



## Material Safety Data Sheet

# POLINOX US

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### STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION:

**HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO CRITERIA OF AUSTRALIAN SAFETY AND COMPENSATION COUNCIL (ASCC)  
DANGEROUS ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA OF THE AUSTRALIAN DANGEROUS GOODS CODE**

### SUPPLIER DETAILS:

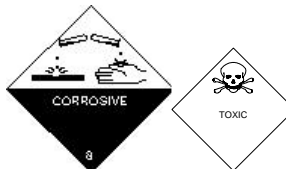
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### PRODUCT DETAILS

Other names : Corrosive liquid, Toxic, N.O.S.  
Containing: Hydrofluoric Acid 0-0.99%  
Phosphoric Acid 1-15%

UN number : 2922

Dangerous goods class : 8 (6.1)



Packing group : III

Hazchem code : 2XE

Poisons schedule number : **S6**

Use : Metal treatment. Pickling and cleaning gel

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND PROPERTIES:

Appearance : White gel  
Odour : Pungent  
Viscosity : (1 dynamic) @ 20°C: 4500-6500mPa.s.  
Boiling point : N/A  
Melting point : N/A  
Vapour pressure (kpa) : 0.2 @ 20°C  
Specific gravity : 1.7 - 1.9 (Heavier than water)  
Flash point : N/A  
Lower explosive limit : N/A  
Upper explosive limit : N/A  
Solubility in water : Miscible

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**INGREDIENTS:**

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NAME	CAS NO.	PROPORTION
Phosphoric acid	: 7664-38-2	: 1-15%
Hydrofluoric acid	: 7664-39-3	: 0-0.99%
Water	: 7732-18-5	: 50-70%

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**HEALTH**

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**ACUTE (IMMEDIATE OR WITHIN 14 DAYS)**

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- Swallowed:  
(Oral)**
- Unlikely route of entry
  - Corrosive to the gastrointestinal tract
  - Extreme discomfort
  - Pain and vomiting
- Eye:**
- Corneal injury
  - Corrosive
  - Conjunctivitis
  - Impairment of vision
- Skin:  
(Dermal)**
- Corrosive to the skin (both acids)
  - Severe burns and ulceration (both acids)
  - Absorbed by skin (hydrofluoric acid)
  - Necrosis of the soft tissues and decalcification of bone(hydrofluoric acid)
  - Extreme pain (probably not immediate when bone affected-hydrofluoric acid)
  - Chronic dermatitis after prolonged or repeated exposure (both acids)
- Inhalation:**
- Harmful by inhalation
  - Increased risk if inhaled at higher temperature
  - Discomforting
  - Response may be delayed with symptoms only appearing many hours later
  - Coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea

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**CHRONIC (LONGER TERM)**

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- Prolonged exposure may have a corrosive effect on human tissue

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## HEALTH (cont...)

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### FIRST AID (ONLY IF SAFE FOR YOU TO DO SO!)

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#### MEDICAL ATTENTION REQUIRED FOR ALL EXPOSURES

- Swallowed:**  
(Oral)
- Rinse mouth with plenty of water
  - DO NOT induce vomiting (can go into lungs)
- Eye:**
- Hold eyes open
  - Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping the eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids
- Skin:**  
(Dermal)
- Immediately remove contaminated clothing
  - Avoid contamination
  - Flush skin with water for fifteen (15) minutes
- Inhalation:**
- Commence CPR if indicated and if trained
  - Provide oxygen if trained

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### ADVICE TO DOCTOR

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#### Acute or short term exposure to strong acids

- Airway problems may arise from laryngeal oedema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially
- Respiratory distress may require cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubation is contraindicated by excessive swelling
- Intravenous lines should be established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise
- Strong acids produce a coagulation necrosis characterised by formation of coagulum (eschar) as a result of the desiccating action of the acids on proteins in specific tissues

#### INGESTION

- Immediate dilution (milk or water) within 30 minutes post ingestion is recommended
- DO NOT attempt to neutralise the acid since exothermic reaction may extend the corrosive injury
- Be careful to avoid further vomit since re-exposure of the mucosa to the acid is harmful. Limit fluids to one to one or two glasses in an adult
- Charcoal has no place in acid management
- Some authors suggest the use of lavage within 1 hour of ingestion

#### SKIN

- Skin lesions require copious saline irrigation. Treat chemical burns as thermal burns with non-adherent gauze and wrapping
- Deep second degree burns may benefit from topical silver sulfadiazine

#### EYE

- Eye injuries require retraction of the eyelids to ensure thorough irrigation of the conjunctival cul-de-sacs. Irrigation should last at least 20-30 minutes
- DO NOT use neutralising agents or any other additives. Several litres of saline are required
- Cycloplegic drops (1% cyclopentolate for short term use or 5% homatropine for longer term use) antibiotic drops, vasoconstrictive agents or artificial tears may be indicated dependent on the severity of the injury
- Steroid eye drops should only be administered with the approval of a consulting ophthalmologist

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## HEALTH (cont...)

