



# Material Safety Data Sheet

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## SECTION 1 – PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Supplier(s):**

Orica Canada Inc.  
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For MSDS Requests: 1-450-533-4201

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**Manufacturer:**

Hallowell Manufacturing LLC.  
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Columbus, KS 66725-0348  
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**Product Name:**

**Apex™ Super 3000 & Apex™ Super 6000**

**Product Code:**

121

**Alternate Name(s):**

Apex™ Super 3000H & Apex™ Super 6000H

**UN-No:**

UN0332

**Recommended Use:**

A booster sensitive hexamine nitrate slurry explosive.

**Emergency Telephone Number:** FOR CHEMICAL EMERGENCIES (24 HOUR) INVOLVING TRANSPORTATION, SPILL, LEAK, RELEASE, FIRE OR ACCIDENTS: **IN CANADA CALL: THE ORICA TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM AT 1-877-561-3636. IN THE U.S. CALL: CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300. IN THE U.S.: FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR MISPLACED EXPLOSIVES CALL: BATF 1-800-800-3855.** FORM ATF F 5400.0 MUST BE COMPLETED AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES (STATE/MUNICIPAL POLICE, ETC.) MUST BE ADVISED.

## SECTION 2 – HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:**

Risk of explosion by shock, fire of other sources of ignition. If misused or disposed of improperly, material could explode and cause death or serious injury. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. Harmful if swallowed. May cause central nervous system depression.

**Appearance:**

Grey/ white gel

**Physical State:**

Gel

**Odor:**

Odorless

## SECTION 3 – COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS-No	Weight %
Ammonium Nitrate	6484-52-2	50-75
Sodium Perchlorate	7601-89-0	1-7
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	3-7
Hexamine	100-97-0	4-10
Guar Gum	9000-30-0	0-1

## SECTION 4 – FIRST AID MEASURES

**General Advice:**

In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice IMMEDIATELY (show the product label where possible).

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact:**

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water, removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

**Inhalation:**

Move victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration ONLY if breathing has stopped. Give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if there is not breathing AND no pulse. Obtain medical advice IMMEDIATELY.

**Ingestion:**

Immediate medical attention is required. Do not induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water and afterwards drink plenty of water. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, have victim lean forward with head positioned to avoid breathing in of vomitus, rinse mouth and administer more water. Never give anything by mouth to and unconscious person.

**Notes to physician:** Symptomatic. Administer oxygen if there are signs of cyanosis. If clinical condition deteriorates, administer 10cc Methylene Blue intravenously. It is unlikely for this to be required with methemoglobin level of less than 40%.

## SECTION 5 – FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammable properties:** Not itself combustible but assists fire in burning materials. The product does not flash. Rate of burning: does not sustain burning at atmospheric pressure.

**Suitable extinguishing media:** DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES. Evacuate surrounding areas. When controlling fire before involvement of explosives, fire-fighters should wear positive pressure self-containing breathing apparatus (SCBA) and full turnout gear. Water may be applied through fixed extinguishing system (sprinklers) as long as people need not be present for the system to operate.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES. Attempts to smother a fire involving this product will be ineffective as it is its own oxygen source. Smother this product could lead to decomposition and explosion. This product is more sensitive to detonation if contaminated with organic or oxidisable material or if heated while confined. Unless the mass of product on fire is flooded with water, re-ignition is possible.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:** This product is a high explosive with mass detonation hazard. DO NOT FIGHT FIRES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS. Immediately evacuate all personnel from the area to a safe distance. Guard against re-entry. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, NIOSH approved (or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## SECTION 6 – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Methods for containment:** Do not breathe dust. Scrape up.

**Methods for cleaning up:** Avoid the use of metal tools containing iron and/or copper. Be careful to avoid shock, friction, and contact with grit. Collect product for recovery or disposal. For release to land, contain discharge by constructing dykes or applying inert absorbent; for release to water, utilize damming and/or water diversion to minimize the spread of contamination. Collect contaminated soil and water, and absorbent for proper disposal. Notify applicable government authority if release is reportable or could adversely affect the environment.

