicable to the small amount of the individual material or mixtures. The unknown vials are to be used under supervision of a chemist or trained laboratory instructor.

POTENTIAL HAZARD FROM ACUTE EXPOSURE

Ingredient	Eye Contact	Ingestion	Inhalation	Skin	
				Absorption	Contact
KCl	Irritation	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May cause irritation
MgCO ₃	Irritation	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May cause irritation
NaHCO ₃	Irritation	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May cause irritation
NH ₄ Cl	Irritation	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May be Harmful	May Cause irritation

V. FIRST AID MEASURES

- Skin:** Wash hands thoroughly after contact using soap and warm water. If spilled on clothing, flush affected areas with water, remove contaminated clothing as soon as possible and wash before reuse.
- Ingestion:** Because of the small sample size (400 mg or less), most of the unknowns present little hazard. Rinse out the mouth with plenty of water. If ingested, drink 1-2 glasses of water and induce vomiting. Seek medical attention.
- Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Obtain medical attention.
- Inhalation:** Remove victim to a well ventilated area. Seek medical attention.

VI. PHYSICAL DATA, STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA

Cation	MW	MP °C/°F	Stability	Flammability	Solubility in Cold Water	Comments
K ⁺	74.55	773.5/1424.3	Stable	Non-Flammable	Soluble	Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents, strong acids.
Mg ²⁺	485.65	Decompose	Stable	Non-Flammable	Insoluble	Reacts with acids
Na ⁺	84.01	Decompose 50/122	Stable	Non-Flammable	Soluble	Can react with acids and alkalis
NH ₄ ⁺	53.49	Sublimes 340°C	Stable	Non-Flammable	Soluble	Incompatible with lead and silver salts. Reacts with strong acids and bases.

VII. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

No fire or explosion hazards are known.

VIII. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Store in a well ventilated area and protect unknowns from light. Do not breathe dusts. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Keep vials closed when not in use. Wash thoroughly after handling. Dispose in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations.

The information provided in the MSDS is based on available information which is believed to be accurate and reliable. It is the user's responsibility to determine the suitability of this information for the adoption of necessary safety precautions. We make no warranty of merchantability or any other warranty, express or implied, with respect to such information, and assume no liability resulting from its use. We reserve the right to revise Material Safety Data Sheets periodically as new information becomes available.

The following sources were consulted:

1. Material Safety Data Sheets of the individual ingredients.
2. Sigma-Aldrich Library of Chemical Safety Data Ed. II; 1988

Practice good laboratory safety procedures when using chemicals.

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