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### EXPOSURE STANDARDS

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- None assigned for mixture (but this MSDS considers the data for constituents and provides recommended risk controls to that state of knowledge)

### CONSTITUENT DATA

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#### PHOSPHORIC ACID

TWA : 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

STEL : 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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### HYDROFLUORIC ACID (very low percentage (%) in this product)

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#### PHOSPHORIC ACID

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Risk Phrases      T+ Very toxic

R8 : Contact with combustible material may cause fire

R34 : Causes burns

R35 : Causes severe burns

#### Safety Phrases

S1 : Keep locked up

S2 : Keep out of the reach of children

S23 : Do not breath vapour

S26 : In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of soap-suds

S36 : Wear suitable protective clothing

S45 : In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label whenever possible)

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## PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

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### ENGINEERING CONTROLS \* IMPORTANT NOTE

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- Use in a well-ventilated area
- General exhaust is adequate in open areas
- Local exhaust ventilation must be provided in enclosed spaces and when exposure standards are likely to be exceeded
- Safety shower / eyewash to **ANSI Z 358.1** are to be provided when reasonably practicable otherwise water is to be provided at the job site

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### PERSONAL PROTECTION

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- Eye protection:**
- Safety glasses with side shields or
  - Chemical goggles or
  - Full face shield or
  - Contact lenses may concentrate irritant

- Gloves:**
- Nitrile rubber elbow length PVC gloves

- Clothing:**
- Overalls
  - PVC Apron
  - Industrial safety footwear (Rubber or PVC gumboot for large quantities)
  - Ensure there is ready access to safety shower / eyewash unit

**Respiration:**

Where exposure is likely to exceed exposure standards the use of a respirator complying with *AS/NZS 1715: Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices* and *AS/NZS 1716: Respiratory Protective Devices* is needed – The level of exposure must be identified during **Job Safety Analysis (JSA)** when planning the task to be undertaken.

- Inhalation:**
- Mouth mask (inorganic) or
  - Half face respirator or
  - Full face respirator or
  - Air supplied mask or
  - SCBA

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## SAFE HANDLING

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### STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

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- Suitable containers:**
- Polyethylene or polypropylene containers
- Storage incompatibility:**
- Avoid storage with glass, cement, concrete and other silicon materials. The reactions produce toxic silicon tetrafluoride gas, which may rupture containers
  - Do not use unlined steel containers
  - Do not use aluminium, galvanised or tin-plated containers.
  - Segregate from alkalis, oxidising agents
- Storage requirements:**
- Keep containers securely sealed
  - Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated area
  - Floors should be covered or coated with acid resistant material
  - Do not stack on wooden pallets
  - Do not store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapour may be trapped
- Transportation:  
(Australian Dangerous Goods code)**
- Class 8 – Corrosives shall not be loaded in the same vehicle or packed in the same freight container with:
- Class 1 - Explosives
  - Class 4.3 - Dangerous when wet
  - Class 5.1 - Oxidising agents
  - Class 5.2 - Organic peroxides
  - Class 6 - Toxic substances (where the toxic substances are cyanides and the corrosives are acids)
  - Class 7 - Radioactive substances
- Food and food packaging in any quantity

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### SPILLS AND DISPOSAL

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- Minor Spills:**
- Slippery when spilt
  - Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Use soda ash or slaked lime to neutralise
  - Place spilled material in sealed and labelled containers
  - Flush spill area with water
  - Contain
  - Area will be slippery
- Major Spills:**
- Wear full chemical suit with SCBA
  - Isolate area
  - Immediately prevent spillage from entering drains or water sources
  - Use soda ash or slaked lime to neutralise
  - Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal
  - Wash area and prevent run off into drains
- Disposal:**
- Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal
  - Treat and neutralise at an effluent treatment plant if possible

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## SAFE HANDLING (cont...)

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### FIRE

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#### Extinguishing media

- Full chemical suit may be required
- Water spray or fog
- Foam
- Dry chemical powder
- CO<sub>2</sub>

#### Fire Fighting:

- Use spray to control fire and cool adjacent area
- Do not approach containers suspected to be hot
- Decontaminate after incident

#### Fire / Explosion Hazard: (Decomposition)

- Acids will react with metals to produce hydrogen
- Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers
- Decomposes on heating and may produce toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO)
- May emit acrid smoke and may emit corrosive fumes
- Other decomposition products include carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), hydrogen fluoride and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

#### Incompatibility / Reactivity:

- Organic materials / compounds, powdered metals, reducing agents and hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>S)
- Reacts with mild steel, galvanised steel / zinc producing flammable hydrogen gas

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### ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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- Avoid contamination of waterways, drains, open water or sub-soil

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### CONTACT POINT

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