**Other information:** Deactivating chemicals: Not applicable.

## SECTION 7 – HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** This product is an explosive and should only be used under the supervision of trained personnel. The use of coveralls is recommended. Use good industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

**Storage:** Store under moderate temperatures recommended by a technical services representative. Store under dry conditions in a well ventilated magazine that has been approved for either detonator storage or explosive storage. Do NOT store explosives in a detonator magazine or detonators in an explosive magazine. Keep away from heat, spark and flames. Keep containers closed. Explosives should be kept well away from initiating explosives; protected from physical damage; separated from oxidizing materials; combustibles, and sources of heat. Keep away from incompatibles. Ideal storage temperature is 10-27 °C (50-80 °F). Do not expose sealed containers to temperatures above 40 °C (104 °F).

## SECTION 8 – EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Nitric Acid	TWA: 2ppm STEL: 4ppm	TWA: 2ppm TWA: 5 mg/ m <sup>3</sup>	
Guar Gum	TWA: 5 mg/ m <sup>3</sup>		

**Other exposure guidelines:** Ammonium Nitrate: ORICA Guideline 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (internal TWA).

**Engineering Measures:** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

## Personal Protective Equipment

### Eye/Face Protection:

Tightly fitting safety goggles.

### Skin Protection:

User should verify impermeability under normal conditions of use prior to general use. Impervious butyl rubber gloves.

### Respiratory Protection:

In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment. A NIOSH-approved respirator, if required.

## Hygiene Measures:

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Recommendations listed in this section indicate the type of equipment, which will provide protection against over exposure to this product. Conditions of use, adequacy of engineering or other control measures, and actual exposures will dictate the need for specific protective devices at your workplace.

## SECTION 9 – PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance:

Grey/ white gel

### Physical State:

Gel

### pH:

4 - 6

### Autoignition Temperature:

No data available

### Melting Point/Range:

Not available

### Flammable Limits (Lower):

Not Applicable

### Specific Gravity:

1.12-1.25 g/cc

### Other Solubility:

Not available

### Oxidizing Properties:

Oxidizer

### Odor:

Odorless

### Viscosity:

No information available

### Flash Point:

Not applicable

### Boiling Point/Range:

None

### Flammable Limits

#### (Upper):

Not applicable

### Explosion Power:

No data available

### Water Solubility:

No data available

### Vapor Pressure:

Not applicable

### Partition Coefficient

#### (n-octanol/water):

No data available

## SECTION 10 – STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Stability:

Stable under normal conditions. Decomposition Temperature: Ammonium Nitrate will spontaneously decompose at 210°C (410°F).

### Conditions to avoid:

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Not expected to be sensitive to static discharge. Not expected to be sensitive to mechanical impact.

### Incompatible materials:

Avoid oxidizable materials, metal powder, bronze & copper alloys, fuels (e.g. lubricants, machine oils), fluorocarbon lubricants, acids, corrosive liquids, chlorate, sulphur, sodium nitrite, charcoal, coke and other finely divided combustibles. Strong oxidizing and reducing agents.

### Hazardous decomposition products:

The following toxic decomposition products may be released. At temperatures above 210°C, decomposition may be explosive, especially if confined. Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Carbon oxide. Hydrocarbons.

### Hazardous Polymerization:

None under normal processing. Hazardous polymerization does not occur. Explosive material under shock conditions.

## SECTION 11 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information:

Irritating to eyes. May cause skin irritation. Harmful if swallowed.

Chemical name	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ammonium Nitrate	2217 mg/kg Rat	3000 mg/kg Rabbit	88.8 mg/L Rat 4 h
Sodium Perchlorate	2100 mg/ kg Rat		
Nitric Acid			7 mg/ L Rat 1h
Hexamine	569 mg/ kg Mouse		
Guar Gum	6770-7060 mg/ kg Rat		

### Subchronic Toxicity (28 Days):

Ammonium Nitrate: Ingestion may cause methemoglobinemia. Initial manifestation of methemoglobinemia is cyanosis, characterized by navy lips, tongue and mucous membranes, with skin color being slate grey. Further manifestation is characterized by headache, weakness, dyspnea, dizziness, stupor, respiratory distress and death due to anoxia. If ingested, nitrates may be reduced to nitrites by bacteria in the digestive tract. Signs and symptoms of nitrite poisoning include methemoglobinemia, nausea, dizziness, increased heart rate, hypotension, fainting and, possibly shock.

