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TO UNDERSTANDING



# OZONE

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Indicates information that ozone beginners and experts will find interesting



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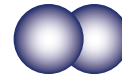


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## PROPERTIES OF OZONE VS. OXYGEN



PROPERTY	OZONE	OXYGEN
Molecular Formula	O <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>
Alternate Names	Triatomic Oxygen	--
Molecular Weight	48	32
Color	Light Blue	Colorless
Characteristic Smell	“Electrical” Odor	--
Solubility in Water (0° C)	0.64	0.049
Density (g/l)	2.144	1.429
Boiling Point	-111.9° C	-183° C
Flash Point	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Auto-Ignition Temperature	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Flammability	None	None
Electrochemical Potential (eV)	2.07	1.23



Did you know that the ozone layer is not really a layer but is a collection of ozone molecules in the lower portion of the stratosphere, 12-20 miles above the earth? If all these ozone molecules settled on the earth's surface, they would only be 1-inch thick!



All commercial planes and military jets have special filters to remove ozone from the air which permit passengers and pilots to breathe at these high altitudes. You didn't think that you kept breathing the same air over and over, did you?



The diagram is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled '1 LIGHTNING (CORONA DISCHARGE)', shows a dark blue night sky with a crescent moon and stars. A white cloud is depicted with three yellow lightning bolts striking downwards. Below the cloud, a large white arrow points down, containing several blue and white molecular models of oxygen ( $O_2$ ). At the bottom of the arrow, several blue and white molecular models of ozone ( $O_3$ ) are shown. A text box on the left states: 'LIGHTNING PASSING THROUGH THE AIR CREATES OZONE FROM OXYGEN'. A central text box reads: 'BOTH METHODS BREAK UP OXYGEN MOLECULES TO FORM OZONE.' The right panel, titled '2 SUN (UV LIGHT)', shows a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun and a white cloud. Below the sun, a large white arrow points down, containing several blue and white molecular models of oxygen ( $O_2$ ). At the bottom of the arrow, several blue and white molecular models of ozone ( $O_3$ ) are shown. A text box on the right states: 'OXYGEN IN THE PRESENCE OF 185 NM UV LIGHT CREATES OZONE'.

The diagram is divided into two main sections: 1. CORONADISCHARGE (left) and 2. UVLIGHT (right).

**1. CORONADISCHARGE:** This section features a dark blue background. At the top, a large white circle with the number '1' is followed by the text 'CORONADISCHARGE'. Below this, a diagram shows a horizontal pipe with a green corrugated section in the middle. An orange line labeled '+POSITIVECHARGE+' points to the top of the green section, and a blue line labeled '-NEGATIVECHARGE-' points to the bottom. A grey arrow labeled 'AIR FLOW' points from left to right through the pipe. On either side of the green section, there are clusters of white and grey spheres representing oxygen molecules. Below the diagram, a white box contains the text: 'OXYGEN, FROM THE AIR, IS FORCED BETWEEN HIGH VOLTAGE PLATES TO SIMULATE CORONADISCHARGE. THE OXYGEN IS BROKEN APART AND RECOMBINES INTO OZONE.' To the right of this box, another white box lists 'ADVANTAGES OF CORONADISCHARGE' with four bullet points: 'Generates high ozone concentrations', 'Best for water applications', 'Fast organic (odor) removal', and 'Consistent ozone output'.

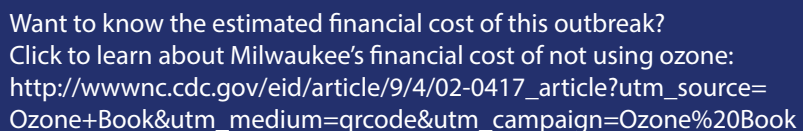
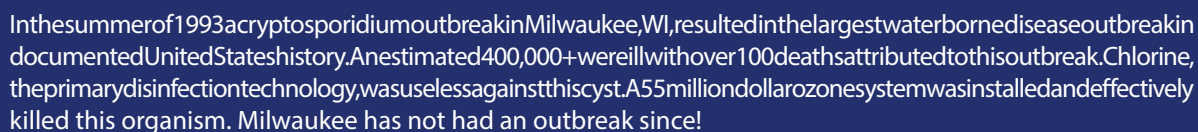
**2. UVLIGHT:** This section has a light blue background. At the top, a large white circle with the number '2' is followed by the text 'UVLIGHT'. Below this, a diagram shows a vertical pipe with a yellow bulb in the center. A blue arrow labeled 'AIR FLOW' points from top to bottom through the pipe. The bulb is surrounded by wavy yellow lines representing UV light. On either side of the bulb, there are clusters of white and grey spheres representing oxygen molecules. To the right of the diagram, a white box contains the text: 'OXYGEN TURNS INTO OZONE AFTER IT IS HIT WITH 185 NM UV LIGHT FROM A UV BULB.' Below this, another white box lists 'ADVANTAGES OF UV LIGHT' with three bullet points: 'Simple construction', 'Lower cost than corona discharge', and 'Output less affected by humidity'.





