

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Propionic acid

Cat No. : AC447230000; AC447231000; AC447235000

CAS-No 79-09-4
Synonyms Carboxyethane; Ethanecarboxylic acid; Ethylformic acid

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

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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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)

Flammable liquids	Category 3
Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements

Flammable liquid and vapor
 May be corrosive to metals
 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
 May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
 Keep container tightly closed
 Keep only in original packaging
 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
 Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment
 Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/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
 Use non-sparking tools
 Take action to prevent static discharges

Response

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower
 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
 Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish
 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
 Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
 Store in a dry place

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	>95

4. First-aid measures

General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician immediately.
Inhalation	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Remove from exposure, lie down. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician immediately.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting; Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	51 °C / 123.8 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	485 °C / 905 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	12.1 vol %
Lower	2.1 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	2	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not store in metal containers. Incompatible Materials. Bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Amines. Halogens. Metals. Reducing Agent.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec
Propanoic acid	TWA: 10 ppm TWA: 30 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm TWA: 30 mg/m ³

Component	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland and Labrador	Nova Scotia
Propanoic acid	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm

Component	Nunavut	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Yukon
Propanoic acid	TWA: 10 ppm STEL: 15 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm STEL: 15 ppm	

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Propanoic acid 79-09-4 (>95)	TWA: 10 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 10 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 30 mg/m ³	REL = 10 ppm (TWA) REL = 30 mg/m ³ (TWA) STEL: 15 ppm STEL: 45 mg/m ³

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Goggles

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

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

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 or Acid gases filter Type E Yellow conforming to EN14387

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State

Liquid

Color

No information available

Odor

pungent

Odor Threshold

No information available

Property

Values

Remarks

Method

Melting Point/Range

-22 °C / -7.6 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

141 °C / 285.8 °F

@ 760 mmHg

Flash Point

51 °C / 123.8 °F

Method - No information available

Flammability (liquid)

Flammable

On basis of test data

Flammability (solid,gas)

Not applicable

Liquid

Explosion Limits

Lower 2.1 Vol%

Upper 12.1 Vol%

Autoignition Temperature

485 °C / 905 °F

Decomposition Temperature

No data available

pH

2.5

100 g/l aq. sol

Viscosity

1.02 mPa.s at 25 °C

Water Solubility

Miscible

Solubility in other solvents

No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Component

log Pow

Propanoic acid

0.33

Vapor Pressure

5 mbar @ 20 °C

Density / Specific Gravity

0.990

Bulk Density

Not applicable

Liquid

Vapor Density

2.56

(Air = 1.0)

Particle characteristics

Not applicable (liquid)

Other Information

Molecular Formula

C3 H6 O2

Molecular Weight

74.08

Explosive Properties

explosive air/vapour mixtures possible

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Amines, Halogens, Metals, Reducing Agent
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	Causes burns. Harmful by inhalation.
Ingestion	Causes burns. Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach. Harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Causes burns. Irritating to eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Skin	Causes burns.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Propanoic acid	LD50 = 3455 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 3235 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = > 19.7 mg/l (Rat) 1 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	Category 1
(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	Category 1
(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 Not mutagenic in AMES Test
(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
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
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(h) STOT-single exposure;	Category 3
Results / Target organs	Respiratory system.
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Target Organs	None known.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed	Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.
Other Adverse Effects	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.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Propanoic acid	EC50: = 45.8 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus) EC50: = 43 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: = 51 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 73 - 99.7 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: > 1 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 59.6 mg/L 17 h	Not listed

Persistence and Degradability Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Propanoic acid	0.33

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

UN-No	UN3463
Proper Shipping Name	PROPIONIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

TDG

UN-No	UN3463
Proper Shipping Name	PROPIONIC ACID
Hazard Class	8

Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II
IATA	
UN-No	UN3463
Proper Shipping Name	PROPIONIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN3463
Proper Shipping Name	PROPIONIC ACID
Hazard Class	8
Subsidiary Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	201-176-3	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	X	KE-29352	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 (CEMP)
Propanoic acid	Part 4 Substance		

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Propanoic acid	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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)
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	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)
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

16. Other information

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