

SAFETY DATA SHEET**1. Identification**

Product Identifier: Artificial Tears Solution (polyvinyl alcohol 1.4%)

Synonyms: Artificial Tears; Polyvinyl Alcohol Ophthalmic Solution

National Drug Code (NDC): 17478-060-12

Recommended Use: Pharmaceutical.

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2. Hazard(s) Identification

Physical Hazards: Not classifiable.
Health Hazards: Not classifiable.
Symbol(s): None.
Signal Word: None.
Hazard Statement(s): None.
Precautionary Statement(s): None.
Hazards Not Otherwise Classified: Not classifiable.

Supplementary Information: While this material is not classifiable as hazardous under the OSHA standard, this SDS contains valuable information critical to safe handling and proper use of the product. This SDS should be retained and available for employees and other users of this product.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Synonyms	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight	Percentage
Polyvinyl Alcohol	9002-89-5	PVA * Polyethendiol	(C ₂ H ₄ O) _n	Not applicable	1.4%

*The formula also contains Sodium Chloride, Sodium Phosphate Dibasic, Sodium Phosphate Monobasic, Edetate Disodium, Benzalkonium Chloride (0.01%) and Water.

4. **First Aid Measures**

Ingestion:	If a person vomits place them in the recovery position so that vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Rinse mouth with water. If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or label. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
Eye Contact:	Remove from source of exposure. Flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and are aware of precautions to protect themselves.
Skin Contact:	Remove from source of exposure. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes. Flush with copious amounts of water for at least 20 minutes. Use soap. If irritation persists or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and are aware of precautions to protect themselves.
Inhalation:	Remove from source of exposure. Move individual(s) to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if individual(s) are not breathing and call emergency medical service. If signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention. Provide symptomatic/supportive care as necessary. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and are aware of precautions to protect themselves.
Protection of First-Aiders:	Use personal protective equipment (see section 8).
Signs and Symptoms:	Not determined from occupational exposure.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:	Not determined from occupational exposure.
Notes to Physician:	Treat supportively and symptomatically.

5. **Firefighting Measures**

Suitable Extinguishing Media:	Use extinguishing media for type of surrounding fire.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:	Not determined.

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Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:

Hazardous Combustion Products: These products include carbon oxides and toxic fumes.

Other Specific Hazards: Closed containers may explode from heat or fire.

**Special Protective Equipment/
Precautions for Firefighters:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full and protective gear.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions: Use personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this document and isolate the hazard area.

Personal Protective Equipment: For personal protection see section 8.

Methods for Cleaning Up: Dike ahead of liquid spills for later disposal. Absorb with inert material. Recover product and place in an appropriate container for disposal in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Environmental Precautions: Contain material and prevent release to basements, confined spaces, waterways or soil.

Reference to Other Sections: Refer to Sections 8, 12 and 13 for further information.

7. Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling: Handle in accordance with product label and/or product insert information. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practices.

**Conditions for Safe Storage,
Including Any Incompatibilities:** Store according to label and/or product insert information.

Specific End Use: Pharmaceuticals.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Occupational Exposure Guidelines:

Common or Chemical Name	Employee Exposure Limits
Polyvinyl Alcohol	Not established.

Engineering Controls: Airborne exposure should be controlled primarily by engineering controls such as general dilution ventilation, local exhaust ventilation, or process enclosure. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred to general exhaust because it can control the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion into the work area. An industrial hygiene survey involving air monitoring may be used to determine the effectiveness of engineering controls. Effectiveness of engineering controls intended

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for use with highly potent materials should be assessed by use of nontoxic surrogate materials.

Respiratory Protection:

Where respirators are deemed necessary to reduce or control occupational exposures, use NIOSH-approved respiratory protection and have an effective respirator program in place (applicable U.S. regulation OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134).

Eyes Protection:

Safety glasses with side shields are recommended. Face shields or goggles may be required if splash potential exists or if corrosive materials are present. Approved eye protection (e.g., bearing the ANSI Z87 or CSA stamp) is preferred. Maintain eyewash facilities in the work area.

Hand Protection:

Chemically compatible gloves. For handling solutions, ensure that the glove material is protective against the solvent being used. Use handling practices that minimize direct hand contact. Employees who are sensitive to natural rubber (latex) should use nitrile or other synthetic non-latex gloves. Use of powdered latex gloves should be avoided due to the risk of latex allergy.

Skin Protection:

Wear protective laboratory coat, apron, or disposable garment when working with large quantities.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State/Color:	Clear liquid.
Odor:	No data available.
Odor Threshold:	No data available.
pH:	No data available.
Melting Point:	No data available.
Freezing Point:	No data available.
Boiling Point:	No data available.
Flash Point:	No data available.
Evaporation Rate:	No data available.
Flammability (solid, gas):	No data available.
Flammability Limit - Lower:	No data available.
Flammability Limit - Upper:	No data available.
Vapor Pressure:	No data available.
Vapor Density:	No data available.
Relative Density:	No data available.
Solubility(ies):	Miscible in water.
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No data available.
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	No data available.
Decomposition Temperature:	No data available.
Viscosity:	No data available.

10. Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity: No data available.

Chemical Stability: Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: No data available.

Conditions to Avoid (e.g., static discharge, shock, or vibration): No data available.

Incompatible Materials: No data available.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Data not available.

11. Toxicological Information

Information on the Likely Routes of Exposure:

Inhalation: May cause irritation.

Ingestion: May cause irritation.

Skin Contact: May cause irritation.

Eye Contact: May cause eye pain, changes in vision, redness, and/or irritation.

Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics: See Section 4. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Delayed and Immediate Effects of Exposure: No data available.

Acute Toxicity:

Compound	Species	Route	End Point	Dose
Polyvinyl Alcohol	Rat	Oral	LD ₅₀	>20,000 mg/kg

Acute Toxicity – Dermal: No data available.

Acute Toxicity – Inhalation: No data available.

Corrosivity: No data available.

Dermal Irritation: No data available.

Eye Irritation: No data available.

Sensitization: No data available.

Toxicokinetics/Metabolism: No data available.

Target Organ Effects: No data available.

Reproductive Effects: No data available.

Carcinogenicity: No data available.

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National Toxicology Program (NTP):	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC):	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA):	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity:	Due to lack of data, the classification is not possible.
Aspiration Hazard:	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic:	No data available.
Terrestrial:	No data available.
Persistence and Degradability:	No data available.
Bioaccumulative Potential:	No data available.
Mobility in Soil:	No data available.
Mobility in Environment:	No data available.
Other Adverse Effects:	No data available.

13. Disposal Considerations

Dispose of all waste in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations.

14. Transport Information

UN Number:	Not applicable.
UN Proper Shipping Name:	Not applicable.
Transport Hazard Class(es):	Not applicable.
Packing Group:	Not applicable.
Department of Transportation:	Not regulated as a hazardous material.
International Air Transport Association (IATA):	Not regulated as a dangerous good.
International Maritime Dangerous Good (IMDG):	Not regulated as a dangerous good.

15. Regulatory Information

US Federal Regulations:

Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA):	This product is a drug regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and is not regulated by TSCA.
CERCLA Hazardous Substance and Reportable Quantity:	Not listed.
SARA 313:	Not listed.

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SARA 302: Not listed.

State Regulations

Massachusetts: Not listed.

New Jersey: Ethenol: Listed.
Homopolymer: Listed.
Benzalkonium Chloride: Listed.

Pennsylvania: Ethenol: Listed.
Homopolymer: Listed.
Benzalkonium Chloride: Listed.

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

16. Other Information

Not made with natural rubber latex.

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