- Ozone is the most powerful oxidant for disinfecting water or sanitizing surfaces
- Ozone can kill pathogens in seconds vs. several minutes for other oxidants
- Ozone is one of the strongest oxidants available for oxidizing organics
- Ozone decomposes into oxygen
- Ozone, by itself, does not affect pH
- Ozone cannot be stored, therefore, having a large volume of a dangerous oxidizer is not possible
- Ozone is excellent at oxidizing metals such as iron, manganese, and more
- Ozone enhances the flocculation and coagulation of organic material and consequently increases efficiency
- Ozone can be effective in partially oxidizing organics in the water to biodegradable compounds that can be removed by biological filtration

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## NEGATIVES OF OZONE

Like every oxidant, ozone has its downsides. However, it is important we clarify the actual negatives vs. the perceived “negatives” that arise from misuse.

**Commonly stated “negatives”:**

- Oxidizes materials
- Material degradation
- Can harm people, pets, plants

In light of ozone's effectiveness, are the three bulleted items really negatives, or do we just need to use it safely like electricity, or gasoline? All oxidizers will have a similar "negative" effect as ozone if used improperly. Proper implementation is key to achieving outstanding results in your process.

The real negatives are listed below:

### Half Life

- Ozone is an unstable molecule which quickly changes back to oxygen. The half-life (time for half of the ozone in air to decompose) is 20-60 minutes depending on the temperature and humidity of the ambient air. The half-life in clean water is about the same. Note: the temperature, pH, and water quality will affect half-life.

## Storage

- Ozone cannot be stored or transported, and must be made on site. This requires feedgas preparation and ozone generation equipment.
- When is a negative a positive? Since ozone cannot be stored, it is not possible to have a large, potentially dangerous volume of oxidizer such as you can have for chlorine or hypochlorite. Ozone equipment can neither be “punctured” with a fork lift nor “tipped over.”

## HALF LIFE OF OZONE

Dissolved in Water (pH 7)

		TIME
F°	C°	
59	15	30 MIN.
68	20	20 MIN.
77	25	15 MIN.
86	30	12 MIN.
95	35	8 MIN.

### Research References:

"Ozone – A Reference Manual" by [www.wqa.org](http://www.wqa.org)

"Supplementary Swimming Pool Treatment" by Poolpakinternational.com – MK2\_PTL\_OZONE\_Rev-20110527.pdf



## OZONE SAFETY

Ozone is a strong oxidizer that is generally not harmful to mammals at low concentrations, but lethal to microorganisms such as bacteria. However, ozone, like any other strong oxidizing agent, can be harmful if not handled properly. Potential Health Effects as listed on the Ozone Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS):

**INHALATION:** Ozone causes dryness of the mouth, coughing, and irritation of the nose, throat, and chest. It may cause labored breathing, headaches, and fatigue. However, the characteristic sharp, pungent odor is readily detectable at low concentrations (0.005 to 0.02 PPM).

**CORRECTIVE MEASURE:** Move to fresh air, loosen tight clothing around the torso; call medical attention if necessary; if breathing is difficult, a trained person/EMT should administer oxygen at 15 LPM via non-rebreather.

**SKIN:** Absorption through intact skin is not expected.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURE:** Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water.

**EYE CONTACT:** Ozone can be an irritant to the eyes causing minor inflammation.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURE:** Flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while forcibly holding eyelids apart to ensure flushing of the entire eye surface. If irritation, pain, or other symptoms persist, seek professional medical attention.

