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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Gentian Violet, 2% (w/v)

Product Number 3233

Other Identifying Product Numbers 3233-16, 3233-4

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 412 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

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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation	Category 2	H319	P264,P280,P305+P351+P338, P337+P313
Carcinogenicity	Category 2	H351	P201,P202,P280,P308+P313,P405, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, Short-term (Acute)	Acute 3	H402	P273,P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, Long-term (Chronic)	Chronic 3	H412	P273,P501

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Warning**

Hazard Statements:

NOTE: Hazard statements may be combined on labels to improve clarity and readability.

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H319	Causes serious eye irritation
H351	Suspected of causing cancer
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Precautionary Statements:

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Prevention

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P264	Wash hands, arms, and face thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

Response

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308+P313	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice or attention.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P405	Store locked up.

Disposal

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P501	Dispose of contents/container to suitable waste stream in accordance with local, state, federal, and international regulations.

2.3. Hazards not Otherwise Classified

No other hazards identified.

2.4. Ingredients of Unknown Acute Toxicity

2 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal and inhalation toxicity.

SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Mixture

Chemical Name (IUPAC)	Common Name and Synonyms	CAS Number	Weight%
water	Water	7732-18-5	98.02
[4-[bis[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methylidene]cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene]-dimethylazanium chloride	Gentian Violet; Crystal Violet; Basic Violet 3	548-62-9	1.98

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SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. Description of Necessary Measures

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 slight irritation.

Ingestion: Dilute with water or milk. Call a physician. Physician: monitor for possible Nitrite intoxication.

Inhalation: Not expected to require first aid. If necessary, remove to fresh air.

Skin Contact: May cause slight irritation.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Suspected of causing cancer Non-flammable, non-toxic, non-corrosive. Does not present any significant health hazards at this low concentration. Gentian Violet contains an ingredient reasonably anticipated by NTP to be a carcinogen. Wash areas of contact with water. If ingested, monitor for possible Nitrite intoxication. EYE CONTACT: May cause slight irritation. SKIN CONTACT: May cause slight irritation.

4.3. Immediate Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

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. Wash areas of contact with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Dilute with water or milk. Call a physician. Physician: monitor for possible Nitrite intoxication.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture in a Fire

Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

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

Absorb with suitable material and dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

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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.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Time Weighted Averages (TWA)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Ceiling Limits

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

No limits found.

8.2. Engineering Controls

No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate.

Skin Protection: Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles.

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SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State:	liquid
Color:	Dark violet
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	0.0°C
Boiling Point/Range:	100°C
Flammability:	Data not available.
Flammability/Explosive Limits:	Data not available.
Flash Point:	Not flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Data not available.
Decomposition Temperature:	Data not available.
pH:	approximately 4
Kinematic Viscosity:	Data not available.
Solubility:	miscible
Vapor Pressure:	Data not available.
Evaporation Rate:	Data not available.
Relative Density:	1.01
Relative Vapor Density:	Data not available.
Particle Characteristics:	Data not available.
Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water, log	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 Acids and Oxidizing Agents.

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 acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	Oral LD50 Rat 420 mg/kg (Source: NLM_CIP)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

No information found.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

No information found.

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	Group 2B (Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans) - Monograph 129 [2022]

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

Causes serious eye irritation. Suspected of causing cancer.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

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Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
	No data found.	None	None	

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)

Not regulated according to DOT regulations.

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

Not regulated according to IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Not regulated according to TDG regulations.

SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

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15.01. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	RQ
No data found.		

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.04. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List
No data found.		

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	carcinogen, 11/23/2018

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	DSL	Present
Water	7732-18-5	DSL	Present

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	Present (ACTIVE)
Water	7732-18-5	Present [XU] (ACTIVE)

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Number
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	EINECS	208-953-6
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

15.12. China - Inventory of Existing chemical Substances (IECSC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	Present [20997]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

15.13. Korea - Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI/KECL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	Annex 1	Present [KE-07006]
Water	7732-18-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-35400]

15.14. Japan - Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory (ENCS)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	MITI No.
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	(5)-1971
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

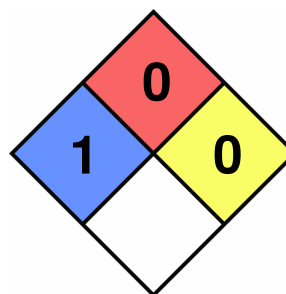
SECTION 16: Other Information

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16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

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



16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
2026-05-24

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