



# SILVER FERN CHEMICAL

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### PROPYLENE GLYCOL USP

#### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Name:** PROPYLENE GLYCOL USP

**CAS Number:** 57-55-6

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#### SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

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##### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Colorless liquid. Odorless. Toxic fumes are released in fire situations.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS (See Section 11 for toxicological data.)

**EYE:** May cause slight transient (temporary) eye irritation. Corneal injury is unlikely. Mists may cause eye irritation.

**SKIN:** Prolonged contact is essentially nonirritating to skin. A single prolonged exposure is not likely to result in the material being absorbed through skin in harmful amounts. Repeated exposures may cause flaking and softening of skin. May be absorbed in potentially harmful amounts when applied in large quantities to severe burns (second or third degree) over large areas of the body as part of a cream or other topical application. Absorption under such circumstances can elevate serum osmolality and may result in osmotic shock.

**INGESTION:** Single dose oral toxicity is considered to be extremely low. No hazards anticipated from swallowing small amounts incidental to normal handling operations.



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**INHALATION:** At room temperature, vapors are minimal due to physical properties. Mists may cause irritation of upper respiratory tract.

**SYSTEMIC (OTHER TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS:** Repeated excessive ingestion may cause central nervous system effects.

**CANCER INFORMATION:** Did not cause cancer in long-term animal studies.

**TERATOLOGY (BIRTH DEFECTS):** Birth defects are unlikely. Exposures having no adverse effects on the mother should have no effect on the fetus.

**REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS:** In animal studies, has been shown not to interfere with reproduction.

### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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#### COMPOSITION:

Propylene glycol	CAS# 57-55-6	>99.8%
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### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

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**EYE:** Flush eyes with plenty of water.

**SKIN:** Wash off in flowing water or shower.

**INGESTION:** No adverse effects anticipated by this route of exposure incidental to proper industrial handling.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air if effects occur. Consult a physician.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** No specific antidote. Supportive care. Treatment based on judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

### SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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#### **FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES**



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FLASH POINT: 218F, 103C

METHOD USED: PMCC

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not determined

FLAMMABILITY LIMITS

LFL: 2.6%

UFL: 12.5%

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to unidentified toxic and/or irritating compounds. Hazardous combustion products may include and are not limited to: aldehydes, carbon monoxide.

OTHER FLAMMABILITY INFORMATION: Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot possibly resulting in spontaneous combustion.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water fog or fine spray. Carbon dioxide. Dry chemical. Foam. Alcohol resistant foams (ATC type) are preferred if available. General purpose synthetic foams (including AFFF) or protein foams may function, but much less effectively. Do not use direct water stream. Will spread fire.

MEDIA TO BE AVOIDED: Do not use direct water stream.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Keep people away. Isolate fire area and deny unnecessary entry. Burning liquids may be moved by flushing with water to protect personnel and minimize property damage. Burning liquids may be extinguished by dilution with water. Do not use direct water stream. May spread fire.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTERS: Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, pants, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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(See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

PROTECT PEOPLE: Isolate area.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT: Contain liquid to prevent contamination



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of soil, surface water or ground water.

**CLEANUP:** For small spills, clean up with absorbent material. Collect material in suitable and properly labeled open containers. For large spills, dike and pump into suitable and properly labeled containers.

#### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**HANDLING:** Product handled hot may require additional ventilation or local exhaust.

**STORAGE:** Keep containers tightly closed when not in use. Store in stainless steel, aluminum, Plasite 3066 lined containers, or 316 stainless steel.

#### SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Provide general and/or local exhaust ventilation to control airborne levels below the exposure guidelines.

##### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**EYE/FACE PROTECTION:** Use safety glasses. Safety glasses should be sufficient for most operations; however, for misty operations wear chemical goggles.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Use gloves impervious to this material.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Atmospheric levels should be maintained below the exposure guideline. When respiratory protection is required for certain operations, use an approved air-purifying respirator. In misty atmospheres, use an approved mist respirator.

**EXPOSURE GUIDELINE(S):** Propylene glycol: AIHA WEEL is 50 ppm total, 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> aerosol only.

#### SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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**APPEARANCE:** Colorless liquid



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ODOR: Odorless

VAPOR PRESSURE: 0.08 mmHg @ 20C, 68F

VAPOR DENSITY: 2.62

BOILING POINT: 370F, 188C

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Complete

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.038 20/20C, 68F

#### SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Product can decompose at elevated temperatures.

INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS: Avoid contact with oxidizing materials.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: When available oxygen is limited, as in a fire or when heated to very high temperatures by hot wire or plate, carbon monoxide and other hazardous compounds such as aldehydes might be generated.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

#### SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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(See Section 3 for Potential Health Effects.)

SKIN: The LD50 for skin absorption in rabbits is >10,000 mg/kg.

INGESTION: The oral LD50 for rats is 20,000-34,000 mg/kg.

MUTAGENICITY: In vitro mutagenicity studies were negative. Animal mutagenicity studies were negative.

#### SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

**MOVEMENT & PARTITIONING:** Based largely or completely on information for similar material(s), i.e. propylene glycol.

Bioconcentration potential is low (BCF less than 100 or Log Pow less than 3). Log octanol/water partition coefficient (log Pow) is -0.92. Henry's Law Constant (H) is 1.2E-8 atm.m<sup>3</sup>/mole.

**DEGRADATION & PERSISTENCE:** Based largely or completely on information for similar material(s), i.e. propylene glycol.

Biodegradation under aerobic static laboratory conditions is high (BOD<sub>20</sub> or BOD<sub>28</sub>/ThOD greater than 40%). Biodegradation is expected to be achievable in a secondary wastewater treatment plant. 5-Day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) is 1.16 p/p. 20-Day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>20</sub>) is 1.45 p/p. Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD) is calculated to be 1.68 p/p. Inhibitory concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>) in OECD Activated Sludge Respiration Inhibition Test (OECD Test No. 209) is greater than 1 gm/L. Degradation is expected in the atmospheric environment within minutes to hours.

**ECOTOXICITY:** Based largely or completely on information for similar material(s), i.e. propylene glycol. Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC<sub>50</sub> greater than 100 mg/L in most sensitive species).

Acute LC<sub>50</sub> for fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) is 46500-54900 mg/L.

Acute LC<sub>50</sub> for guppy (*Poecilia reticulata*) is greater than 10000 mg/L.

Acute LC<sub>50</sub> for water flea *Daphnia magna* is 4850-34400 mg/L.

Acute LC<sub>50</sub> for rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) is 44 mL/L (about 44000 mg/L).

#### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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(See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

**DISPOSAL:** DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal methods must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations.

Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. SILVER FERN CHEMICAL



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HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION 2 (Composition/Information On Ingredients).

FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: recycler, reclaimer, incinerator, waste water treatment system.

#### SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: This product is not regulated by D.O.T. when shipped domestically by land.

CANADIAN TDG INFORMATION: For TDG regulatory information, if required, consult transportation regulations.

*This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.*

#### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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NOTICE: The information herein is presented in good faith and believed to be accurate as of the effective date shown above. However, no warranty, express or implied is given. Regulatory requirements are subject to change and may differ from one location to another; it is the buyer's responsibility to ensure that its activities comply with federal, state or provincial, and local laws. The following specific information is made for the purpose of complying with numerous federal, state or provincial, and local laws and regulations. See other sections for health and safety information.

##### U.S. REGULATIONS

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SARA 313 INFORMATION: To the best of our knowledge, this product contains no chemical subject to SARA Title III Section 313 supplier notification requirements.

SARA HAZARD CATEGORY: This product has been reviewed according to the EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories: Not to have met any hazard category

##### TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA):

All ingredients are on the TSCA inventory or are not required to be listed on the TSCA inventory.



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STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW: The following product components are cited on certain state lists as mentioned. Non-listed components may be shown in the composition section of the MSDS.

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS NUMBER	LIST
1,2-PROPANEDIOL	57-55-6	PA1

PA1=Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance (present at greater than or equal to 1.0%).

#### OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD:

This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### CANADIAN REGULATIONS

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WHMIS INFORMATION: The Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Classification for this product is:

This product is not a "Controlled Product" under WHMIS.

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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#### NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) RATINGS:

Health 0  
Flammability 1  
Reactivity 0

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