**INGESTION:** It is not a route of exposure.

**AGGRAVATION OF PREEXISTING CONDITIONS:** Ozone may increase sensitivity to bronchial constrictors including allergens, especially individuals with asthma.

**CHRONIC CONDITION:** Long term health effects are not expected from exposure to ozone. A partial tolerance appears to develop with repeated exposures.

**FOR SAFETY PROTECTION**, personal awareness of an odor of ozone should not be relied upon. Instrumentation and equipment should be provided to measure ambient ozone levels and perform the following safety functions:

- Initiate an alarm signal at an ambient ozone level of 0.1 PPM. Equipment may stay operational, if desired.
- Initiate a second alarm signal at ambient ozone levels of 0.3 PPM. This signal would also immediately shut down the ozone generation equipment. The majority of humans can smell ozone long before it is dangerous. The odor detection threshold is 0.005-0.02 PPM.

OBSERVED EFFECTS	CONCENTRATION (PPM)
Threshold of odor, normal person	0.005-0.02
Maximum 8 hour average exposure limit	0.1
Minor eye, nose and throat irritation, headache, shortness of breath	>0.1
Breathing disorders, reduced oxygen consumption, lung irritation, severe fatigue, chest pain, dry cough	0.5-1.0
Headache, respiratory irritation, and possible coma. Possibility of severe pneumonia at higher levels of exposure	1-10
Immediately dangerous to life and health	10
Lethal to small animals within two hours	15-20



Ozone was first discovered in the late 1700s. It was scientifically identified as a compound in 1840. Ten years later, the first Ozone Generator was built and by the end of the nineteenth century, ozone was in use as a drinking water treatment in the Netherlands.

A portrait of William Pitt the Younger, a British statesman and Prime Minister. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and indistinct.

Christian Schonbein

**1840:** Christian Schonbein identifies ozone's characteristic odor, and names it after the Greek word "to smell."

**1857:** First industrial Ozone Generator built by Werner Von Slemans.

**1867:** Ozone's structure identified as triatomic oxygen.

**1893:** Ozone first commercialized as full-scale drinking water treatment at Oudshroom, The Netherlands.

**1903:** First U.S. municipal water installation at Niagara Falls, NY.

**1906:** Bon Voyage water plant built in Nice, France.  
Considered “the birthplace of ozone” for drinking.

**1909:** Ozone first used as a preservative for cold storage of meat.

**1914:** German Army applies ozone to battlefield wounds and infections.

**1915:** German physician Albert Wolff uses ozone in the treatment of skin diseases!

**1932:** Dentist E.A. Fisch uses ozonated water as a disinfectant.

**1939:** Ozone found to prevent the growth of yeast and mold during storage of fruit!

1950's: Dr. W. Zable treats cancer using ozone.

1970's: Ozone first used in bottled water plants!

**1992:** First ozone delignification system starts up at Union Camp's Franklin, VA paper mill.

**1996:** USDA approves use of ozonated water for washing chicken carcasses.

**2001:** FDA approves ozone as an antimicrobial agent for direct contact with food.

**2001:** USDA approves ozone for contact with meat and poultry.

Nice, France is often credited with the first municipal ozone installation. This is not the case. The first municipal ozone installation was at Oudshroom, Netherlands. However, it is no longer in operation. Nice, France is considered the birth place of ozone because it is the oldest, continuously operating, ozone installation.



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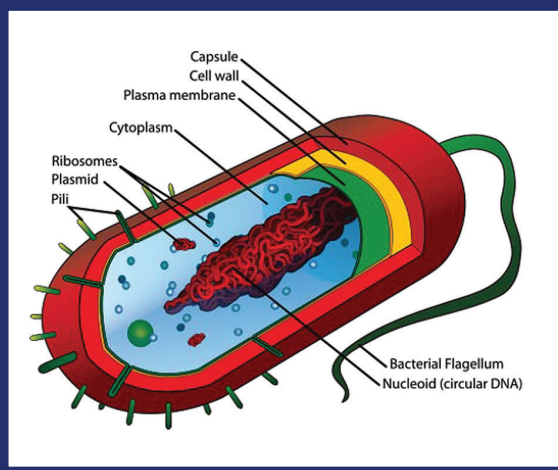
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1. A bacillus bacterial cell.
2. Ozone comes into contact with the cell wall. The cell wall is vital to the bacteria because it ensures the organism can maintain its shape.
3. As ozone molecules make contact with the cell wall, an oxidative burst occurs creating a tiny hole in the cell wall.
4. A newly created hole in the cell wall has injured the bacterium.
5. The bacterium begins to lose its shape while ozone molecules continue to create holes in the cell wall.
6. After thousands of ozone collisions over only a few seconds, the bacterial wall can no longer maintain its shape and the cell dies.
  - Bacteria cell oxidation via ozone contact typically occurs within 1-10 seconds!



