

Safety Data Sheet

Classified According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS)

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation: Ammonia Buffer, for Hardness Testing

Product Number: 616

Other Identifying Product Numbers: 616-1

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company: Ricca Chemical Company

Address: 448 West Fork Drive

Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone: 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hours)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300

CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements:
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 1	H314	P260, P264, P280, P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353, P363, P304+P340, P310, P321, P305+P351+P338, P405, P501
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280, P305+P351+P338, P310
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)	Category 2	H401	P273, P501

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2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P260	Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
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 CENTER or physician.
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

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SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H ₂ O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	84.90
Ammonium Chloride	NH ₄ Cl	53.49 g/mol	12125-02-9	7.44
Ammonium Hydroxide	NH ₄ OH	35.04 g/mol	1336-21-6	7.14
Ammonium Sulfide	(NH ₄) ₂ S	68.14 g/mol	12135-76-1	0.51

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. General First Aid Information

Eye Contact: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. May cause severe irritation with possible permanent damage.

Inhalation: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

Skin Contact: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. May cause serious damage to the skin. Effects may include redness, pain, skin burns.

Ingestion: IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Causes serious eye damage. WARNING! Hazardous fumes and liquid. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. If ingested, do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water and call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. For eyes, get medical attention. Contact with acid may release Hydrogen Sulfide fumes. EYE CONTACT: May cause severe irritation with possible permanent damage. SKIN CONTACT: May cause serious damage to the skin. Effects may include redness, pain, skin burns.

4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Use water spray to blanket fire, cool fire exposed containers, and to flush non-ignited spills or vapors away from fire.

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5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Flammable vapors may accumulate in confined spaces.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Contain spill. Do not flush to sewer. Absorb with suitable inert material (vermiculite, dry sand, etc) and place in a chemical waste container for proper disposal in an approved waste disposal facility. Ventilate area of spill. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Store below 25°C. Empty containers may be hazardous since they retain product residues.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1 Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Ammonium Chloride (12125-02-9)	TLV-STEL	USA	20 mg/m ³ STEL (fume)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Ammonium Chloride (12125-02-9)	TLV-TWA	USA	10 mg/m ³ TWA (fume)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)
Ammonium Hydroxide (1336-21-6)	TWA	USA	50 ppm TWA; 35 mg/m ³ TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Ammonium Hydroxide (1336-21-6)	TLV-STEL	USA	35 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Ammonium Hydroxide (1336-21-6)	TLV-TWA	USA	25 ppm TWA	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

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8.2. Exposure Controls

Engineering Controls: A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limit.

Respiratory Protection: If the TLV is exceeded, a half-mask organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to 10 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full facepiece organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the respirator supplier, whichever is lowest.

Skin Protection: Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. If the TLV is exceeded, a half-mask organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to 10 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full facepiece organic vapor respirator may be worn for up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.



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SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Pale greenish yellow liquid

Physical State: Liquid

Odor: Data not available.

Odor Threshold: Data not available.

pH: 9.90 - 10.10

Melting/Freezing Point: Approximately 0°C

Initial Boiling Point/Range: Approximately 100°C - Approximately 100°C

Flash Point: Data not available.

Evaporation Rate: Data not available.

Flammability: Data not available.

Flammability/Explosive Limits: Data not available.

Vapor Pressure: Data not available.

Vapor Density: Data not available.

Relative Density: 0.9

Solubility: Miscible

Partition Coefficient: Data not available.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Data not available.

Decomposition Temperature: Data not available.

Viscosity: Data not available.

Explosive Properties: Data not available.

Oxidizing Properties: Data not available.

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizers, acids, Calcium Hypochlorite bleaches, gold, mercury, silver, halogens. Do not acidify.

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

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SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Not applicable.

Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: 350 mg/kg (Ammonium Hydroxide), gastrointestinal, liver, kidney, ureter, bladder changes. LDLo, Oral, Human: 43 mg/kg; LCLo, Inhalation, Human: 5000 ppm, details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value. LD50, Oral, Rat: 1650 mg/kg (Ammonium Chloride), details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value.

Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Causes serious eye damage. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.

Skin Sensitization:

Not applicable.

Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

Not applicable.

Carcinogenicity:

Not applicable.

Reproductive Toxicity:

Not applicable.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:

Not applicable.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:

Not applicable.

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Aspiration Hazard:

Not applicable.

Additional Toxicology Information:

Data not available.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Toxic to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in Soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1. Transportation by Land-Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Sizes: 4 L

UN Number: UN3266

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive Liquid, Basic, Inorganic, n.o.s. (Ammonium Hydroxide)

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



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14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Sizes: 4 L

UN Number: UN3266

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive Liquid, Basic, Inorganic, n.o.s. (Ammonium Hydroxide)

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Sizes: 4 L

UN Number: UN3266

Proper Shipping Name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (ammonium hydroxide)

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 100 lb EPCRA RQ

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 500 lb TPQ

15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): 5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): 100 lb final RQ; 45.4 kg final RQ

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 100 lb final RQ; 45.4 kg final RQ

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

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15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): "1.0 % de minimis concentration (10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)" As Aqueous ammonia from water dissociable ammonium salts and other sources [RR-47925-4]

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): "1.0 % de minimis concentration (10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)" As Aqueous ammonia from water dissociable ammonium salts and other sources [RR-47925-4]

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): "1.0 % de minimis concentration (10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)" As Aqueous ammonia from water dissociable ammonium salts and other sources [RR-47925-4]

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (includes anhydrous Ammonia and aqueous Ammonia from water dissociable Ammonium salts and other sources, 10% of total aqueous Ammonia is reportable under this listing)

15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): Present (including fume)

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): Present

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): Extraordinarily hazardous (including anhydrous)

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): Present

15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): Environmental hazard

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): Present

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): Environmental hazard

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): Present

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): Environmental hazard

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): "Present" As Ethyl alcohol and water [RR-00802-6]

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): sn 0093

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): corrosive; flammable - third degree

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): sn 0115

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): corrosive

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): sn 0084

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): SN 0084 500 lb TPQ (The reportable quantity for anhydrous Ammonia is based on 100% of the anhydrous Ammonia. The reportable quantity for aqueous Ammonia is the Ammonia equivalent weight for concentrations of $\geq 20\%$.)

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): sn 0103

15.8. California Proposition 65

Not listed.

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15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): Present (DSL)

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): Present (DSL)

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): Present (DSL)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (DSL)

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

All components of this solution are listed as active on the TSCA Inventory or are mixtures (hydrates) of active items listed on the TSCA Inventory.

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): Present (ACTIVE)

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): Present (ACTIVE)

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): Present (ACTIVE)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (ACTIVE)

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Ammonium Chloride (CAS # 12125-02-9): 235-186-4

Ammonium Sulfide (CAS # 12135-76-1): 235-223-4

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 215-647-6

Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS # 1336-21-6): 231-635-3

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): 231-791-2

SECTION 16: Other Information

16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Toxic to aquatic life.

Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Store locked up.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

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16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class: Not Applicable.

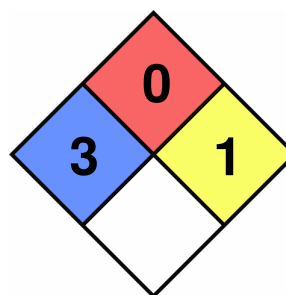
Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC): Not Applicable.

Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC): Not Applicable.

Biohazardous Infectious Materials Hazard Class: Not Applicable.

16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1
Special Hazard:



16.4. Document Revision

Last Revision Date: 2023-09-11

DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.