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**Material Safety Data Sheet**  
**and Safe Handling and Disposal Information**

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**Product Name** **R-2193**  
**Product No.** **5898**  
 Cutting Block Whitener

**SECTION I - EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

**For MSDS Information:**  
 Acuity Specialty Products Group, Inc.  
**Compliance Services 1-877-I-BUY-ZEP**

**For Medical Emergency:**  
 INFOTRAC  
**(877) 541-2016 Toll Free - All Calls Recorded**

**For a Transportation Emergency:**  
 CHEMTREC  
**(800) 424-9300 - All Calls Recorded**  
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**SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS**

\*\* SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE \*\* hypochlorous acid, sodium salt; bleach; CAS# 7681-52-9; RTECS# NH3486300; TLV - N/D; EFFECTS - COR; % IN PROD - 10-20  
 \*\* SODIUM HYDROXIDE \*\* caustic soda; soda lye; CAS# 1310-73-2; RTECS# WB4900000; OSHA/ACGIH CEILING LIMIT-2 MG/M3; TLV - N/D; EFFECTS - TOX COR; % IN PROD - < 5  
 @ -Reportable under the SARA 313 Toxic Release Inventory

**SECTION III - HEALTH HAZARD DATA**

SPECIAL NOTE: MSDS data pertains to the product as dispensed from the container. Adverse health effects would not be expected under recommended conditions of use (diluted) so long as prescribed safety precautions are practiced.

ACUTE EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:  
 Corrosive on contact. Overexposure will produce tissue destruction particularly on mucous membranes of eyes, mouth, and respiratory tract. Eye contact may produce severe irritation and blindness unless immediately flushed. Concentrated solutions may produce immediate skin damage. Skin contact with dilute solutions may produce severe irritation which intensifies as contact continues. Inhalation of mists may produce severe nasal and respiratory irritation or permanent damage. Ingestion will produce tissue damage of the gastrointestinal tract.

CHRONIC EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE:  
 Repeated or prolonged exposure of skin can produce chronic dermatitis characterized by redness, scaling, and blistering. Repeated exposure to spray mists may lead to chronic eye inflammation, chronic respiratory tract irritation or lung damage. None of the hazardous ingredients are listed as carcinogens by IARC, NTP, & OSHA  
 EST'D PEL/TLV: Not established  
 PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY: Inh., Ing.  
 HMIS CODES: HEALTH 3; FLAM 0; REACT 1; PERS. PROTECT X; CHRONIC HAZ NO  
 FIRST AID PROCEDURES:  
 SKIN: Immediately flush contaminated skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops.  
 EYES: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting upper and lower lids. Get medical attention at once.  
 INHALE: Move exposed person to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.  
 INGEST: If this product is swallowed, do not induce vomiting. If individual is alert, give plenty of water to drink. Get medical attention at once.

**SECTION IV - SPECIAL PRECAUTION INFORMATION**

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Wear rubber or neoprene gloves and a face shield when using. A rubber apron and boots are strongly recommended.  
 EYE PROTECTION: Use tight-fitting, splash-proof safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn when handling this material.  
 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: If ventilation is inadequate, wear a properly fitting MSHA or OSHA-approved respirator.  
 VENTILATION: If vapors are detected, ventilate work area by opening windows and using exhaust fans.

**SECTION V - PHYSICAL DATA**

BOILING POINT (F) - Decomposes  
 VAPOR PRESSURE(mmHg) - N/D  
 VAPOR DENSITY(AIR-1) - N/D  
 SOLUBILITY IN WATER - COMPLETE  
 pH(USE DILUTION OF) - 1% SOLUTION 10.8-11.2  
 VOC CONTENT (CONCENTRATE) - 0.0% 0.00 lb/gl  
 APPEARANCE AND ODOR - A LIGHT YELLOW-GREEN LIQUID HAVING A STRONG CHLORINE ODOR.  
 SPECIFIC GRAVITY - 1.22  
 EVAPORATION RATE (WATER=1) - 1.0  
 pH(CONCENTRATE) - 13.2-13.6

**SECTION VI - FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA**

FLASH POINT(F) (METHOD USED): N/A

FLAMMABLE LIMITS:LEL: N/A UEL: N/A

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Noncombustible.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING: Wear self-contained positive pres. breathing apparatus.

UNUSUAL FIRE HAZARDS: Fire exposed drums should be cooled with stream of water.

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**SECTION VII - REACTIVITY DATA**

STABILITY: Stable

INCOMPATIBILITY(AVOID): Heat, light, ammonia, acids and all organic materials.

POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: Chlorine gas.

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**SECTION VIII - SPILL AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES**

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIALS IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:

Observe safety precautions in sections 4 & 9 during clean-up. Absorb spill on an inert absorbent material; pick up and place in a clean D.O.T. specification container for disposal. Wash area thoroughly with a detergent solution and then rinse well with water.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:

Liquids cannot be sent to landfills unless solidified. Unusable product and some collected, spent use-dilutions may require disposal as a hazardous waste at a permitted treatment/storage/disposal facility. In most states hazardous wastes in total amounts of 220 lbs. or less per month may be disposed of in a chemical or industrial waste landfill. If company effluent is ultimately treated by a publicly owned treatment works, neutralization of spent tank-solutions with subsequent discharge to the sewer may be possible. Consult local, state and federal agencies for proper disposal method in your area.

RCRA HAZ WASTE NOS: D002

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**SECTION IX - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHEN HANDLING AND STORING

Store tightly closed container in a dry area at temps. between 40-120 degrees F. Store away from strong acids and oxidizing compounds.

Keep product away from skin and eyes. Do not breathe spray mists or vapors. Clothing or shoes which become contaminated with substance should be removed promptly and not reworn until thoroughly cleaned. Keep out of the reach of children.

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**SECTION X - REGULATORY INFORMATION**

DOT PROPER SHIPPING NAME: HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION

NOTE: DOT information applies to larger package sizes of affected products. For some products, DOT may require alternate names and labeling in accordance with packaging group requirements.

DOT HAZARD CLASS: 8 DOT PACKING GROUP: III

DOT I.D. NUMBER: UN1791 DOT LABEL/PLACARD: CORROSIVE

EPA TSCA CHEMICAL INVENTORY - ALL INGREDIENTS ARE LISTED

EPA CWA 40CFR PART 117 SUBSTANCE(RQ IN A SINGLE CONTAINER): SODIUM HYDROXIDE - 1000#; SODIUM

HYPOCHLORITE - 100#

EPA CAA: N/A

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## NOTICE

Thank you for your interest in, and use of, this product. Acuity Specialty Products Group is pleased to be of service to you by supplying this Material Safety Data Sheet for your files. Acuity Specialty Products Group is concerned for your health and safety. This product and all others supplied by Acuity Specialty Products Group companies can be used safely with proper protective equipment and proper handling practices consistent with label instructions and the MSDS. Before using any this product, be sure to read the complete label and the Material Safety Data Sheet.

As a further word of caution, Acuity Specialty Products Group wishes to advise that serious accidents have resulted from the misuse of "emptied" containers. "Empty" containers retain residue (liquid and/or vapor) and can be dangerous. DO NOT pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, flame, sparks, or other sources of ignition; they may explode or develop harmful vapors and possibly cause injury or death. Clean empty containers by triple rinsing with water or an appropriate solvent. Empty containers must be sent to a drum reconditioner before reuse.

## TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS Listed Alphabetically by Section

### SECTION II: HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

**CAR:** Carcinogen - A chemical listed by the National Toxicology Program (NTP), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) or OSHA as a definite or possible human cancer causing agent.

**CAS#:** Chemical Abstract Services Registry Number - A universally accepted numbering system for chemical substances.

**CBL:** Combustible - At temperatures between 100°F and 200°F chemical gives off enough vapor to ignite if a source of ignition is present as tested with a closed cup tester.

**CNS:** Central Nervous System depressant that reduces the activity of the brain and spinal cord.

**COR:** Corrosive - Causes irreversible injury to living tissue (e.g. burns).

**DESIGNATIONS:** Chemical and common names of hazardous ingredients.

**EIR:** Eye Irritant Only - Causes reversible reddening and/or inflammation of eye tissues.

**EXPOSURE LIMITS:** The time weighted average (TWA) airborne concentration at which most workers can be exposed without any expected adverse effects. Primary sources include ACGIH TLVs, and OSHA PELs.

**ACGIH:** American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**CEILING:** "The concentration that should not be exceeded in the workplace during any part of the working exposure." Source, ACGIH

**OSHA:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**PEL:** Permissible Exposure Limit - A set of time weighted average exposure values, established by OSHA, for a normal 8-hour day and a 40-hour work-week.

**PPM:** Parts per million - unit of measure for exposure limits.

**(S) SKIN:** Skin contact with substance can contribute to overall exposure.

**STEL:** Short Term Exposure Limit - Maximum concentration for a continuous 15-minute exposure period.

**TLV:** Threshold Limit Value - A set of time weighted average exposure limits, established by the ACGIH, for a normal 8-hour day and a 40-hour work-week.

