Material Safety Data Sheet
Bismuth subnitrate

ACC# 89455

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Bismuth subnitrate  
**Catalog Numbers:** AC611355000, B344-500  
**Synonyms:** Bismuth hydroxide nitrate oxide; Basic bismuth nitrate.  
**Company Identification:**  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call:** 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white powder.  
**Danger!** Strong oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause a fire. Causes eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. May cause methemoglobinemia.  
**Target Organs:** Blood, respiratory system, eyes, skin.

**Potential Health Effects**  
**Eye:** Causes eye irritation.  
**Skin:** Causes skin irritation.  
**Ingestion:** Methemoglobinemia is characterized by dizziness, drowsiness, headache, shortness of breath, cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood), rapid heart rate and chocolate-brown colored blood. Ingestion of nitrate containing compounds can lead to methemoglobinemia. May cause visual changes with blurred vision. Opacities may form in the cornea.  
**Inhalation:** May cause effects similar to those described for ingestion.  
**Chronic:** May cause methemoglobinemia, which is characterized by chocolate-brown colored blood, headache, weakness, dizziness, breath shortness, cyanosis (bluish skin due to deficient oxygenation of blood), rapid heart rate, unconsciousness and possible death.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid immediately.  
**Skin:** Get medical aid if irritation develops or persists. Flush skin with plenty of soap and water.
**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid.

**Inhalation:** Get medical aid immediately. Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

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**Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Strong oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause fire.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers. Use flooding quantities of water as spray.

**Flash Point:** Not available.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 1; Special Hazard: OX

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**Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation. Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.,) away from spilled material.

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**Section 7 - Handling and Storage**

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid contact with clothing and other combustible materials. Avoid breathing dust. Inform laundry personnel of contaminant's hazards.

**Storage:** Do not store near combustible materials. Store in a cool, dry place. Store protected from light.

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**Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection**

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Bismuth subnitrate: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.
**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

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**Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical State:** Powder  
**Appearance:** white  
**Odor:** odorless  
**pH:** Not available.  
**Vapor Pressure:** Not available.  
**Vapor Density:** Not available.  
**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.  
**Viscosity:** Not available.  
**Boiling Point:** Not available.  
**Freezing/Melting Point:** 260 deg C  
**Decomposition Temperature:** 260 deg C  
**Solubility:** Insoluble.  
**Specific Gravity/Density:** 4.93 g/cm³  
**Molecular Formula:** Bi₅O(OH)₉(NO₃)₄  
**Molecular Weight:** 1462.03

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**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Chemical Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Light, dust generation, excess heat.  
**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Strong reducing agents, sulfur, iodides, bicarbonates, calomel, tannin, organic materials, gallic acid, salicylic acid, combustible materials.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Nitrogen oxides, bismuth oxide.  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported

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**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**RTECS#:**
**CAS# 1304-85-4:** EB2977000

**LD₅₀/LC₅₀:**
Not available.  
Infant TDLo oral; Dose: 259 mg/kg. Toxic effects: Blood - methemoglobinemia - carboxyhemoglobin.

**Carcinogenicity:**
CAS# 1304-85-4: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** No data available.  
**Teratogenicity:** No data available.  
**Reproductive Effects:** No data available.  
**Mutagenicity:** No data available.  
**Neurotoxicity:** No data available.  
**Other Studies:**
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.
**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

### Section 14 - Transport Information

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### Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**US FEDERAL**

**TSCA**
- CAS# 1304-85-4 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

**Health & Safety Reporting List**
- None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

**Chemical Test Rules**
- None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

**Section 12b**
- None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

**TSCA Significant New Use Rule**
- None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs**
- None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

**SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances**
- None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

**Section 313**
- This material contains Bismuth subnitrate (listed as Water Dissociable Nitrate Compounds), 90%, (CAS# 1304-85-4) which is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and 40 CFR Part 373.

**Clean Air Act:**
- This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
- This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
- This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

**Clean Water Act:**
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

**OSHA:**
- None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.
STATE
CAS# 1304-85-4 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

California Prop 65
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations
European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives
Hazard Symbols:
XI 0
Risk Phrases:
R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
R 8 Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

Safety Phrases:
S 17 Keep away from combustible material.
S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S 37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
CAS# 1304-85-4: No information available.

Canada - DSL/NDSL
CAS# 1304-85-4 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
This product has a WHMIS classification of C, D2B.
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List
CAS# 1304-85-4 is not listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

Section 16 - Additional Information

MSDS Creation Date: 9/02/1997
Revision #4 Date: 6/19/2006

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