- Ozone interferes with the metabolism of bacterium-cells, most likely through inhibiting and blocking the operation of the enzymatic control system. A sufficient amount of ozone breaks through the cell membrane, leading to the destruction of the bacteria.
- The effect of ozone below a certain concentration value is small or zero. Above this level all pathogens are eventually destroyed. This effect is called all-or-none response and the critical level the "threshold value."



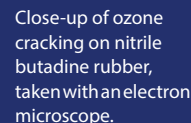
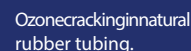
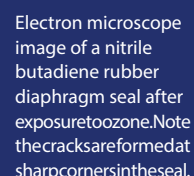


KEY:	Bacteria	Virus	Mold
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- Many of these materials were tested at the Ozone Solution's lab. Some are commonly known and rated as shown by others. All tests were performed at high levels (>1000 PPM) of ozone concentration.
- For any materials not shown, please call. We may have data on file or we can use our labs to test the material for you!

RATING		DESCRIPTION
A	Excellent	Ozone has no effect on these materials. They will last indefinitely.
B	Good	Ozone has minor effect on these materials. Prolonged use with high concentrations of ozone will break down or corrode these materials beyond usefulness.
C	Fair	Ozone will break down these materials within weeks of use. Prolonged use with any ozone concentration will break down or corrode these materials beyond usefulness.
D	Poor	Ozone will break down these materials within days or even hours of use. These materials are not recommended for any use with ozone.









Ozone is a gas, therefore proper gas/liquid contact mechanisms are critical to efficient system design. Bubble diffusers are a popular, inexpensive method to inject ozone into water. The ozone gas transfer area occurs immediately at the interface between the ozone bubble surface and the surrounding water.

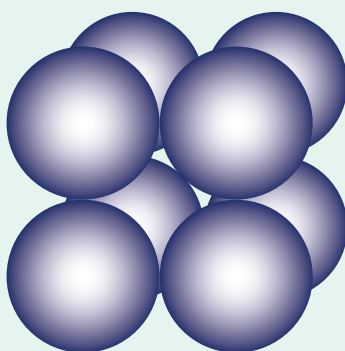
Diffusers permit ozone gas to pass through a porous membrane thus creating many small bubbles in the water, similar to a fish tank air stone. As the ozone bubble rises, the gas at the bubbles edge will transfer into the water. Using a diffuser requires enough pressure to overcome the height of the water and any restrictions in the diffuser due to hole size.

- Low cost
- Easy to set up
- Low energy – does not require a water pump

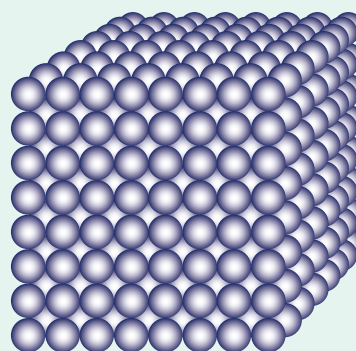
- Low mass transfer
- High water columns/vessels are typically required
- Difficult to use in pressurized water flows
- Diffuser pores can become plugged

- The diameter of a gas bubble has a dramatic impact on surface area
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- Thetransferofozonegasintowaterisdirectlyrelatedtoitssurfacearea(totalbubblesurface area)
- Itiscriticaltopreventthewaterfromback-flowingthroughthebubblediffuserandgoing intotheOzoneGenerator.Thebestmethodofpreventionistousemultiplecheckvalves(for redundancy) and a water trap.

