



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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### Product Name: GRAM DECOLOURISER

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Other Names: N/A  
Manufacturer's Product Code: 16060  
Recommended Use: Solvent

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## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO CRITERIA OF WORKSAFE AUSTRALIA  
DANGEROUS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE**

Symbols: F Highly flammable  
Xi Irritant

Risk Phrases: R11 Highly Flammable  
R36 - Irritating to eyes.  
R66 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.  
R67 Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.

Safety Phrases: S2 Keep out of the reach of children  
S7 Keep container tightly closed  
S9 Keep container in a well ventilated place  
S16 Keep away from sources of ignition – No smoking  
S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

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## SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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### Hazardous Ingredients

| <i>Chemical Entity</i> | <i>CAS Number</i> | <i>Proportion (%)</i> |
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| Acetone                | 67-64-1           | 45 - 55               |
| Ethanol                | 64-17-5           | 45 - 55               |

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## SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

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### FIRST AID TREATMENT

**Swallowed:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment.

**Eye:** If in eyes, hold eyes open, flood with water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical assistance.

**Skin:** If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with water and follow by washing with soap if available. If irritation occurs seek medical advice.

**Inhaled:** Remove victim from exposure if safe to do so. If rapid recovery does not occur, transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. Remove contaminated clothing

**First Aid facilities:** Potable water should be available to rinse eyes or skin. Provide eye baths and safety showers.

**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically.

**Additional Information:** None available.

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**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**Specific Hazards:** A Highly flammable liquid. May form flammable vapour mixture with air. Avoid all ignition sources. Flameproof equipment necessary in area where chemical is being used. Nearby equipment must be earthed. Vapours may travel considerable distances to source of ignition and flashback. Vapours may accumulate in low or confined areas.

**Hazards from combustion products:** Carbon monoxide and/or Carbon dioxide may be evolved.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Highly flammable liquid. Heating can cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. Use Water fog or spray, alcohol stable foam, dry agent

**Additional Information:** Hazchem code 2[Y]E

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**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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Observe all local and national regulations

**Spills and Disposal:** Avoid contact with spilled or released material. Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading and entering waterway using sand, earth or other appropriate barriers. Take precautionary measure against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and earthing all equipment. Spills can be converted to non-flammable mixtures by dilution with water.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean Up Procedures:** For small spills (<1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labelled, sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow any residues to evaporate or use an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely.

For larger spills (> 1 drum), transfer by means such as a vacuum truck to a salvage tank for recovery or disposal. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow and residues to evaporate or use an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely.

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**SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage:** Avoid breathing of or contact with material. Use in well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with skin and eyes and clothing. Handle open containers in well ventilated area. Ensure that the workplace is ventilated such that the Occupational Exposure limit is not exceeded. Do not empty into drains. Do not eat, drink or smoke in contaminated areas. Before eating, drinking or smoking, remove contaminated clothing and wash hands. Do not store near strong oxidants.

**Dispensing:** Electrostatic charges may be generated during transfer. Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by earthing all equipment.

**Flammability:** Highly Flammable

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**SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Exposure Standards:** National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC) Worksafe Australia has set an exposure standard for acetone of 1185mg/m<sup>3</sup> (500ppm) TWA (8hr), STEL 2375mg/m<sup>3</sup> (1000ppm) and for ethanol of 1800mg/m<sup>3</sup> (1000ppm) TWA (8hr).

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Respiratory Protection:** If inhalation risk exists an approved organic vapour respirator (AS/NZS 1715 and 1716) should be worn.

**Hand Protection:** Use solvent resistant gloves. Nitrile, PVC or neoprene.

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety Goggles.

**Protective Clothing:** Use chemical resistant glove/gauntlets, boots and apron. Skin protection not ordinarily required beyond standard issue work clothes.

**Engineering Controls:** Ensure that adequate ventilation is provided. Maintain air concentrations below recommended exposure standards. Avoid generating and inhaling mists. Keep containers closed when not in use.

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**SECTION 9 IDENTIFICATION**

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Appearance                     | Colourless Clear Liquid |
| Odour                          | Characteristic          |
| pH:                            | N/A                     |
| Vapour Pressure (mmHg @ 20°C): | 186                     |
| Vapour Density (air = 1)       | 2 @ 15 Deg C            |
| Boiling Point (°C):            | 56-78                   |
| Freezing/Melting Point (°C):   | < -100                  |

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| Solubility in Water             | Miscible with water |
| Specific Gravity (g/ml @ 15°C): | 0.79                |
| Flashpoint (°C):                | -18 (Closed cup)    |
| Flammability Limits (%):        | 2.15 – 19.0         |
| Auto Ignition Temperature (°C): | 392                 |
| Percent Volatiles               | 100                 |

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**SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions of use.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidising agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Burning can produce carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.

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**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**HEALTH EFFECTS**

*Acute:*

**Swallowed:** Accidental swallowing is unlikely in the workplace setting. Swallowing can cause drunkenness or harmful central nervous system effects. The deliberate ingestion of ethanol (50-100ml) may cause inebriation such that safety is impaired. Effects of a small intake may include excitation, euphoria, headache, dizziness, drowsiness, blurred vision, and fatigue. Ingestion of a large amount may lead to severe acute intoxication, tremours, convulsion, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory arrest and death. Aspiration in to lung may cause pneumonitis.

**Eye:** Liquid is a moderate to severe eye irritant. High concentrations of 500-1000ppm are irritating to eyes.

**Skin:** Contact with skin may result in irritation. Will have a degreasing effect on the skin. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may lead to irritant contact dermatitis.

**Inhaled:** Vapour concentrations above 500ppm are irritating to the nose and throat. May cause central nervous system depression.

**Chronic:** Long term exposure by swallowing or repeated inhalation, may cause degenerative changes in the liver, kidneys, gastrointestinal tract and heart muscle.

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**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Ecotoxicity:**

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| Fish                      | : Expected to be harmful                                    |
| Aquatic Invertebrates     | : Expected to be harmful                                    |
| Algae                     | : Expected to be toxic                                      |
| Microorganisms            | : Expected to be Harmful                                    |
| Mobility                  | : Miscible with water                                       |
| Persistence/degradability | : Biodegradable, has negligible potential to bioaccumulate. |

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**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**Disposal Methods:** Ensure waste disposal conforms to local waste disposal regulations.

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**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| UN Number:                    | 1993 | Proper Shipping Name: | Flammable Liquid NOS |
| Class:                        | 3    | Subsidiary Risk:      | None allocated       |
| Packing Group:                | II   | Hazchem Code:         | 2[Y]E                |
| Special Precautions for User: | None |                       |                      |

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**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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| Poisons Schedule  | : 5      |
| AICS  | : Listed |
| Dangerous Goods Initial Emergency Response Guide (SA HB76:2004) | : 14     |

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**SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

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Further Information may be obtained by contacting Recochem on (07) 3308 5200

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