

CHEMICAL HAZARD GUIDELINE

Not Classified by GHS!		ORGANIC PEROXIDE-FORMING MATERIALS See classes & examples of common peroxide formers on page 2.	Not Classified by GHS!		
Hazards	Potential Hazards	 Some organic peroxide-forming materials can form explosive peroxide crystals during storage; these may be sensitive to shock, friction, heat and/or light. Other compounds in this class can form peroxides capable of initiating violent polymerization reactions. Many organic peroxide forming materials are flammable. Refer to Flammable Liquid Guideline. Refer to chemical specific Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for specific hazard information. Note that the ability to form peroxides is a hazard category that is NOT classified under GHS. Some SDS's may include the European hazard classification "May Form organic Peroxides" under hazards not otherwise classified" at the bottom of Section2 of the SDS. A lab-specific SOP is needed for particularly hazardous organic peroxide-forming materials and/or any operation involving a high-risk chemical. Pl approval of lab specific SOP is required for all particularly hazardous chemicals and/or high-risk chemicals. 			
	Purchasing	 If possible, use a chemical that does not form peroxides. If possible, purchase peroxide formers with an inhibitor. Purchase the smallest practical containers; plan to use peroxide-formers within safe timeframes. (Refer to SDS and page 2 for more information.) Purchase peroxide test strips. Write date received and date opened on the container. 			
	Storage and Transportation	 Store in a cool location away from heat & light in sealed airtight containers with tight-fitting nonmetal lids. If in class A or B (or if indicated on the SDS), store under nitrogen or argon. 			
controls	Work Practice Procedures	 Never force open a rusted or stuck cap. Never open a dented container. Use the smallest practical quantities for the work being performed. Follow instructions on page 2 for evaluating peroxide formers. Do not distill unless absence of peroxides has been shown. Do not allow to evaporate to dry residue; leave 10-20% residual in container. 			
Hazard Controls	Engineering Controls	Use a blast shield if there is a possibility of vigorous chemical reaction or explosion. Use under a properly operating chemical fume hood.			
	Personal Protective Equipment	For risk if explosion or vigorous reaction: Chemical splash goggles and face shield Flame-resistant lab coat Heavy gloves (consider flame-resistant) Note: Always refer to glove manufacturer glove guide for glove effectiveness with the chemical you are using.			
Other	Waste	Contact EHRS at 215-707-2520 immediately: If crystals are found around the lid of the container (Do NOT open the container!) OR If the container tests positive for peroxides. Submit a waste pickup request prior to expiration date. Follow above storage guidelines f hazardous waste. For disposal, request waste pick-up through EHRS.	1		



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Emergencies	In the event of an emergency – Call campus safety at (215) 214-1234 & EHRS at (215) 707-2520. Direct contact – Flush contaminated area with copious amounts of water (eyewash or safety shower) and then seek medical attention. Inhalation – Remove to fresh air and then seek medical attention. Spill/ Release – Close cylinder valve, if possible. If unable to contain, evacuate lab. Contact EHRS for additional assistance or guidance.	
Training	Sign signature on Laboratory-Specific Training Checklist to indicate review.	
Questions	Contact Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (EHRS) at (215) 707-2520	

EVALUATING PEROXIDE FORMERS

- Verify identity of chemical.
- Check the **date** last opened (or, if unopened, date received) is known and is **within the recommended safe storage period** per guidance below.
- Make sure that evaporation of the chemical is known or estimated to be less than 10%.
- Make sure container shows no discoloration, liquid stratification, or crystallization around cap or in solution.

CAUTION: Never try to force open a rusted or stuck cap on a container of a peroxide-forming chemical. Do not open a dented container. If any point above cannot be verified, the container should be considered unsafe and should not be disturbed. Promptly call EHRS at 215-707-2520for assistance with safe disposal.

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Container passing initial screening may be evaluated for peroxide content. We recommend using peroxide test strips, available from a number of suppliers. Follow the instructions provided.

For east of tracking, testing should eb conducted on a specific schedule (determined by the lab). Labs should maintain a record of testing with other safety-related information.

Chemicals that form explosive levels of peroxides without concentration.

Assessing Peroxide Levels:			
< 25 ppm	Considered safe for routine use.		
25-100 ppm	Not recommended for distilling or otherwise concentrating.		
> 100 ppm	Avoid handling. Contact EHRS at 215-707-2520 for disposal.		

COMMON PEROXIDE FORMING CHEMICALS

These lists are not all-inclusive.

Any UNOPENED bottles of peroxide-formers should be submitted as waste within 18 months of receipt or by the expiration date noted on the container, whichever comes first.

Class	Butadiene (inhibited liquid monomer)	Chlorobutadiene Chloroprene (inhibited liquid monomer) Diisopropyl Ether	Divinyl acetylene Potassium Amide Potassium Metal Sodium Amide (sodamide)	Tetrafluroethylene (inhibited liquid monomer) Vinylidene Chloride
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Store under inert gas if possible. Submit for waste or evaluate for peroxides within 6-12 months of opening.			
Acetal	Decahydronaphthalene	Furan	1-Phenylethnaol
Acetaldehyde	Diacetylene	4-Heptanol	2-Phenylethanol
Benzyl Alcohol	Dicyclopentadiene	2-Hexanol	2-Propanol (isopropanol
2-Buitanol	Diethyl Ether	Methyl acetylene	IPA)
Cumene	Diethyl glycol dimethyl ether	3-Methyl-1-butanol	Tetrahydrofuran
Cyclohexanol	(diglyme)	Methyl isobutyl ketone	Tetrahydronaphthalene
2-Cycohexen-1-ol	Dioxanes	4-Methyl-2-pentanol	Vinyl Ethers
Cyclohexene	Ethylene glycol dimethyl ether	2-Oentanol	Other secondary alcohols
	(glyme)	4-Penten-1-ol	•



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ss C	Chemicals that may auto polymerize upon peroxide concentration Without inhibitor: Submit as waste within 24 hours after synthesizing or opening With inhibitor: Do not store under inert atmosphere (O ₂ is required for inhibitors to work). Submit as waste or evaluate for peroxides within 12 months of opening.			
<u> </u>	Acrylic Acid	Chlorotrifluoroethylene	Tetrafluoroethylene	Vinyl Pyridine
\circ	Acrylonitrile	Ethyl acrylate	Vinyl Acetate	Vinylidene chloride
	Butadiene	Methyl methacrylate	Vinyl Acetylene	·
	Chloroprene	Styrene	Vinyl Chloride	