

# UNIVERSAL SURFACE CLEANER

## Safety Data Sheet



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### Section 1 – Identification of the Material and Supplier

Chemical Nature:	Water solution of detergent ingredients.
Trade Name:	<b>Universal Surface Cleaner</b>
Product Code:	UNIV5, UNIV20
Product Use:	Hard-surface cleaner for application by spray and-wipe, mop, sponge or scrubbing machine.
Creation Date:	<b>July 2025</b>
This version issued:	This SDS issued July 2025 shall remain valid for 5 years unless a new SDS is issued in the meantime. Please contact Cleaning Trade Sales & Service to ensure you have the latest version of this product's SDS.

**Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 11 26 from anywhere in Australia**

#### SUPPLIER DETAILS

Company: Cleaning Trade Sales & Service  
Address: 1/68 Reservoir Road, Modbury SA 5092, Australia  
Telephone: 08 8395 9409  
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### Section 2 - Hazards Identification

#### Statement of Hazardous Nature

This product is classified as: Xi, Irritating. Hazardous according to the criteria of SWA.

Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

**Risk Phrases:** R36/38. Irritating to eyes and skin.

**Safety Phrases:** S2, S26, S45, S24/25, S37/39. Keep out of reach of children. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre immediately (show this SDS where possible). Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

**SUSMP Classification:** S5

**ADG Classification:** None allocated. Not a Dangerous Good according to Australian Dangerous Goods (ADG) Code, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria.

**UN Number:** None allocated



#### GHS Signal word: DANGER

Skin irritation – Category 2

Eye damage – Category 1

#### HAZARD STATEMENT:

H315: Causes skin irritation.

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

#### PREVENTION

P102: Keep out of reach of children.

P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.

P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

#### RESPONSE

P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE phone Australia 131 126 or doctor/physician.

P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.

P362+P364: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before re-use.

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### DISPOSAL

P501: If they can not be recycled, dispose of contents to an approved waste disposal plant and containers to landfill (see Section 13 of this SDS).

### Emergency Overview

**Physical Description & Colour:** Clear, red liquid.

**Odour:** Characteristic odour of 2-butoxyethanol.

**Major Health Hazards:** This product is irritating to eyes and skin.

### Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc. %	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Alkaline Salts	secret	<10	not set	not set
2-Butoxyethanol	111-76-2	<10	not set	not set
Sodium metasilicate	6834-92-0	<10	not set	not set
Nonionic surfactants	various	<10	not set	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	various	10-30	not set	not set
Water	7732-18-5	to 100	not set	not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak" is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

#### General Information:

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

**Inhalation:** No first aid measures normally required. However, if inhalation has occurred, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists more than about 30 minutes, seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** Wash gently and thoroughly with warm water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 10-20 minutes or until product is removed. Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands and belts) and completely decontaminate them before reuse or discard. If irritation persists, repeat flushing and seek medical attention.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15 minutes or until the product is removed, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face. Obtain medical attention immediately. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** The major hazard in fires is usually inhalation of heated and toxic or oxygen deficient (or both), fire gases. There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this product at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. This will only occur after heating to dryness.

Fire decomposition products from this product are likely to be irritating if inhaled.

**Extinguishing Media:** Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.

**Fire Fighting:** If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade.

**Flash point:** Does not burn.

**Upper Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Lower Flammability Limit:** Does not burn.

**Autoignition temperature:** Not applicable - does not burn.

**Flammability Class:** Does not burn.

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### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. Wear full protective clothing including eye/face protection. All skin areas should be covered. See below under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. Suitable materials for protective clothing include rubber, PVC. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective glasses and, preferably, goggles. If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a respirator. Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned below (section 8). Otherwise, not normally necessary.

Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Can be slippery on floors, especially when wet. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Contaminated area may be neutralised by washing with weak or dilute acid. Vinegar, citrus juice and most soft drinks may be suitable. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

### Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

**Storage:** This product is a Scheduled Poison. Observe all relevant regulations regarding sale, transport and storage of this schedule of poison. Make sure that containers of this product are kept tightly closed. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Incompatibilities" in Section 10. Some liquid preparations settle or separate on standing and may require stirring before use. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

### Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

<b>SWA Exposure Limits</b>	<b>TWA (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>STEL (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
2-Butoxyethanol	not set	not set

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

**Ventilation:** No special ventilation requirements are normally necessary for this product. However make sure that the work environment remains clean and that vapours and mists are minimised.

**Eye Protection:** Protective glasses or goggles should be worn when this product is being used. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities are also recommended in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Prevent skin contact by wearing impervious gloves, clothes and, preferably, apron. Make sure that all skin areas are covered. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from rubber or PVC.