Sodium perchlorate: Long term overexposure to perchlorate may cause bone marrow damage. Some cases of aplastic anemia have been reported. Perchlorates suppress the uptake of iodine by the thyroid gland and can, in rare cases, cause goiter in chronically exposed workers. It is our belief

that under conditions of normal occupational exposure, this product should not pose such a hazard to the worker.

**Chronic Toxicity:** May cause methemoglobinemia.  
**Carcinogenicity:** The ingredients of this product are not classified as carcinogenic by ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists) or IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer), not regulated as carcinogens by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), and not listed as carcinogens by NTP (National Toxicology Program).  
**Mutagenic effects:** There is no evidence of mutagenic potential.  
**Irritation:** Irritating to eyes. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. May cause skin irritation in susceptible persons.  
**Reproductive effects:** No information is available and no adverse reproductive effects are anticipated.  
**Developmental effects:** No information is available and no adverse developmental effects are anticipated.  
**Target Organ:** Eyes, skin, respiratory system, blood, kidney, liver, urinary tract, blood, endocrine system, immune system & gastrointestinal tract (GI).

## SECTION 12 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity effects:** Dissolves slowly in water. Harmful to aquatic life at low concentrations.  
Environmental Effects: Can be dangerous if allowed to enter drinking water intakes. Do not contaminate domestic or irrigation water supplies, lakes, streams, ponds, or rivers.

Chemical Name	Freshwater Algae Data	Freshwater Fish Species Data	Microtox Data	Water Flea Data	log Pow
Nitric Acid					2.3

**Persistence/Degradability:** Some water resistance but soluble with extended time periods.  
**Mobility in Environmental media:** Dissolves slowly in water.

## SECTION 13 – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Method:** Burn under supervision of an expert at an explosive burning ground or destroy by detonation in boreholes, in accordance with applicable local, provincial and federal regulations. Call upon the services of an SEC/ Hallowell Technical Representative.

## SECTION 14 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Explosive, blasting type E  
**Hazard Class:** 1.5D  
**UN-No:** UN0332  
**Packing group:** II  
**TDG Proper Shipping Name:** Explosive, blasting type E  
**Hazard Class:** 1.5D  
**UN-No:** UN0332  
**Packing group:** II

**Transportation Emergency Telephone Number: 1-877-561-3636 or CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300**

## SECTION 15 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

**CANADIAN CLASSIFICATION:** This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR (Controlled Products Regulations) and this MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

**WHMIS hazard class:** This product is an explosive and is not regulated by WHMIS.

### USA CLASSIFICATION:

SARA Regulations Sections 313 and 40 CFR 372: This product contains the following toxic chemical(s) subject to reporting requirements, Ammonium Nitrate (6484-52-2), Nitric Acid (7697-37-2), Hexamine(100-97-0), Sodium Perchlorate (7601-89-0), & Guar Gum (9000-30-0)

### SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

**Acute Health Hazard:** Yes  
**Chronic Health Hazard:** Yes  
**Fire Hazard:** Yes

**Reactive Hazard:** Yes

**Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard:** No

Ozone Protection and 40 CFR 42: No reportable quantities of ozone depleting agents

**Other Regulations/Legislations which apply to this product:** New Jersey Right-to-Know, Pennsylvania Right-to-Know, Massachusetts Right-to-Know, Rhode Island Right-to-Know, Florida, New Jersey Special Health Hazard Substance List, Minnesota Hazardous Substance List, California Director's List of Hazardous Substances, California Proposition 65.

**TSCA:** Complies

**DSL:** Complies

**NDSL:** Complies

The components in the product are on the following international inventory lists:

Chemical Name	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	ENCS	EINECS	ELINCS	CHINA	KECL	PICCS	AICS
Ammonium Nitrate	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X
Sodium Perchlorate	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X
Nitric Acid	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X
Hexamine	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X
Guar Gum	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X

Legend: X – Listed

## SECTION 16 – OTHER INFORMATION

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