



# Safety Data Sheet

## SECTION 1: Identification

### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Mercury AA Standard, 1000 ppm Hg in 3% HNO<sub>3</sub>

**Product Number:** AHG1KN

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** AHG1KN-100, AHG1KN-500

### 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 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

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

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation	Category 2	H330	P260, P271, P285, P304+P340, P310, P320, P403+P233, P405, P501
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 2	H315	P264, P280, P302+P352, P321, P332+P313, P362
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280, P305+P351+P338, P310
Skin Sensitizer	Category 1	H317	P261, P272, P280, P302+P352, P332+P313, P321, P363, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1	H360	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 1	H370	P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501



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### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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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.
P260	Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist.
P261	Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P285	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to d Continue rinsing.
P307+P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P320	Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### 2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

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

Data not available.



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### 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	96.49%
Nitric Acid	HNO <sub>3</sub>	63.01 g/mol	7697-37-2	3.40%
Mercuric Oxide	HgO	216.58 g/mol	21908-53-2	0.11%

### 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, redness, pain, and tearing.

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. May cause irritation, redness and pain. Contact will discolor skin yellow-brown depending on exposure which will wear off after a period of time.

**Ingestion:** Dilute with water or milk. Vomiting may occur spontaneously but do not induce. Call a physician immediately.

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

CAUTION! Mildly corrosive liquid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. If swallowed, dilute with water and call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. Contains a material known to the state of California to cause reproductive toxicity (Mercury). EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing. SKIN CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness and pain. Contact will discolor skin yellow-brown depending on exposure which will wear off after a period of time. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: Mercury can accumulate in the body on prolonged exposure. May effect kidneys and central nervous system.

#### 4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).

### SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use water or water spray.

#### 5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Not combustible, but substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition. Can react with metals to release flammable hydrogen gas. May react explosively with combustible organic or readily oxidizable materials such as: alcohols, turpentine, charcoal, organic refuse, metal powder, hydrogen sulfide, etc.

#### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

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## SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

### 6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Pick up and containerize for proper disposal. Do not flush to sewer. Disperse sulfur around area of spill to suppress the Mercury. Always 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.

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### 8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Mercuric Oxide (21908-53-2)	TLV-TWA	USA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (as Hg)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)
Nitric Acid (7697-37-2)	TWA	USA	2 ppm TWA 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Nitric Acid (7697-37-2)	TLV-STEL	USA	4 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Nitric Acid (7697-37-2)	TLV-TWA	USA	2 ppm TWA	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Respiratory Protection:** In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**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. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. 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:** Colorless 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 100°C - Approximately 100°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:** 1.02

**Solubility:** Miscible

**Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):** 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

Strong bases, metallic powders, Carbides, Hydrogen Sulfide, Turpentine and combustible organics.

#### 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 applicable.

**Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:**

Not applicable.

**Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:**

Fatal if inhaled. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Acute Toxicity - Other Information:**

LD50, Oral, Rat: 18 mg/kg (Mercuric Oxide); LD50, Dermal, Rat: 315 mg/kg (Mercuric Oxide); LD50, Oral, Human: (Nitric Acid) 430 mg/kg, Details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value.

**Skin Corrosion and Irritation:**

Causes skin irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

**Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:**

Causes serious eye damage. 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. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

**Respiratory Sensitization:**

Not applicable.

**Skin Sensitization:**

May cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:**

Not applicable.

**Carcinogenicity:**

Not applicable.

**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.



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### Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. 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

Not applicable.

### 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)

**UN Number:** UN3264

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive Liquid, Acidic, Inorganic, n.o.s., (Nitric Acid)

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** III

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



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

**UN Number:** UN3264

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive Liquid, Acidic, Inorganic, n.o.s., (Nitric Acid)

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** III

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



### 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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): 500 lb EPCRA RQ

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): 500 lb lower TPQ; 10000 lb upper TPQ

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): 1000 lb EPCRA RQ

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): 1000 lb TPQ

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

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): 1.0 % Supplier notification limit (listed under Chemical Category N458)

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): 10 lb RT

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): 1.0 % de minimis concentration



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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): Extraordinarily hazardous

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): Extraordinarily hazardous

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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): Environmental hazard

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): Present

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): Environmental hazard

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): Present

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

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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): corrosive

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): sn 1183

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): SN 2414 TPQ: 500 lb (Category Code N458. Includes any unique chemical substance that contains the named metal as part of that chemical structure)

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): sn 2537

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): SN 2537 TPQ: 500 lb

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): teratogen

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): corrosive; reactive - second degree

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): sn 1356

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): SN 1356 TPQ: 500 lb

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): sn 3722

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): SN 3722 TPQ: 500 lb (water dissociable, Category Code N511)

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): developmental toxicity, initial date 7/1/90

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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): Present

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): Present

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

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

Mercuric Oxide (CAS # 21908-53-2): Present

Nitric Acid (CAS # 7697-37-2): 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)

Not listed.



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### SECTION 16: Other Information

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

Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. Fatal if inhaled. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

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

#### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

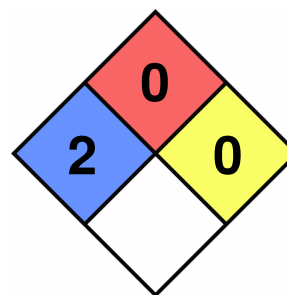
**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

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

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

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

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





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### Contains mercury / Contient du mercure

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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

Se procurer les instructions avant utilisation. Ne pas manipuler avant d'avoir lu et compris toutes les précautions de sécurité. Ne pas respirer les poussières, fumées ou brouillards. Se laver les bras, les mains et le visage soigneusement après manipulation. Ne pas manger, boire ou fumer en manipulant ce produit. Utiliser seulement en plein air ou dans un endroit bien ventilé. Les vêtements de travail contaminés ne devraient pas sortir du lieu de travail. Porter des gants de protection et un équipement de protection des yeux. Lorsque la ventilation du local est insuffisante, porter un équipement de protection respiratoire.

EN CAS DE CONTACT AVEC LA PEAU: Laver abondamment à l'eau et au savon. EN CAS D'INHALATION: Transporter la personne à l'extérieur et la maintenir dans une position où elle peut confortablement respirer. EN CAS DE CONTACT AVEC LES YEUX: Rincer avec précaution à l'eau pe

### 16.4. Document Revision

Last Revision Date: 5/1/2015

### 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.