14.8 IN. DIAMETER  
AREA = 1  
1 BUBBLE



10 MM DIAMETER  
38.5X AREA  
54,000 BUBBLES



1 MM DIAMETER  
375X AREA  
54,000,000 BUBBLES

Sources: <sup>(www)</sup>SupplementarySwimmingPoolTreatment by Poolpakinternational.com-MK2\_PTL\_OZONE\_Rev-20110527.pdf,  
www.wastewater.com/techbulletins/117%20What%20is%20a%20Fine%20Fine@20Bubbllex.pdf



Want to know how many 0.5 mm bubbles it takes to contain 1 ft<sup>3</sup> of ozone? Find out on our ozone diffuser page. It will blow your mind!



A more popular method for delivering ozone is through the use of Venturi Injectors. Venturi Injectors work by forcing water through a conical body. This action creates a pressure differential between the inlet and outlet ports, which results in a vacuum inside the injector body. This vacuum causes rapid ozone suction through the suction port.









Here is the formula for determining the actual flow rate of a gas under pressure inside a flowmeter.

## ADJUST FLOW RATE CONVERSION

$$(\text{ADJUSTED FLOW}) = (\text{MEASURED FLOW}) \bullet \frac{(\text{OXYGEN PRESSURE}) + 14.7}{14.7}$$

## CALCULATE OZONE DOSAGE IN WATER

- The formula is actually very simple.
- It is **water flowrate x ozone dosage = required ozone production**.

## UNITS CONSISTENCY IS VERY IMPORTANT.

- Blow is the formula for determining ozone generation requirements if you know common water and ozone parameters (**flowrate** in GPM and **ozone dosage** in mg/l).

FLOWRATE (GPM x 3.75 l/gal x 60 min/hr x ozone dosage (mg/l) = ozone production (mg/hr).

- Let's work through an example. How much ozone production is needed to dose 2 PPM into 20 GPM of water? (We will be using PPM throughout the rest of this example knowing that 1 mg/l = 1 PPM).

$$20 \text{ GPM} \times 3.75 \text{ l/gal} \times 60 \text{ min/hr} \times 2 \text{ PPM} = 9084 \text{ mg/hr (9g/hr)}.$$

- Remember that 9 g/hr will permit one to dose the water with 2 PPM of ozone. This does not mean that 2 PPM will be the final dissolved ozone concentration. Due to efficiency losses with injecting ozone and ozone demand of the water, the dissolved ozone concentration will be less.

## CALCULATE THE OUTPUT OF AN OZONE GENERATOR

- The formula is **flowrate (lpm) x ozone concentration (g/m<sup>3</sup>) = ozone production (mg/hr)**.
- Let's work through another example: The ozone concentration exiting an Ozone Generator is 120 g/m<sup>3</sup> at 5 lpm of oxygen flow. What is the output?

$$5 \text{ l/min} \times 120 \text{ g/m}^3 \times (1 \text{ m}^3/1,000 \text{ l}) = 0.60 \text{ g/min.}$$

- g/min are not common units so we simply convert minutes to hours to get g/hr:  $0.60 \text{ g/min} \times 60 \text{ min/hr} = \mathbf{36 \text{ g/hr}}$ .

## SAMPLE CONVERSIONS

- Convert 140 g/m<sup>3</sup> to wt% (oxygen feedgas)
- 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> is equivalent to 6.99 wt%
- Therefore 140 g/m<sup>3</sup> / 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> x 6.99 wt% = **9.8 wt%**

Did you know that managers of hog confinements have reported reductions in fly populations when ozone is used in the gaseous form?









PHYSICAL PROPERTIES, STANDARD CONDITIONS;  $P=1013.25 \text{ MB}$ ,  $T=273.3 \text{ K}$

- Density of ozone:  $2.14 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Molecular weight of ozone: 48
- Density of oxygen:  $1.43 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Molecular weight of oxygen: 32
- Density of air:  $1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Density of water:  $1,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

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### USEFUL CONVERSION FACTORS: (FOR WATER)

- 1,000 liters = 1 m<sup>3</sup> = 264 US gallons = 35.5 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 1 gal = 3.785 liters = 3,785 ml

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## OZONE CONCENTRATION IN WATER

