

## SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

<p><b>CHEMICAL NAME:</b> Ammonium Hydroxide  <b>PRODUCT CODE:</b> 5B05, 5B06, 5B09, 5B22 &amp; 5B23  <b>MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR:</b>                  LaRoche Industries Inc.                  1100 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE                  Atlanta, GA 30342 USA</p>	<p><b>TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:</b> Aqua Ammonia, Ammonium Hydroxide</p> <p><b>EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:</b>                  Transportation (CHEMTREC): 1-800-424-9300                  Environmental/Health/Safety: 1-800-528-4963                  Customer Service (Toll Free): 1-877-474-4643</p>
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## SECTION 2: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL	FORMULA	% BY WEIGHT	CAS	OSHA PEL	NIOSH REL / ACGIH TLV	IDLH
Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	20-30	7664-41-7	50 ppm(TWA)	25 ppm(TWA) 35 ppm(STEL)	300ppm
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	70-80	7732-18-5	None	None	None
Aqua Ammonia	NH <sub>4</sub> OH	100	1336-21-6	-----	-----	-----

## SECTION 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** 1. Colorless liquid with pungent odor 2. Avoid contact with liquid and vapor 3. Not flammable 4. Mixes with water 5. Harmful to aquatic life in very low concentrations 6. Stop discharge if possible

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECT - ROUTES OF ENTRY:** Inhalation, Skin Contact, Eye Contact, Ingestion

**TARGET ORGANS:** Eyes, skin and respiratory system

**EYE CONTACT:** May be severely irritating upon liquid exposure, with mild irritation from fumes.

**SKIN CONTACT:** High concentrations can cause severe irritation and burns.

**INHALATION:** The gas can be suffocating and is irritating to the mucous membranes and lung tissue.

**INGESTION:** Can cause vomiting, nausea and corrosive burns to the esophagus and stomach. The exact nature and intensity of toxic effects following ingestion of varying amounts of strong aqua ammonia solution (e.g. 28%) is unpredictable. The most accepted view is that any amount from one teaspoon or greater can be dangerous if ingested.

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes then immediately seek medical aid.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Immediately flush with large quantities of water for at least 15 minutes while removing clothing. Seek immediate medical aid.

**INHALATION:** Remove from exposure. If breathing has stopped or is difficult, administer artificial respiration or oxygen as needed. Seek immediate medical aid.

**INGESTION:** Do not induce vomiting. Have the victim drink large quantities of water if conscious. Immediately seek medical aid. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

## SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT:** Not Applicable

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS:** 16-25% in air (NH<sub>3</sub>)

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Water fog or spray for escaping ammonia gas.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** The mixture will not burn but escaping gas can burn in the range of 16-25% in air. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus in the pressure demand mode.

**NFPA HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (Aqua):** Not rated by NFPA

**NFPA HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (Ammonia):** Health: 3 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0 (least-0 — 4-highest)

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Releases of 1,000 lb. or more of ammonium hydroxide (aqua ammonia) within 24 hours must be immediately (within minutes) reported to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802, as well as appropriate local and state agencies.

**SUGGESTED LOCAL ACTION:** Releases will liberate irritating vapors. Spilled liquids should be contained and not washed into sewers or ground water. Prevent large quantities from contact with vegetation or waterways. Ammonium hydroxide (aqua ammonia) is a regulated material and reporting of any release may be required. Any release of this material, during the course of loading, transporting, unloading or temporary storage, must be reported to the US DOT as required by 49 CFR 171.15 and 171.16.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Store in ventilated containers or pressure vessels away from heat. Open containers cautiously in case of pressure build up. Zinc, copper and copper alloys such as brass are rapidly corroded by ammonium hydroxide (aqua ammonia).

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Respiratory protection approved by NIOSH/MSHA for ammonia must be used when exposure limits are exceeded. Whether a chemical cartridge respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus is sufficient for effective respiratory protection depends on the type and magnitude of exposure.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Rubber gloves and rubber or other types of approved protective clothing should be used to prevent skin contact. A face shield should be used for increased protection from contact with liquid.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Chemical splash goggles, approved for use with ammonia, must be worn to prevent eye contact with liquid or vapor. A face shield should be used for increased protection from contact with liquid.

