

# BAUSCH & LOMB

Pharmaceutical Division

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Levobunolol Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution USP, 0.25%  
**Generic Name:** Same  
**NDC No.** 24208-545-05 ( 5 ml)  
24208-545-10 (10 ml)

**Legal Category:** Prescription only medicine, filled inside plastic bottle suitable for dispensing, and overpacked inside a cardboard carton.

**Drug Composition:** Beta-adrenoceptor blocker (Reduces intraocular pressure in the eye)

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### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Description	CAS #	TLV (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	PEL(mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	% Content
Levobunolol HCL	27912-14-7	NE	NE	0.25
Polyvinyl Alcohol	9002-89-5	NE	NE	≥1

Ingredients <1% - Sodium Chloride, Sodium Phosphate, Edetate Disodium, Sodium Metabisulfite, Potassium Phosphate, Benzalkonium Chloride

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### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Plastic bottle in a cardboard box. Clear, colorless to light yellowish solution. Potent medication. Individuals with asthma, cardiac disease and diabetes may be more susceptible to systemic effects. Patients taking phenothiazine and beta-adrenergic compounds can experience additive low blood pressure effects. Persons with various strong allergies can have an anaphylactic reaction to this preparation. Toxic by ingestion.

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#### POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS

**Carcinogenicity:** (NTP) No (IARC) No (OSHA) No

**Eye:** May cause irritation, slight burning sensation on application and hypersensitivity (anaphylactic), especially in individuals subject to allergies. Topically administered beta-adrenergic compounds can be absorbed systemically (whole body) and effects may include acute toxicity. Acute toxicity effects include severe respiratory distress (especially asthma sufferers), cardiac effects and heart failure. Symptoms of thyroid over activity (thyrotoxicosis) and low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) may be masked by the effects of levobunolol. It is not known whether levobunolol is excreted in the milk of nursing mothers. Systemic beta-blockers are known to be excreted in breast milk.

**Skin:** May cause irritation. Can cause hypersensitivity, including localized and generalized rash. Systemic absorption is possible with repeated or prolonged contact.(See Eye).

**Ingestion:** May cause irritation and hypersensitivity, especially in individuals with other allergies. Toxic by ingestion due to systemic absorption. Can also cause nausea and diarrhea.(See Eye).

**Inhalation:** May cause irritation and hypersensitivity. May cause systemic effects.(See Eye).

**Chronic Effects:** As with other topically administered ophthalmic drugs, levobunolol may be absorbed systemically. The same adverse reactions found with systemic administration of beta-adrenergic blocking agents may occur with topical administration. Severe respiratory and cardiac reactions, including death due to bronchospasm in patients with asthma, and death in association with cardiac failure have been reported with topical application of beta-adrenergic blocking agents. Levobunolol may mask signs (e.g. rapid heart beat) of thyrotoxicosis. This product

contains sodium metabisulfite which can cause allergic-type reactions in some individuals.

**Target Organs:** Eye, heart, skin, digestive and respiratory tract, brain and thyroid.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Long Term Exposure:** Patients with hypersensitivity to other beta-adrenergic agents may have reactions to levobunolol. Individuals with a hypersensitivity to any component of this product. Patients conditions which may be affected include bronchial asthma, severe chronic pulmonary disease and cardiac disease. Beta adrenergic agents can mask the symptoms of hypoglycemia in diabetic patients. Levobunolol can mask signs (e.g. tachycardia) of thyrotoxicosis.

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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**Eyes:** If not prescribed this medication, rinse immediately with copious amounts of water for at least 20 minutes. Contact a physician.

**Skin:** Remove all contaminated clothing and wash skin with copious amounts of water for at least 20 minutes. Contact physician if skin becomes irritated.

**Ingestion:** Wash out mouth and give plenty of water and bland fluids. Seek professional assistance.

**Inhalation:** Remove person to fresh air, and if breathing stops, use artificial respiration. Contact physician immediately.

**Note to Physicians:**

- Non-cardioselective beta-adrenoceptor blockers reduce cardiac output.
- Patients conditions which may be affected include bronchial asthma, severe chronic pulmonary disease, sinus bradycardia, second and third degree atrioventricular block, overt cardiac failure, cardiogenic shock or hypersensitivity to any component of this product.
- Beta adrenergic agents may mask the symptoms of hypoglycemia in diabetic patients.
- Levobunolol can mask signs (e.g. tachycardia) of thyrotoxicosis.
- Persons with a history of serious anaphylactic reactions may be more reactive to repeated contact to levobunolol, either accidental, diagnostic, or therapeutic. Patients with hypersensitivity reactions may be unresponsive to the usual doses of epinephrine used to treat allergic reactions.

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#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Flammable Properties:** Flash point: NE Method: NE

**Hazardous Products:** Acetaldehyde, crotonaldehyde, acetone, sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and toxic fumes.

**Extinguishing Media:** Dry chemical, carbon dioxide, halon, water spray or fog, and foam on surrounding materials.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Do not spray water into the burning material.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Large/Small Spills:** Use personal protective equipment. Contain the spill to prevent drainage into sewers, drains or streams. Use absorbent material to solidify the spill. Shovel or scoop up solidified waste. Dispose of material according to Federal, State and Local regulations.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Handling:** Avoid contact with product and use caution to prevent puncturing containers. No special protective equipment or procedures are required in the clinical or home environment.

