

2-n-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one

(O-004)

Your patch testing results indicate that you have a contact allergy to **2-n-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one**. It is important that you familiarize yourself with this chemical and take steps to avoid coming in contact with it.

**What is 2-n-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and where is it found?**

This compound is used as a fungicide, bactericide and as a biocide in cooling tower water, paints, cutting oils, cosmetics and shampoos, and for leather preservation. It is also used as a wound protectant for pruning cuts. Further research may identify additional product or industrial usages of this chemical.

**What else is 2-n-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one called?**

This chemical can be identified by different names, including:

<i>2-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one</i>	<i>Kathon sp 70</i>	<i>Octhilinone</i>
<i>2-Octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone</i>	<i>Microbicide M-8</i>	<i>Pancil</i>
<i>2-octyl-3-isothiazolone</i>	<i>Micro-Chek 11</i>	<i>Pancil-t</i>
<i>Isothiazolone, 2-octyl-</i>	<i>Microchek</i>	<i>RH 893</i>
<i>Kathon</i>	<i>Micro-Chek Skane</i>	<i>Skane M-8</i>
<i>Kathon 893</i>	<i>Octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone</i>	<i>Skane hq</i>
<i>Kathon Ip preservative</i>		

This may not be a complete list as manufacturers introduce and delete chemicals from their product lines.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CONTACT ALLERGY

- Be vigilant ... read the product label.** Always take the time to read the ingredient listing on product packages. This should be your first step *each* time you purchase a product as manufacturers sometimes change product ingredients. If you have any concerns ask your pharmacist or your doctor.
- Test the product first.** If you have purchased a new product you should test it on a small skin area to see if you get a reaction before using the product on larger skin areas.
- Advise people you obtain services from of your contact allergy.** This should include people like your pharmacist, doctor, hairdresser, florist, veterinarian, etc.
- Inform your employer if the source of your contact allergy is work related.** You should identify the specific source of the chemical and take the necessary steps to avoid further exposure. Protective wear may be adequate or you may need to make a change in your work activities. Both you and your employer benefit when the cause of your occupational dermatitis is eliminated.
- “Google” it.** The internet is an excellent source of ingredient information that can be searched by product, by company and by specific chemical. Some helpful independent internet links include:
 - www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/factsheets.html** (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; alphabetic list)
 - www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/factsbj.html** (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; subject list)
 - www.cosmeticsinfo.org** (Cosmetic Industry Category Ingredient Database)
 - www.whatsinsidescjohnson.com** (information on all S.C. Johnson product ingredients)

If you have any future contact dermatitis concerns or questions, please call the doctor's office.