**VENTILATION:** Local positive pressure and/or exhaust ventilation should be used to reduce vapor concentrations in confined spaces. Ammonia vapor, being lighter than air, can be expected to dissipate in the upper atmosphere. Ammonia concentrations may also be reduced by the use of an appropriate absorbent or reactant material.

#### SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**BOILING POINT:** 83°F (30% Sol'n.)

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:** 0.86 @ 60°F (30% Sol'n.) (Water=1)

**MELTING POINT:** Approx. -98°F(30% Sol'n.)

**VAPOR DENSITY:** 0.60 @ 32°F(Air=1)

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** Complete

**PERCENT VOLATILE BY VOLUME:** 100%

**pH:** Approx. 11.6 for 1 N NH<sub>3</sub> Sol'n.

**APPEARANCE:** Colorless (pungent) liquid

**VAPOR PRESSURE(mm Hg):** 720 @ 80°F(30% Sol'n.)

#### SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Material generally considered stable. However, heating above ambient temperatures causes the vapor pressure of ammonia to increase rapidly.

**INCOMPATIBILITY(Materials to Avoid):** Strong acids. Aqua Ammonia reacts with bromine, chlorine, mercury, silver, silver solder, and hypochlorite (bleach) to form explosive compounds. Avoid use of metals containing copper or zinc.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Heating and contact of vapors with very hot surfaces may form hydrogen. The decomposition temperature may be lowered to 575°F by contact with certain metals such as nickel.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Not applicable

#### SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TOXICITY BY INGESTION:** Grade 3; Oral Rat, LD<sub>50</sub> =350 mg/kg

Ammonia is a strong alkali and readily damages all body tissues. Ammonia is not a cumulative metabolic poison.

#### SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**AQUATIC TOXICITY:** 6.25ppm 24hr/Trout/Lethal/Freshwater; 15ppm 48hr/Sunfish/TLm/Tap Water

**WATERFOWL TOXICITY:** Data not available

**BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND:** Data not available

**FOOD CHAIN CONCENTRATION POTENTIAL:** None

#### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Consult local, state or federal regulatory agencies for acceptable disposal procedures and disposal locations. Disposal in streams or sewers may be contrary to federal, state, and local regulations. For Hazardous Waste Regulations call 1-800-424-9346, the RCRA Hotline.

#### SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Proper shipping name: Ammonium Hydroxide

DOT Hazard Class: 8

Identification Number: UN2672

Packing Group: III

#### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

**NOTICE:** This product is subject to the reporting requirements of SARA (1986, Section 313 of Title III) and 40 CFR Part 370.

**OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION RULE, 20 CFR 1910.1200:** Aqua ammonia is a hazardous chemical.

**TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT:** Ammonium Hydroxide (CAS# 1336-21-6) is listed in the TSCA Inventory.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (SARA, TITLE III):** Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance: Yes (as ammonia); Section 311/312 Hazardous Categories: Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard; Section 313 Toxic Chemical: Yes (Ammonia).

**CERCLA/SUPERFUND, 40 CFR 117 & 302:** This product is 100% Ammonium Hydroxide which if released into the environment in quantities of 1,000 lb. or more requires notification to the National Response Center in Washington, DC at 1-800-424-8802.

**WHMIS:** One percent (1%), as ammonia

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** Reproductive: No Carcinogen: No

**OSHA PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT, 29 CFR 1910.119:** This product is not subject to the Process Safety Management requirements of 29 CFR 1910.119.

**EPA CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION, 40 CFR PART 68:** This product is subject to the Risk Management Plan requirements of 40 CFR Part 68 if maintained on-site in quantities of 20,000 lb. or greater of contained ammonia.

**DRINKING WATER:** Maximum use dosage in potable water is 10 mg/l.

#### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

**REASON FOR REVISION:** 1. Addition of new Toll Free Customer Service Number in Section 1; 2. Revision to concentration range in Section 2.; 3. Revision to Proper DOT Shipping Name in Section 14; 4. Revision to EPCRA Section 302 information in Section 15; and 5. Supersedes MSDS dated 4/15/98

**MSDS PREPARED BY:** LaRoche industries Inc.'s Corporate Office of Regulatory Affairs.

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