**FBL:** Flammable - At temperatures under 100°F, chemical gives off enough vapors to ignite if a source of ignition is present as tested with a closed cup tester.

**HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS:** Chemical substances that are determined to be potential health or physical hazards based on the criteria established in the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard - 29 CFR 1910.1200

**HTX:** Highly toxic - the probable lethal dose for a 70 kg (150 lb.) man, which may be approximated as less than 6 teaspoons (2 tablespoons)

**IRR:** Irritant - Causes reversible effects in living tissues (e.g. inflammation) - primarily skin and eyes.

**N/A:** Not Applicable - Category is not appropriate for this product.

**N/D:** Not Determined - Insufficient information to make a determination for this item.

**RTECS#:** Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances - an unreviewed listing of published toxicology data on chemical substances.

**SARA:** Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act - Section 313 designates certain chemicals for possible reporting for the Toxic Chemical Release Inventory.

**SEN:** Sensitizer - Causes allergic reaction after repeated exposure.

**TOX:** Toxic - The probable lethal dose for a 70 kg (150 kg) man is one ounce (2 tablespoons) or more.

### SECTION III: HEALTH HAZARD DATA

**ACUTE EFFECT:** An adverse effect on the human body from a single exposure with symptoms developing almost immediately after exposure or within a relatively short time.

**CHRONIC EFFECT:** Adverse effects that are most likely to occur from repeated exposure over a long period of time.

**EST'D PEL/TLV:** This estimated, time-weighted-average, exposure limit, developed by using a formula provided by the ACGIH, pertains to airborne concentrations from the product as a whole. This value should serve as guide for providing safe workplace conditions to nearly all workers.

**HMIS CODES:** Hazardous Material Identification System - a rating system developed, by the National Paint and Coating Association for estimating the hazard potential of a chemical under normal workplace conditions. These risk estimates are indicated by a numerical rating given in each of three hazard areas (Health/ Flammability/Reactivity) ranging from a low of zero to a high of 4. The presence of a chronic hazard is indicated by a "YES". Consult HMIS training guides for Personal Protection letter codes, which indicate necessary protective equipment.

**PRIMARY ROUTE OF ENTRY:** The way one or more hazardous ingredients may enter the body and cause a generalized systemic or specific-organ toxic effect.

**ING:** Ingestion - A primary route of exposure through swallowing of material.

**INH:** Inhalation - A primary route of exposure through breathing of vapors.

**SKIN:** A primary route of exposure through contact with the skin.

### SECTION IV: SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Where respiratory protection is recommended, use only MSHA and NIOSH approved respirators and dust masks.

**MSHA:** Mine Safety and Health Administration

**NIOSH:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

### SECTION V: PHYSICAL DATA

**EVAPORATION RATE:** Refers to the rate of change from the liquid state to the vapor state at ambient temperature and pressure in comparison to a given substance (e.g. water).

**pH:** A value representing the acidity or alkalinity of an aqueous solution (Highly Acidic pH = 1; Neutral pH = 7; Highly Alkaline pH = 14)

**VOC CONTENT:** The percentage or amount in pounds per gallon of the product that is regulated as a Volatile Organic Compound under the Clean Air Act of 1990 and various state jurisdictions.

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** A description of the ability of the product to dissolve in water.

### SECTION VII: REACTIVITY DATA

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:** Breakdown products expected to be produced upon product decomposition by extreme heat or fire.

**INCOMPATIBILITY:** Keep product away from listed substances or conditions to prevent hazardous reactions.

**POLYMERIZATION:** Indicates the tendency of the product's molecules to combine with themselves in a chemical reaction releasing excess pressure and heat.

**STABILITY:** Indicates the susceptibility of the product to decompose spontaneously and dangerously.

### SECTION VIII: SPILL AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**RCRA WASTE NOS:** RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) waste codes (40 CFR 261) applicable to the disposal of spilled or unusable product from the original container.

### SECTION X: TRANSPORTATION DATA

**CWA:** Clean Water Act - Federal law that regulates chemical releases to bodies of water.

**RQ:** Reportable Quantity - The amount of the specific ingredient that, when spilled to the ground and, can enter a storm sewer or natural watershed, must be reported to the National Response Center, and other regulatory agencies.

**TSCA:** Toxic Substances Control Act - A federal law requiring all commercial chemical substances to appear on an inventory maintained by the EPA.

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