



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Powdered Sugar

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### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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**Product name:** Powdered Sugar  
**Applicable In:** Australia  
**Other Names:** Icing Mixture, Icing Sugar, Soft Icing  
**Recommended use:** As a sweetener or ingredient in food processing and food preparation  
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### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE:** classified as **Non Hazardous** according to the criteria of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council ASCC (formerly NOHSC) Approved Criteria For Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1008] 3rd Edition.

Powdered Sugar is classified as **Non-Dangerous Goods** according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

Note: This product is a well known ingredient in food and beverages and this Material Safety Data Sheet is concerned only with occupational exposures.

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### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Chemical Name:	Proportion:	CAS Number:
Sucrose	>95%	57-50-1
Starch	<5%	9005-25-8

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

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**Swallowed:** Give water to drink.  
**Eye:** Flush thoroughly with copious amounts of running water. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.  
**Skin:** Wash thoroughly with soap and water.  
**Inhaled:** Remove to fresh air.  
**Advice to Doctor:** Treat symptomatically. People with diabetes may need stabilisation.

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## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Specific Hazards:** Airborne sugar dust can explode where under certain conditions of temperature, humidity and where suspended in air exceeds 20 grams per cubic metre. Dust extraction systems, cleaning procedures, electrical earthing and other safety measures must be used to avoid the risk of explosion. Incompatible with strong oxidising agents.  
**Flammability:** Low, product will burn in surrounding fire situation.  
**Extinguishing Media:** Water, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, BCF and foam.  
**Hazards from combustion products:** With heat, product burns/oxidises to form carbon, carbon monoxide and or carbon dioxide, and smoke.  
**Special protective precautions and equipment for fire fighters:** Standard fire-fighting precautions applicable.  
**Hazchem code:** None allocated

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## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Spills:** Wet sweep, vacuum or pump into containers. Wash area with water. Notify any relevant waste or environmental authority.

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## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Handling:** Material can ferment if excessive moisture contamination is allowed. Fermentation can yield carbon dioxide with possible traces of ethanol or volatile fatty acids (e.g. acetic, propionic, lactic, or butyric) and if exposed to a spark or flame may result in an explosion. These conditions should be avoided. If maintenance of tank requires entry by personnel, confined space precautions should be complied with. Insufficient oxygen may be present in vessels containing the product due to the generation of carbon monoxide during fermentation.  
**Storage:** This product should be stored in its factory packaging in a dry area.

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## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Standards:** **National Occupational Exposure Standard (NES) Australian Safety and Compensation Council, ASCC** (formerly NOHSC)  
None allocated. Keep exposures to dust as low as practicable.

**Engineering Controls:** General room ventilation should be adequate, but local mechanical ventilation may be required if dust is generated, particularly in confined spaces. Work areas should be cleaned regularly by wet sweeping or vacuuming.  
**Ventilation:**

**Personal Protection** If engineering controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure, then personal protective equipment may be required.

**Skin Protection:** Direct skin contact should be avoided by wearing long sleeved shirts and long

	trousers, a cap or hat, and gloves (PVC coated fabric or equivalent AS 2161). Work clothes should be washed regularly.
<b>Eye Protection:</b>	Ventilated non-fogging goggles (splash resistant AS/NZS 1336) should be worn if dust is generated.
<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	An approved particulate respirator conforming to Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716 should be worn when working with dusts. Respirators should be correctly fitted, maintained in good condition, and kept in clean storage when not in use. Replaceable filters and cartridges should be replaced regularly in accordance with the manufacturers' guidelines and Australian Standards AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716. Use only respirators that bear the Australian Standards mark and are fitted and maintained correctly, and kept in clean storage when not in use.

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## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Appearance:</b>	White powder
<b>Odour:</b>	Sweet odour
<b>pH, at stated concentration:</b>	Not available
<b>Vapour pressure:</b>	Not determined
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	Not determined
<b>Boiling Point/range: (°C)</b>	170-186°C
<b>Freezing/Melting Point: (°C)</b>	Decomposes with heat
<b>Solubility in water:</b>	2 kg per litre
<b>Solubility (Other):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific gravity: (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1)</b>	1.59
<b>Molecular weight:</b>	342
<b>Flammability Limits:</b>	Combustible
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Autoignition temperature:</b>	500°C

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## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg. peroxides).
<b>Conditions to avoid:</b>	None
<b>Hazardous Decomposition products:</b>	None
<b>Hazardous Polymerisation:</b>	None

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## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Toxicity Data:** Non-toxic – a foodstuff  
 Sucrose: LD50 (Ingestion) : 29,700 mg/kg (rat)

### Health Effects

#### Acute (short term).

<b>Swallowed:</b>	No health effects under normal conditions of industrial use, but ingestion may destabilise people with diabetes.
<b>Eye:</b>	Irritating to the eyes and may cause watering and redness.
<b>Skin:</b>	Skin contact may result in mild skin irritation.
<b>Inhaled:</b>	Sugar dust may irritate the nose and throat.
<b>Chronic:</b>	Repeated exposure to the powder and dust may result in increased nasal and respiratory secretions and coughing, but not irreversible health effects. Repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis.

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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity:** Non-toxic to aquatic and terrestrial organisms.

**Persistence and Degradability:** Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.

**Mobility:** A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Powdered Sugar can be treated as a common waste for disposal or dumped into a landfill site in accordance with relevant authority guidelines. Note BOD load of sugar solutions in waste water streams. Personal precautions should be observed (see Section 8 above).

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## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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<b>Transport Requirements:</b>	No special transport requirements are necessary.
<b>UN number:</b>	None allocated
<b>Class:</b>	None allocated
<b>Subsidiary Risk 1:</b>	None allocated
<b>Packaging Group:</b>	None allocated
<b>Hazchem code:</b>	None allocated
<b>DG Class:</b>	None allocated
<b>EPG:</b>	None
<b>Incompatibilities:</b>	None
<b>Proper Shipping Name:</b>	None allocated
<b>Marine Pollutant:</b>	No

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## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**Poisons Schedule:** None scheduled

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## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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**Emergency Contact Number:** Poisons Information Centre 13 11 26

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**Additional information:**

Australian Standards References:

AS/NZS 1336 Recommended Practices for Occupational Eye Protection.

AS/NZS 1715 Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices.

AS/NZS 1716 Respiratory Protective Devices.

AS 2161 Industrial Safety Gloves and Mittens (excluding electrical and medical gloves).

National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition [NOHSC:2011(2003)], April 2003, National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

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