Standard Operating Procedure

Organic Azides

*This is an SOP template and is not complete until: 1) lab specific information is entered into the box below 2) lab specific protocol/procedure is added to the protocol/procedure section and   
3) SOP has been signed and dated by the PI and relevant lab personnel.*

Print a copy and insert into your   
*Laboratory Safety Manual* and *Chemical Hygiene Plan*.   
Refer to instructions for assistance.

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| **Department:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Date SOP was written:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Date SOP was approved by PI/lab supervisor:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Principal Investigator:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Internal Lab Safety Coordinator/Lab Manager:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Lab Phone:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Office Phone:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Emergency Contact:** | Click here to enter text. |
| *(Name and Phone Number)* |
| **Location(s) covered by this SOP:** | Click here to enter text. |
| *(Building/Room Number)* |

**Type of SOP:**  Process Hazardous Chemical  Hazardous Class

**Purpose**

Organic azides are a useful organic chemistry building block. There has been incredible interest in their use in peptide synthesis, combinatorial synthesis, and heterocycle formation. They are commonly used in named organic reactions include Huisgen cycloaddition, Staudinger ligation and Curtis rearrangement. They can be made through a variety of methods most involving toxic sodium azide, or explosive diazonium salts.

**Physical & Chemical Properties/Definition of Chemical Group**

CAS#: N/A

Class: Explosive, Toxic

Molecular Formula: R-N3

Form (physical state): Solid or liquid

Color: varies

Boiling point: N/A

**Potential Hazards/Toxicity**

Organic azides are typically shock and heat sensitive explosives. The stability greatly varies depending on the organic azide. Please seek additional information on the specific organic azide that is being used. In general, the lower the carbon to nitrogen ratio, the more unstable the compound tends to be, making it more hazardous. They also have similar toxicity to organic cyanides. Isolation, purification, and storage are all hazardous and should be avoided when possible. Avoid contact with acid as gaseous and toxic hydrogen azide can form.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Respirator Protection**

Lab personnel intending to use/wear a respirator mask must be trained and fit-tested by ORS and should contact occhealt@uga.edu. This is a UGA requirement described in more detail in the [UGA Respiratory Protection Plan](https://esd.uga.edu/sites/default/files/respiratoryprotection.pdf) and supported by the [Office of Research Occupational Health and Safety Program](https://research.uga.edu/ohsp/).

Respirators should be used only under any of the following circumstances:

* As a last line of defense (i.e., after engineering and administrative controls have been exhausted).
* When Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) has exceeded or when there is a possibility that PEL will be exceeded.
* Regulations require the use of a respirator.
* An employer requires the use of a respirator.
* There is potential for harmful exposure due to an atmospheric contaminant (in the absence of PEL)
* As PPE in the event of a chemical spill clean-up process

**Hand Protection**

Handle with nitrile or chloroprene gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

NOTE: Consult with your preferred glove manufacturer to ensure that the gloves you plan on using are compatible with organic azides.

Refer to glove selection chart from the links below:

<http://www.ansellpro.com/download/Ansell_8thEditionChemicalResistanceGuide.pdf>

OR

<http://www.showabestglove.com/site/default.aspx>

OR

<http://www.mapaglove.com/>

**Eye Protection**

ANSI approved safety glasses or goggles. Face shield also recommended

**Skin and Body Protection**

Flame resistant lab coats should be worn. These laboratory coats must be appropriately sized for the individual and be buttoned to their full length. Laboratory coat sleeves must be of a sufficient length to prevent skin exposure while wearing gloves. Full length pants and close-toed shoes must be worn at all times by all individuals that are occupying the laboratory area. The area of skin between the shoe and ankle should not be exposed.

**Hygiene Measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash hands before eating. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

**Engineering Controls**

Work with this chemical in a certified ducted fume hood. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. A blast shield is also recommended. Some azides may require use of a properly ventilated glove box.

**First Aid Procedures**

**If inhaled**

Move victim to fresh air. Monitor for respiratory distress if not breathing give artificial respiration. Consult a physician

**In case of skin contact**

Remove contaminated clothing and/or shoes. Wash exposed area with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes (remove contact lenses if easily possible) and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician

**Special Handling and Storage Requirements**

**Special handling:** When possible use as dilute solutions. Isolation, purification, and storage should be avoided when possible. Storage will depend on each specific azide. Some require approved freezer and they should be stored in secondary containment and labeled accordingly.

**Spill and Accident Procedure**

**Chemical Spill Dial 911**

**24-7 On-Call Response to Research, Environment, Health or Safety Concerns Dial 2-5561 from a campus phone or 706-542-5561 from a non-campus line.**

**Spill** – Follow the procedures set out in the [UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.](http://research.uga.edu/docs/units/safety/manuals/Chemical-Laboratory-Safety-Manual.pdf)

[If there are any chemical-specific protocols for responding to a spill, insert them here or mark “none”:]

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# **Medical Emergency Dial 911**

**Life Threatening Emergency, After Hours, Weekends And Holidays** – Dial **911** or the emergency phone numbers listed at the beginning of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Non-Life Threatening Emergency** – Follow the instructions in the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Decontamination/Waste Disposal Procedure**

**For general hazardous waste disposal procedures, see Appendix H of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.**

**Chemical Specific Procedures: [to be inserted or marked as “none”]**

Wearing proper PPE, decontaminate equipment and bench tops using soap and water or ethanol depending on the organic azide. Dispose of the used organic azide and disposables contaminated with organic azide as hazardous waste. Store the organic azide hazardous waste away from acids and acid waste.

**Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Location**

UGA personnel can access Online SDS through a link in the upper left corner of the ESD home page (<https://esd.uga.edu>) and logging in by using their UGA email user name and password.

**Protocol/Procedure (Add lab specific Protocol/Procedure here)**

Click here to enter text.

**NOTE**

Any deviation from this SOP requires approval from PI.

**Documentation of Training** (signature of all users is required)

* Prior to conducting any work with organic azides., designated personnel must provide training to his/her laboratory personnel specific to the hazards involved in working with this substance, work area decontamination, and emergency procedures.
* The Principal Investigator must provide his/her laboratory personnel with a copy of this SOP and access to the SDS provided by the manufacturer.
* The Principal Investigator must ensure that his/her laboratory personnel have attended appropriate laboratory safety training or refresher training within the last 12 months.

**Principal Investigator SOP Approval**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date:

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I have read and understand the content of this SOP:

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