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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Gentian Violet, Hucker Formulation, for Gram Staining

Product Number 3240

Other Identifying Product Numbers 3240-1, 3240-16, 3240-32, 3240-4

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
Flammable Liquids	Category 3	H226	P210,P233,P240,P241,P242,P243, P280,P303+P361+P353,P370+P378, P403+P235,P501
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
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B	H360	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: Danger

Hazard Statements:

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

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor
H319	Causes serious eye irritation
H351	Suspected of causing cancer
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child
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.
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof equipment.
P242	Use non-sparking tools.
P243	Take action to prevent static discharge.
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
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
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.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide to extinguish.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
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

17.7 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity. 2.8 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute inhalation toxicity.

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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	81.60
ethanol	Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	14.89
[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
azane oxalic acid hydrate	Ammonium Oxalate; Ethanedioic acid, diammonium salt, monohydrate	6009-70-7	0.79
methanol	Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	0.74

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 irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva.

Ingestion: Dilute with water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

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

Skin Contact: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. May result in drying and cracking, which can lead to secondary infections and dermatitis. Oxalates can be absorbed through the lungs. Symptoms of poisoning include nervousness, cramps, central nervous system depression.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Suspected of causing cancer WARNING! Gentian Violet contains a material reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen. May be harmful if swallowed. If ingested, give large quantity of water or milk. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. For eyes, get medical attention. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva. SKIN CONTACT: May result in drying and cracking, which can lead to secondary infections and dermatitis. Oxalates can be absorbed through the lungs. Symptoms of poisoning include nervousness, cramps, central nervous system depression.

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. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician if necessary.

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SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide to extinguish. Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

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

Flammable liquid and vapor At temperatures near the boiling point, alcohol fumes could accumulate thus causing a fire 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

Ground and bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof equipment. Use non-sparking tools. Take action to prevent static discharge. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Remove all sources of ignition. 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. Have extinguishing agent available in case of fire. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Empty containers may be hazardous since they retain product residues. Store at room temperature.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	1000 ppm TWA; 1900 mg/m3 TWA
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m3 TWA

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)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	1000 ppm STEL
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	250 ppm STEL

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	200 ppm TWA

8.2. Engineering Controls

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

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator with organic vapor cartridge may be worn.

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 blue-purple
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	Approximately 0°C
Boiling Point/Range:	Approximately 87°C
Flammability:	Data not available.
Flammability/Explosive Limits:	Data not available.
Flash Point:	37 °C (calculated)
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Data not available.
Decomposition Temperature:	Data not available.
pH:	Data not available.
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.

NOTE: Flash point was calculated according to the method of Gmehling and Rasmussen (Ind. Eng. Chem. Fundament, 21, 186, (1982)), as allowed by GHS Rev 7, section 2.6.4.2.3.

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

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Oxidizers, platinum, Sodium, Potassium Dioxide, Bromine Pentafluoride, Acetyl Bromide, Acetyl Chloride, heat, sparks, open flame.

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)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Oral LD50 Rat 7060 mg/kg (Source: NLM_CIP)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Oral LD50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 100 mg/kg (Source: ECHA)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Dermal LD50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 300 mg/kg (Source: ECHA)

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Inhalation acute toxicity estimate (ATE, vapor): 405.4054 mg/L, 4 h(calculated)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Inhalation LC50 Rat 116.9 mg/L 4 h (males, vapor, Source: ECHA_API); Inhalation LC50 Rat 133.8 mg/L 4 h (females, vapor, Source: ECHA_API)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Inhalation LC50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 3 mg/L 4 h (Source: ECHA)

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
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Male Rat - Not Tested; Female Rat - Not Tested; Male Mice - Inadequate Experiment; Female Mice - Inadequate Experiment (TR-510)

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

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Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
No data found.		

11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

Causes serious eye irritation. Suspected of causing cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Earthworm	Acute	LC50 48 h Eisenia foetida 0.1 - 1 mg/cm ² [filter paper] (IUCLID)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Earthworm	Acute	LC50 48 h Eisenia foetida >1 mg/cm ² [filter paper] (IUCLID)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Freshwater Fish	Acute	LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 12.0 - 16.0 mL/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas >100 mg/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas 13400 - 15100 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Freshwater Fish	Acute	LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas 28200 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas >100 mg/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 19500 - 20700 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA); LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 18 - 20 mL/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Lepomis macrochirus 13500 - 17600 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Water Flea	Acute	LC50 48 h Daphnia magna 9268 - 14221 mg/L (IUCLID); EC50 48 h Daphnia magna 2 mg/L [Static] (EPA)

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Data not available.

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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.

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

Not regulated according to IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.



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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
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	5000 lb final RQ (listed under Ammonium oxalate); 2270 kg final RQ (listed under Ammonium oxalate)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Regulatory Information
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Emission Reporting	1.0 % de minimis concentration

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	Present
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Teratogen
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Present

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	Environmental hazard
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Present
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Environmental hazard

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	"sn 0108" As Ammonium oxalate [1113-38-8]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	sn 0844
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	sn 1222

15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Gentian Violet	548-62-9	carcinogen, 11/23/2018
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	"carcinogen, 7/1/1988 (when associated with alcohol abuse); carcinogen, 4/29/2011" As Alcoholic beverages [RR-01961-4]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	"developmental toxicity, 10/1/1987 (listed under Ethyl alcohol in alcoholic beverages)" As Alcoholic beverages [RR-01961-4]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	developmental toxicity, 3/16/2012

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
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	DSL	"Present" As Ethanedioic acid, diammonium salt [1113-38-8]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	DSL	Present
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	NDSL	"Present" As Alcohols, C1-3 [68475-56-9]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	DSL	Present
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	NDSL	"Present" As Alcohols, C1-3 [68475-56-9]
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)
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	"Present (ACTIVE)" As Ethanedioic acid, ammonium salt (1:2) [1113-38-8]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Present (ACTIVE)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Present (ACTIVE)
Water	7732-18-5	Present [XU] (ACTIVE)

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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
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	EINECS	"214-202-3" As Diammonium oxalate [1113-38-8]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	EINECS	200-578-6
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	EINECS	200-659-6
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]
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	Present [38008]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Present [38125]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Present [16735]
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]
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	Annex 1	"Present [KE-13156]" As Ethanedioic acid, diammonium salt [1113-38-8]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-13217]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Annex 1	Present [KE-23193]
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
Ammonium Oxalate	6009-70-7	(1)-391, (2)-844 (not considered as a new chemical substance)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	(2)-202
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	(2)-201
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

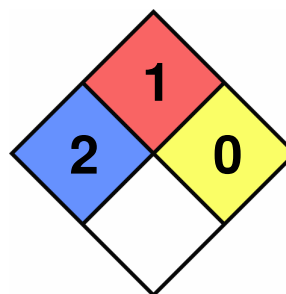
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16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 2
Flammability: 1
Reactivity 0
Special Hazard:



16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
2026-05-23

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