- $1 \text{ mg/l} = 1 \text{ PPM} = 1 \text{ g/m}^3 \text{ water (By weight)}$

## OZONE CONCENTRATION IN AIR BY VOLUME

- $1 \text{ g/m}^3 = 467 \text{ PPM}$
- $1 \text{ PPM} = 2.14 \text{ mg/m}^3$

- 1 PPM = 2.14 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

## OZONE CONCENTRATION IN AIR BY WEIGHT

- $100 \text{ g/m}^3 = 6.99\%$  (Approximate)
- $1\% = 14.3 \text{ g/m}^3$  (Approximate)
- $1\% = 6,520 \text{ PPM}$

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## OZONE CONCENTRATION IN OXYGEN BY WEIGHT

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Did you know that in semiconductor applications it takes an estimated 1,500-3,000 gallons of water to make a single 12-in wafer? (3,000 gallons is the approximate volume inside a 15-passenger van).



One part per million is equivalent to one blue golf ball in a room 18-ft x 18-ft x 8-ft high filled with white golf balls!









We have heard them all. Now it is time we set the record straight. Below is a list of a few ozone fallacies we have heard over the years.

**"OZONE WILL OXIDIZE MY METAL PIPES."**

This claim conjures an image of ozonated water running through pipes and when you come in the next morning, they are rusted through. This is not the case. The pH level has more effect on corrosion rates of metals than most industry accepted dissolved ozone levels. While a powerful oxidizer, ozone has minimal effect on corrosion rates. Iron pipes that carry ozone gas, while not recommended, will last for months, or years, before any noticeable corrosion is present. For ozonated water, iron pipes will oxidize faster than water with just oxygen, but the pipes can last for years before needing replacement.

Ozone Solutions recommends the use of ozone approved materials. Iron pipes are not ideal but they will not degrade within a few days or even weeks as most people would have you believe. The same is true for most rubber seals.

"THE SKY IS BLUE BECAUSE OF OZONE."

Okay, this one is not related to our business, but we have heard it mentioned before so we will address it. While ozone is a blue gas, the sky is blue for a very different reason.

The blue color of the sky is due to Rayleigh scattering. Blue light has a shorter wavelength than the other "rainbow colors." This blue light is absorbed by the gas molecules. The absorbed blue light is then radiated in different directions. It gets scattered all around the sky. Whichever direction you look, some of this scattered blue light reaches you. Since you see the blue light from everywhere overhead, the sky looks blue.

So the next time your kid asks “Why is the sky blue?” you will have the answer!

**"OZONE DOES NOT HAVE ANY RESIDUAL."**

This one is also false, but clarification is needed. Ozone has an extremely short half-life. This short half-life makes it very reactive and excellent at killing pathogens. In very clean water, ozone can last for several hours\*. In most food processing applications, ozone half-life is anywhere from 10-20 minutes. For wastewater applications, the ozone residual is dependent on the organic loading with high organic loading resulting in short ozone half-life.

In 2003, Manassis Mitrakas reported that ozone can remain in a bottle up to 6 hours with an ozonedose of 0.10 PPM!\*



\*ManassisMitrakas,AthanasiosPatsos,etal,"EffectofTemperatureonCTvalueandBromateFormationDuringOzonationofBottledWater"FreseiusEnvironmentalBulletin; 2008 Vol 17 Numb 3, pgs 341-346



# FDA&USDAPERMITOZONEUSEONFOOD



## CAN OZONE BE USED ON FOOD?

YES IT CAN!

See official directives below.

***Ozone has been given GRAS approval by the USDA and the FDA for direct contact with food products, including all meat and poultry products.*** While good manufacturing procedures must be in place, no regulations exist on levels of ozone in food processing applications. The final rule from the FDA providing GRAS approval was given in 2001. The USDA followed with the final rule granting GRAS approval for ozone in 2002. References for all these actions, along with the specific rules, are provided below.

## REGULATIONS

*USDA final rule on ozone dated 12/17/2002, FSIS Directive 7120.1*

**States:** Ozone can be used on all meat and poultry products. Ozone can be used in accordance with current industry standards of good manufacturing practice. No other guidelines are given on levels or dosages of ozone.

