MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET
OSHA "Hazard Communication" (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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SECTION I—MANUFACTURER AND PRODUCT

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Product Name and Catalog Number
Diagnostic Reagent Droppers
Voges Proskauer A   4361192

SECTION II—HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Chemical Name (Synonym)	%	Exposure Limit, Toxicity Data, CAS Number
Ethanol (Ethyl Alcohol)	12	TLV: 1000 ppm; PEL: 1000 ppm; CAS #64-17-5; Tox. Data: Man (oral) TDLo 50 mg/Kg GIT

SECTION III—PHYSICAL DATA

Product Component	Boiling Point °C	Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	Vapor Density (Air = 1)	Product Appearance and Odor
Ethanol	78.3	44	1.6	Plastic droppers with light tan solution.
Product	Not Determined	Not Determined	Not Determined	

	Sp. Grav. (H_2O = 1)	% Volatile By Volume	Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1)	Product Solubility in Water
Ethanol	0.79	100	1.4	Not applicable
Product	Not Determined	Not Determined	Not Determined	

SECTION IV—FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Mixture Component	Flash Point (Method)	Flammable Limits Lel%	Uel%	Extinguishing Media	Special Fire Fighting Procedures or Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards
Ethanol	50-55°F (TOC)	3.3	19.0	Water spray	1. Liquid contained in dropper will not burn. 2. Plastic components of product will burn. However, extinguishing media used for fire fighting will be compatible.
Product	Not Determined	Not Determined			

SECTION V—HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Component	
Ethanol	Route(s) of Entry: Inhalation, ingestion, skin. Health Hazards: Eye - can cause burning and stinging sensation. Inhalation (5,000 ppm) - cause stupor and sleepiness. Ingestion - initially a stimulant then mental excitement, impaired vision. Skin - can cause defatting and dermatitis. Carcinogenicity: Not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Not Determined. Emergency First Aid: Eyes - flush with water for 15 minutes; Skin: wash with soap and water, if rash appears seek medical attention; Inhalation: remove to fresh air, seek medical follow-up; Ingestion: when excessive, induce vomiting, seek medical attention immediately.

SECTION VI—REACTIVITY DATA

Product Component	Stable/ Unstable	Conditions to Avoid	Incompatibility Materials to Avoid	Hazardous Polymerization
Ethanol	Stable	Nitrate, Perchlorates, Elevated temperatures	Aluminum	Will not occur.
Product	Stable	Not Determined	Not Determined	Will not occur.

SECTION VII—SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Spill: In the event of a spill:
a. Wearing gloves absorb any liquid onto paper towels
b. Pickup all other contaminated material and place in BioBag
c. Autoclave all material before discarding
d. Disinfect the exposed area according to established precautions against microbiological hazards

Waste Disposal: This product contains hazardous material and must be disposed of according to current Federal, State and local regulations.

SECTION VIII—SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiratory Protection: Not required under normal product usage.
Ventilation: General and/or local to meet TLV requirements. When product is used as directed, exposure limits are not expected to reach the TLV.
Protective Gloves: Not required under normal product usage.
Eye Protection: Safety glasses, eyewash should be available.
Other Protective Equipment: Not required under normal product usage.

SECTION IX—SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS/COMMENTS

Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout all procedures. Prior to discarding, sterilize specimen containers and other contaminated materials by autoclaving.

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