

 **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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<b>PRODUCT: LUWAX OA</b>
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**87PRODUCT NAMES:** LUWAX OA  
**OTHER NAMES:** BASF Wax OA

**UN NUMBER:** Not applicable  
**HAZCHEM CODE:** Not applicable  
**PACKAGING GROUP:** Not applicable  
**USES:** Emulsifiable polyethylene wax used in the production of emulsions for the polishes, textile and other industries.

**DANGEROUS GOODS:**  
**CLASS & SUB RISK:** Not applicable  
**POISONS SCHEDULE:** Not applicable

**STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE:**

Not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Worksafe Australia

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTIES:**

**APPEARANCE/ODOUR** : white to yellow pastilles.  
**MELTING POINT(°C)** : 94-104°C  
**FLASH POINT(°C)** : >100°C (DIN 51758)  
**FLAMMABILITY LIMITS** : dust explosion hazard  
**SOLUBILITY IN WATER** : Insoluble  
**SPECIFIC GRAVITY** : ca. 0.96 (23°C)  
**AUTOIGNITION TEMP.** : >200°C (DIN 51794)  
**OTHER PROPERTIES**  
Solidification Temperature : 88-94°C  
Dropping Point : 98-104°C  
Melt Viscosity (120°C) : 300-500 mm<sup>2</sup>/s

**INGREDIENTS:**

CHEMICAL ENTITY	CAS No.	PROPORTION
Polyethylene wax, oxidised	Proprietary	100%

**1. HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION****Health Effects:****Acute:****Swallowed**

Adverse effects are not expected

**Eyes**

May cause slight eye irritation.

**Skin**

Is not expected to cause skin irritation.

**Inhaled**

Inhalation of dust may result in slight respiratory irritation.

**Chronic:**

Effects are not known.

**2. FIRST AID****Swallowed**

Rinse mouth and then drink plenty of water.

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Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists call a doctor.

**Skin**

Wash contact area with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing.

**Inhaled**

Inhalation overexposure is not expected.

**Advice to doctor**

Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions).

No known specific antidote.

**Toxicity Data:**

Toxicity data for products of similar composition:

Acute oral toxicity: LD50 >2000 mg/kg (rat)

Acute skin irritation: non-irritant (rabbit)

Acute eye irritation: non-irritant (rabbit)

**3. PRECAUTIONS FOR USE****Exposure standards**

An exposure standard has not been established for this product. The following is recommended for nuisance dusts: TWA 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Engineering controls**

Ensure workplace is well ventilated. Breathing must be protected when decanting large quantities of product without local exhaust ventilation.

**Personal protection**

Protective goggles

Protective gloves

Protective overalls

**Environment**

The product is insoluble in water and thus can be separated from water mechanically in suitable effluent treatment plants. Inhibition of degradation activity in activated sludge is not to be anticipated during correct introduction of low concentrations. This product does not contain organically bound halogens.

**Personal protection comments**

Employ good hygiene practices when using. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

A safety shower and eyewash fountain should be available in all work areas.

**Flammability**

Combustible solid.

**4. SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION****Storage conditions**

Not classified as a dangerous good for storage or transport. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Sources of ignition should be kept clear.

Keep tightly closed in a dry and cool place.

Not subject to hazardous substances labelling.

**Spills & disposal**

Contain and sweep/shovel up spills or use an industrial vacuum cleaner. Do not let product enter drains. Clean up personnel should wear protective overalls with gloves, goggles and approved dust mask. Place waste in labelled containers for disposal. Must be disposed to approved landfill or incinerated in accordance with local regulations. Uncontaminated packs can be reused or recycled. Packs that cannot be cleaned should be disposed of in the same manner as the contents.

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**Fire/Explosion Hazard**

In case of fire use water spray, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry extinguishing media or foam. The following can be given off in a fire: gases/vapours. The degree of risk is governed by the burning substance and the fire conditions. No explosion hazard. In case of fire, wear self-contaminated breathing apparatus. Reactivity Data: no decomposition if correctly stored and handled.

## Reference:

BASF Material Safety Data Sheet BASN4 (January 1997)

<b>CONTACT POINT:</b> <b>Emergency response No. 0419 341 095 (all hours)</b>
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