USDA Guidance on Ingredients and sources of radiation used to reduce microorganisms on carcasses, ground beef, and beef trimmings:

Ozone is classified as a Secondary direct food additive/processing aid allowable for all meat and poultry products.

FDA Federal Register Vol. 66 No. 123

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of ozone in gaseous and aqueous phases as an antimicrobial agent on food, including meat and poultry. This action is in response to a petition filed for the Electric Power Research Institute, Agriculture and Food Technology Alliance.

This rule is effective June 26, 2001.

## USDA Reference 21 CFR 173.368

Ozone(CASReg.No.10028—15—6)maybesafelyusedinthetreatment,storage,andprocessingoffoods,includingmeatandpoultry(unlessuchuseisprecludedbystandards of identityin9CFRpart319),inaccordancewiththefollowingprescribedconditions:(a)Theadditiveisanunstable,colorlessgaswithapungent,characteristicodor,whichoccursfreely in nature.Itisproducedcommerciallybypassingelectricaldischargesorionizingradiationthroughairoxygen.(b)Theadditiveisusedasanantimicrobialagentasdefinedin§170.3.(c) (2)ofthischapter.(c)TheadditivemeetsthespecificationsforozoneintheFoodChemicalsCodex,4thed.(1996),p.227,whichisincorporatedbyreference.TheDirectoroftheOfficeofthe FederalRegisterapprovesthiscorporationbyreferenceinaccordancewith5U.S.C.552(a)and1CFRpart51.CopiesareavailablefromtheNationalAcademyPress,2101ConstitutionAve. NW,Washington,DC20055,ormaybeexaminedattheOfficeofPremarketApproval(HFS—200),CenterforFoodSafetyandAppliedNutrition,FoodandDrugAdministration,200CSt. SW,Washington,DC,andtheOfficeoftheFederalRegister,800NorthCapitolSt.NW,suite700,Washington,DC.(d)Theadditiveisusedincontactwithfood,includingmeatandpoultry (unlessuchuseisprecludedbystandards of identityin9CFRpart319or9CFRpart381,subpartP)intheseasonsoraqueousphaseinaccordancewithcurrentindustry standards of good manufacturing practice.(e)Whenusedonrawagricultural commodities,theuseisconsistentwithsection201(q)(1)(B)(i)oftheFederalFood,DrugandCosmeticAct(theact),andnotapplied for use under section 201(q)(1)(B)(i)(I), (q)(1)(B)(i)(II), or (q)(1)(B)(i)(III) of the act.





## SAFETY DATA SHEET (FORMERLY MSDS)

1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: OZONE

Common Names/Synonyms: Triatomic Oxygen, Trioxxygen

Ozone Generator Manufacturer/Supplier

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Product Use: This SDS is limited to ozone produced in gaseous form on site by an ozone generator, in varying concentrations, in either air or aqueous solution, for the purposes of odor abatement, oxidation of organic compounds, or antimicrobial intervention, in a variety of applications.

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classifications:

Physical:	Health:	Environmental:
Oxidizing Gas	Skin Irritation – Category 3 Eye Irritation – Category 2B Respiratory System Toxicity – Category 1 (Single & Repeated)	Acute Aquatic Toxicity – Category I

NOTE: Severe respiratory toxicity will develop before skin or eye irritation go beyond listed categories. *Anyone with chronic pulmonary problems, especially asthma, should avoid exposure to ozone.*

WHMIS Classifications (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System, Canada): **C, D1A, D2A, D2B, F**  
Source: CCOHS CHEMINFO Record Number 774

3. COMPOSITION

Chemical name:	Ozone
Common names:	Triatomic oxygen, trioxxygen
Chemical Formula:	O3
CAS Registry Number:	10028-15-6

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Route of Entry		Symptoms	First Aid
Skin Contact	YES	Irritation	Rinse with water
Skin Absorption	NO	NA	NA
Eye Contact	YES	Irritation	Rinse with water, remove contacts
Ingestion	NO	NA	NA
Inhalation	YES	Headache, cough, heavy chest, shortness of breath	Remove to fresh air, provide oxygen therapy as needed