**Storage:** Store product upright in original containers with the cap tightly closed at a controlled room temperature 15<sup>0</sup>-30<sup>0</sup> C (59<sup>0</sup>- 86<sup>0</sup> F). **KEEP THIS AND ALL DRUGS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Engineering Controls:** In the manufacturing plant, provide adequate ventilation for the raw material handling and compounding process which will maintain the dust and vapor levels below the TLV, STEL, and PEL values for the ingredients. Ventilation fans should be explosion proof. Use adequate personal protective equipment e.g. NIOSH-approved respirators, goggles or safety glasses, gloves and protective clothing. Ensure training in the handling of chemical material and use current Material Safety Data Sheets.

**Eye Protection:** (29 CFR 1910.133) Recommend goggles or chemical safety glasses.

**Skin Protection:** Thick impermeable gloves and protective clothing.

**Respiratory Protection:** (29 CFR 1910.134) NIOSH approved respirator, with organic vapor, acid gas and HEPA filter recommended for handling raw materials.

**Warning: Do not use air purifying respirators in oxygen depleted environments.** No respiratory protection is required in the clinical or home environment.

**Other:** None

**Ventilation:** Recommended

**Contaminated Equipment:** Wash contaminated clothing separately. Wash equipment with soap and water. Release rinse water into an approved wastewater system or according to Federal, State and Local regulations.

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## 9. CHEMICAL & PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

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Appearance & Odor: Clear, colorless to light yellowish solution.

Boiling Point:	NE	Evaporation Rate:	NE
Specific Gravity:	1.0	Vapor Density:	NE
Vapor Pressure:	NE	Viscosity:	NE
Water Solubility:	Miscible	Percent Volatile by Volume:	<1

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Chemical Stability:** Stable

**Conditions to avoid:** Extreme heat or cold.

**Incompatibility:** This product has the incompatibilities of water e.g. strong acids, bases, alkali metals, alkali hydrides and silver preparations.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Acetaldehyde, crotonaldehyde, acetone, sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and toxic fumes.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Should not occur.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION

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Summary of Risks: Toxicological information refers to raw materials product. Concentrations and toxicological effects are substantially reduced in the product. For more detailed information see MSDS on chemical material.

CAS #

27912-14-7                      **Levobunolol Hydrochloride**

May cause irritation to the eye, skin, respiratory and digestive tract. Can cause hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) especially in individuals with a history of various strong allergic reactions. Systemic toxicity effects include inflammation and irritation of the eye, skin rash, itching or hives, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination and chest pain. Severe respiratory and cardiac reactions including death due to bronchospasm in patients with asthma; and death in association with cardiac failure, have been reported with topical application of beta-adrenergic blocking agents. Symptoms of thyroid over activity (thyrotoxicosis) and low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) may be masked by the effects of levobunolol. Fetotoxicity has

been demonstrated in rabbits when 200 and 700 times the recommended human dose was administered, but fetotoxicity has not occurred in rats when 1800 times the human recommended dose was administered. Oral-rat LD<sub>50</sub> 700 mg/kg. Intravenous-rat LD<sub>50</sub> 25 mg/kg. Oral-dog LD<sub>50</sub> 100 mg/kg.

9002-89-5                      **Polyvinyl Alcohol**

Dust may cause irritation to eyes and respiratory tract. No known effects by skin contact or ingestion. Inhalation of dust can induce bronchitis or asthma attacks in some individuals. No known dermal effects due to acute exposure. Degradation products of stored material are methanol (PEL=260 mg/M<sup>3</sup>) and methyl acetate (TLV=200 ppm). Decomposition products are acetaldehyde, crotonaldehyde and acetone. Oral-rat LD<sub>50</sub> >10 mg/kg. Acetaldehyde: CAS# 75-07-0; TLV=100 ppm; Suspected Carcinogen. Crotonaldehyde: CAS# 4170-30-3; PEL=2 ppm; Suspected Carcinogen. Acetone: CAS# 67-64-1; TLV= 750 ppm.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Chemical Fate Information:** Product administered to patients presents a negligible impact on the environment.

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## 13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

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**Dispose of material according to Federal, State, and Local regulations.** The method typically used is incineration.

**EPA Designations:**            RCRA Hazardous Waste: Not Listed

**SARA Title III:**                Not Listed

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**Transportation Data:**        Not classified as hazardous by DOT regulations.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**DOT Designations:**        Not classified as hazardous by DOT regulations.

**EPA Designations:**        RCRA Hazardous Waste  
(40 CFR 261.33) Not Listed

**FDA Designations:**        Prescription only medication.  
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**OSHA Designations:**        (29 CFR 1910.1000, Table Z)  
Not Listed

**SARA Title III:** Not listed under Section 313 of Toxic Release Reporting.

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** Not Listed

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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None

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NE - Not Established  
< - Less Than  
> - Greater Than