

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Propionic acid

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Combustible Liquid, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Toxic by skin absorption, Corrosive

Target Organs

Central nervous system, Blood, Liver, Kidney

Other hazards which do not result in classification

Rapidly absorbed through skin.

GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 3)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3)
Skin irritation (Category 2)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.
H303 May be harmful if swallowed.
H311 + H331 Toxic in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P311 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 3
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 2
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 3
Fire: 2
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
Skin Toxic if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes Causes eye burns.
Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Propanoic acid
Propanyl acid

Formula : C3H6O2
Molecular Weight : 74.08 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Propionic acid			
79-09-4	201-176-3	607-089-00-0	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability

Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal precautions**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Propionic acid	79-09-4	TWA	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Eye, skin, & Upper Respiratory Tract irritation			
		TWA	10 ppm 30 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	10 ppm 30 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	15 ppm 45 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

Personal protective equipment**Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Eye protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Hygiene measures

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Appearance**

Form	liquid, clear
Colour	colourless

Safety data

pH	2.5 at 100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Melting point/freezing point	-24 - -23 °C (-11 - -9 °F)
Boiling point	141 - 142 °C (286 - 288 °F)
Flash point	54 °C (129 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	513 °C (955 °F)
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	2.9 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	12.1 %(V)
Vapour pressure	3.2 hPa (2.4 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F) 13 hPa (10 mmHg) at 39.70 °C (103.46 °F)
Density	0.992 g/cm ³
Water solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.25
Relative vapour density	2.56 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 3,500 - 4,200 mg/kg

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,600 mg/kg

LD50 Oral - Mammal - 1,640 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - > 4.9 mg/l

Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 500 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity

LD50 Intravenous - mouse - 625 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold.

LD50 Parenteral - rat - 3,500 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Severe skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Skin	Toxic if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
Eyes	Causes eye burns.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: UE5950000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 51.0 - 73.2 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates.	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 21.0 - 24.6 mg/l - 48 h

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	aerobic
	Result: 95 % - Readily biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Harmful to aquatic life.

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3463 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Propionic acid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 3463 Class: 8 (3)
Proper shipping name: PROPIONIC ACID
Marine pollutant: No

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-E, S-C

IATA

UN number: 3463 Class: 8 (3)
Proper shipping name: Propionic acid

Packing group: II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**OSHA Hazards**

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SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Propionic acid	79-09-4	2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Propionic acid	79-09-4	2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Propionic acid	79-09-4	2007-03-01

California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION**Further information**

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