For severe cases, or if symptoms don't improve, seek medical help.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Ozone itself is not flammable. As a strong oxidant it may accelerate, even initiate, combustion, or cause explosions. Use whatever extinguishing agents are indicated for the burning materials.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Turn off the ozone generator, and ventilate the area. Evacuate until ozone levels subside to a safe level (<0.1 ppm).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Ozone must be contained within ozone-resistant tubing and pipes from the generation point to the application point.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit: 8 hour TWA **0.1 ppm**

ANSI/ASTM: 8 hour TWA **0.1 ppm**, STEL **0.3 ppm**

ACGIH: 8 hour TWA **0.1 ppm**; STEL **0.3 ppm**

NIOSH: ELCV **0.1 ppm** light; **0.08 ppm** moderate; **0.05 ppm**, heavy  
Light, moderate, heavy work TWA <= 2 hours: **0.2 ppm**  
Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) **5 ppm**

Respiratory Protection: Use full face self-contained breathing apparatus for entering areas with a high concentration of ozone.

Engineering control: Use ozone destruct unit for off gassing of ozone.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES			
Physical state	Gas	pH	NA
Molecular Weight	48.0	Decomposition temperature	NA
Appearance	Clear at low concentration, blue at higher concentration	Evaporation rate	NA
Odor	Distinct pungent odor	Flash point	NA
Odor threshold	0.02 to 0.05 ppm; exposure desensitizes	Auto-ignition temperature	NA
Melting point	-193°C/-315°F	Relative density	NA
Boiling point	-193°C/-315°F	Partition coefficient	NA
Vapor pressure	> 1 atm	Flammability	NA
Vapor density	1.6 (air = 1)	Explosive limits	NA
Solubility in water	570 mg/L @20°C & 100% O <sub>3</sub> ; 0.64 @0°C	Viscosity	NA
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY			
Ozone is highly unstable and highly reactive. Avoid contact with oxidizable substances. Ozone will readily react and spontaneously decompose under normal ambient temperatures.			
11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION			
Likely routes of exposure: inhalation, eyes, skin exposure.			
Effects of Acute Exposure: Discomfort, including headache, coughing, dry throat, shortness of breath, pulmonary edema; higher levels of exposure intensify symptoms. Possible irritation of skin and/or eyes.			
Effects of Chronic Exposure: Similar to acute exposure effects, with possible development of chronic breathing disorders, including asthma.			
LC50: mice, 12.6 ppm for 3 hours; hamsters, 35.5 ppm for 3 hours			
Irritancy of Ozone	YES		
Sensitization to Ozone	NO		
Carcinogenicity (NTP, IARC, OSHA)	NO		
Reproductive Toxicity, Teratogenicity, Mutagenicity	Not Proven		
Toxicologically Synergistic Products	Increased susceptibility to allergens, pathogens, irritants		
12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION			
The immediate surrounding area may be adversely affected by an ozone release, particularly plant life. Discharge of ozone in water solution may be harmful to aquatic life. Due to natural decomposition, bioaccumulation will not occur, and the area affected will be limited.			
13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS			
Off-gassing of ozone should be through an ozone destruct unit which breaks ozone down to oxygen before release into the atmosphere.			
14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION			
NOT APPLICABLE, as ozone is unstable and either reacts or decomposes, and must be generated at the location and time of use.			
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION			
SARA Title III Section 302 EHS TPQ: 100 lbs.			
SARA Title III Section 304, EHS RQ: 100 lbs.			
SARA Title III Section 313: > 10,000 lbs. used/year.			
Source: EPA List of Lists			
16. OTHER INFORMATION			
Half-life of ozone in water at 20°C = 20 min; in dry still air at 24°C = 25 hr; decreases significantly with increase in humidity, presence of contaminants, air movement, and/or increase in temperature.			



## APPLICATIONS & INDUSTRIES

- Air Treatment & Odor Control
- Aquaculture & Zoos
- Biofuel
- Bottled Water
- CIP (Clean in Place)
- Cooling Tower
- Dairy
- Drinking Water Treatment
- Food Processing & Storage
- Grain & Feed Remediation
- Groundwater & Soil Remediation
- HVAC
- Laundry
- Livestock
- Medical
- Pharmaceutical
- Pools, Waterparks, & Spas
- Pulp & Paper
- Semiconductor Production
- Wastewater Treatment
- Wine & Beer

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