

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Terephthalic acid

Cat No. : AC180720000; AC180720010; AC180720050; AC180720051;
AC180720250; AC180722500; AC180725000

CAS-No 100-21-0
Synonyms 1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Importer/Distributor

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification

This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
Combustible Dusts	Category 1

Label Elements

Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

May form combustible dust concentrations in air
Causes skin irritation
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep container tightly closed
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
Most important symptoms/effects	No information available.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point 260 °C / 500 °F

Method - Open cup

Autoignition Temperature 496 °C / 925 °F

Explosion Limits

Upper No data available

Lower No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health
2

Flammability
1

Instability
0

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec
Terephthalic acid	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 3 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³

Component	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland and Labrador	Nova Scotia
Terephthalic acid	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³

Component	Nunavut	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Yukon
Terephthalic acid	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	

	STEL: 20 mg/m ³		STEL: 20 mg/m ³	
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Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 (>95)	TWA: 10 mg/m ³		

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal protective equipment**Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles)

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber	recommendations		
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Recommended Filter type: Particle filter

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance**Physical State**

Powder Solid

Color

White

Odor

No information available

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property**Values****Melting Point/Range**

> 300 °C / > 572 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

No information available

Flash Point

260 °C / 500 °F

Remarks**• Method**

Method - Open cup

Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Autoignition Temperature	496 °C / 925 °F	Solid
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	
Water Solubility	Insoluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	Solid
Terephthalic acid	1.25	
Vapor Pressure	<0.01 mmHg @ 20 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	
Particle characteristics	No data available	
Other Information		
Molecular Formula	C8 H6 O4	
Molecular Weight	166.13	
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid	

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Avoid breathing dust or spray mist.
Ingestion	No known effect based on information supplied.
Eyes	Not an expected route of exposure.
Skin	No known effect based on information supplied.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Terephthalic acid	>15 g/kg (Rat)	>2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 2.02 mg/L (Rat) 2 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

(j) aspiration hazard;

Not applicable
Solid

Other Adverse Effects

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

No information available.

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The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Terephthalic acid	Not listed	Not listed	EC50 = 800 mg/L 24 h	EC50: > 982 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability

Persistence is unlikely

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation

No information available.

Mobility

Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Terephthalic acid	1.25

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT Not regulated
TDG Not regulated
IATA Not regulated
IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	X	-	X	ACTIVE	202-830-0	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	X	KE-02190	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Terephthalic acid	Part 4 Substance		

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

16. Other information

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