**Respirator:** Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

### Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

**Physical Description & colour:** Clear, red liquid.

**Odour:** Characteristic odour of 2-butoxyethanol.

**Boiling Point:** Approximately 100°C at 100kPa. Below

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 0°C.

**Volatiles:** 80-90%

**Vapour Pressure:** 2.37 kPa at 20°C (water vapour pressure).

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<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.1
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Completely soluble in water.
<b>pH:</b>	11-12 (as supplied)
<b>Volatility:</b>	No data.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data.
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	<1
<b>Coeff Oil/water Distribution:</b>	No data
<b>Autoignition temp:</b>	Not applicable - does not burn.

### Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity:** This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions

**Conditions to Avoid:** Keep containers tightly closed.

**Incompatibilities:** acids, oxidising agents. Do not store in aluminium or galvanised containers.

**Fire Decomposition:** Only small quantities of decomposition products are expected from this product at temperatures normally achieved in a fire. This will only occur after heating to dryness. Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and possibly smoke. Water is also formed. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

**Polymerisation:** This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

### Section 11 - Toxicological Information

#### Information on toxicological effects:

Acute toxicity	No known significant effects or hazards.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Irritant.
Serious eye damage/irritation	Serious eye damage
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	No known significant effects or hazards.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No known significant effects or hazards.
Carcinogenicity	No known significant effects or hazards.
Reproductive toxicity	No known significant effects or hazards.
Specific target organ toxicity (STOT)- single exposure	No known significant effects or hazards.
Specific target organ toxicity (STOT)- repeated exposure	No known significant effects or hazards.
Aspiration hazard	No known significant effects or hazards.

### Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

Ingredient:	Health effects:
Alkaline Salts	Skin corrosion and severe eye damage.
Nonionic detergents	Skin irritation and severe eye damage.
Sodium metasilicate	Skin corrosion and serious eye damage. Oral (rat) LD <sub>50</sub> : 1153 mg/kg.
2-butoxy ethanol	Skin irritation and eye irritation. Harmful if swallowed, if inhaled and in contact with skin. 2-butoxyethanol is a severe eye irritant. Results of skin irritation studies are conflicting; however, it is considered to be a mild to moderate skin irritant in test animals. Contact dermatitis has been reported in a few cases. There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs. Acute oral (rat) LD <sub>50</sub> : 1480 mg/kg. Inhalation (LC <sub>50</sub> ) (mouse): 700 ppm/7hrs.

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### Potential Health Effects

#### Inhalation:

**Short Term Exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. However product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

#### Skin Contact:

**Short Term Exposure:** This product is a skin irritant. Symptoms may include itchiness and reddening of contacted skin. Other symptoms may also become evident, but if treated promptly, all should disappear once exposure has ceased.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

#### Eye Contact:

**Short Term Exposure:** This product is an eye irritant. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other symptoms may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased. However, lengthy exposure or delayed treatment may cause permanent damage.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

#### Ingestion:

**Short Term Exposure:** Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. However, this product is an oral irritant. Symptoms may include burning sensation and reddening of skin in mouth and throat. Other symptoms may also become evident, but all should disappear once exposure has ceased.

**Long Term Exposure:** No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

#### Carcinogen Status:

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA.

**NTP:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

**IARC:** 2-butoxyethanol is Class 3 - unclassifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

See the IARC website for further details. A web address has not been provided as addresses frequently change.

### Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

Ingredient	Risk Phrases
Sodium Metasilicate	>=5%Conc<10%: Xi; R36/38

### Section 12 - Ecological Information

Insufficient data to be sure of status. However, until diluted or neutralised it will kill all aquatic organisms it contacts due to high pH.

Biodegradation studies indicate that 2-butoxyethanol will be readily degraded by micro-organisms present at sewage treatment plants. Ready biodegradability tests showed that it achieved a biodegradation rate of greater than 77% after 3 days and 100% after 7 days. A 20-day biochemical oxygen demand test and an OECD 28-day closed bottle test gave it degradation rates of 75% and 88% respectively. Literature data confirm these results.

### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

**Disposal:** Containers should be emptied as completely as practical before disposal. If possible, recycle product and containers either in-house or send to recycle company. If this is not practical, send to a commercial waste disposal site.

### Section 14 - Transport Information

**UN Number:** This product is not classified as a Dangerous Good by ADG, IATA or IMDG/IMSBC criteria. No special transport conditions are necessary unless required by other regulations.

### Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**AICS:** All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with NICNAS regulations. The following ingredients: 2-Butoxyethanol, Sodium metasilicate, are mentioned in the SUSMP.

### Section 16 - Other Information

This document has been produced in accordance with the requirements of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labeling.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

End of SDS.