



## Safety Data Sheet

Classified According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS)

### 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:** 448 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

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements:
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 2A	H319	P264, P280, P305+P351+P338, P337+P313
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 1	H340	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Carcinogenicity	Category 1	H350	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1	H360	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501
Flammable Liquids	Category 4	H227	P210, P280, P370+P378, P403+P235, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)	Category 3	H402	P273, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Chronic)	Category 3	H412	P273, P501

### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H227	Combustible liquid.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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### Precautionary Statements:

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, sparks and open flame. No smoking.
P260	Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
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 attention.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### 2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

## SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

### 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	81.60
Ethyl Alcohol	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	46.06 g/mol	64-17-5	14.89
Gentian Violet	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>30</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub>	407.97 g/mol	548-62-9	1.98
Ammonium Oxalate	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	142.11 g/mol	6009-70-7	0.79
Methyl Alcohol	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	32.04 g/mol	67-56-1	0.74

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### SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

#### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**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.

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

**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.

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

#### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Causes serious eye irritation. May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. 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. 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.

### 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

Combustible liquid. At temperatures near the boiling point, alcohol fumes could accumulate thus causing a fire hazard.

#### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment 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.

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## 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 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 Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Ethyl Alcohol (64-17-5)	TWA	USA	1000 ppm TWA; 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Ethyl Alcohol (64-17-5)	TLV-STEL	USA	1000 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TWA	USA	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TLV-STEL	USA	250 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TLV-TWA	USA	200 ppm TWA	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

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

**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:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

### 8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator with organic vapor cartridge may be worn. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

### 9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Dark blue-purple liquid

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Odor:** Data not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** Data not available.

**Melting/Freezing Point:** Approximately 0°C

**Initial Boiling Point/Range:** Approximately 87°C - Approximately 87°C

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Data not available.

**Flammability:** Data not available.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Data not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Data not available.

**Vapor Density:** Data not available.

**Relative Density:** 1.01

**Solubility:** Miscible

**Partition Coefficient:** Data not available.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Explosive Properties:** Data not available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** 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

Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Oxidizers, platinum, Sodium, Potassium Dioxide, Bromine Pentafluoride, Acetyl Bromide, Acetyl Chloride, heat, sparks, open flame.

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### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Not applicable.

#### Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not applicable.

#### Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Not applicable.

#### Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: (Methanol) 5628 mg/kg, (Gentian Violet) 420 mg/kg, details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value; (Ethanol) 7060 mg/kg, respiration changes noted.

#### Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Not applicable.

#### Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Causes serious eye irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

#### Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.

#### Skin Sensitization:

Not applicable.

#### Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

May cause genetic defects. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Carcinogenicity:

May cause cancer. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Reproductive Toxicity:

May damage fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:

Not applicable.



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### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Aspiration Hazard:**

Not applicable.

### **Additional Toxicology Information:**

Data not available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological Information

### **12.1. Ecotoxicity**

Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **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.





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### **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.

#### **14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)**

Not regulated according to TDG Regulations.

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### SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

#### 15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

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

Not listed.

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

Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): 5000 lb final RQ (listed under Ammonium oxalate); 2270 kg final RQ (listed under Ammonium oxalate)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

#### 15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 1.0 % de minimis concentration

#### 15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): Present

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Teratogen

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present

#### 15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): Environmental hazard

Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): Present

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Environmental hazard

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

#### 15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): sn 0108

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): carcinogen; flammable - third degree; mutagen; teratogen

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): sn 0844

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): flammable - third degree; teratogen

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): sn 1222

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): SN 1222 500 lb TPQ

#### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): carcinogen, 4/29/2011 (in alcoholic beverages)

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): carcinogen, 7/1/1988 (when associated with alcohol abuse)

Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): developmental toxicity, 10/1/1987 (in alcoholic beverages)

Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): developmental toxicity, 3/16/2012

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

Gentian Violet (CAS # 548-62-9): Present (DSL)  
Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): Present (DSL)  
Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present (DSL)  
Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present (NDSL)  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present (DSL)  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present (NDSL)  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present (DSL)

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

**All components of this solution are listed as active on the TSCA Inventory or are mixtures (hydrates) of active items listed on the TSCA Inventory.**

Gentian Violet (CAS # 548-62-9): Present  
Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): Present  
Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): Present  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

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

Gentian Violet (CAS # 548-62-9): 208-953-6  
Ammonium Oxalate (CAS # 6009-70-7): 214-202-3  
Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): 200-578-6  
Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): 213-128-9  
Ethyl Alcohol (CAS # 64-17-5): 270-649-4  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 200-659-6  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 212-378-6  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 217-435-9  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 270-649-4  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): 231-791-2  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): 232-148-9

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## SECTION 16: Other Information

### 16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

Combustible liquid. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Harmful to aquatic life. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. No smoking. Do not breathe fumes, mist, vapors, or spray. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention. In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide to extinguish.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

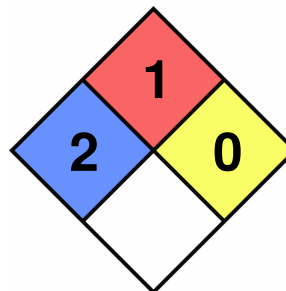
**Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC):** Not Applicable.

**Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC):** Not Applicable.

**Biohazardous Infectious Materials Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

### 16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

**Health:** 2  
**Flammability:** 1  
**Reactivity:** 0  
**Special Hazard:**



### 16.4. Document Revision

**Last Revision Date:** 2022-06-06

## DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.