

Safety Data Sheet TRICHLOROACETIC ACID, 25% - 50% w/v

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SECTION 1: Identification

GHS Product identifier

Product name TRICHLOROACETIC ACID, 25% - 50% w/v

Other means of identification

Product	Product Code
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Trichloroacetic Acid 10% w/v	0599/
Trichloroacetic Acid 25% w/v	5696/
Trichloroacetic Acid 50% w/v	2921/

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Production of its sodium salt, which is used as a herbicide; also used as a pickling or etching agent in metal surface finishing; a swelling agent and solvent in the plastics industry; auxiliary in textile finishing; decalcifier and fixative in microscopy; protein precipitating agent in laboratories; additive in mineral lubricating oils; polymerization catalyst; intermediate in the chemical synthesis of esters; medical agent in treating skin disorders, to remove genital warts and as an astringent, antiseptic and laboratory reagent.

Supplier's details

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SECTION 2: Hazard identification

General hazard statement

Classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG).

Classified as Hazardous according to the Globally Harmonised System of classification and labelling of Chemicals (GHS) including Work, Health and Safety regulations, Australia.

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS classification in accordance with: UN GHS revision 7

- Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Cat. 1
- Skin corrosion/irritation, Cat. 1A

GHS label elements, including precautionary statements

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Pictograms



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Precautionary statement(s)

P260

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P264

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P280

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+P330+P331

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303+P361+P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].

P304+P340

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P305+P351+P338

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician

P363

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal facility

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Molecular weight	163.39
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Component	Identification	Weight %	Classifications
Trichloroacetic acid	CAS no.: 76-03-9 EC no.: 200-927-2 Index no.: 607-004-00-7	10 - 50 %	CLASSIFICATIONS: Skin corrosion/irritation, Cat. 1A; Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute), Cat. 1; Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic), Cat. 1. HAZARDS: H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage; H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life; H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. [SCLs/M-factors/ATEs]: STOT SE 3; H335: C ≥ 1 %
Water/aqua/eau	CAS no.: 7732-18-5	50 - 90 % (volume)	CLASSIFICATIONS: No data available. HAZARDS: No data available.

SECTION 4: First-aid measures

Description of necessary first-aid measures

General advice

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor (at once).

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First Aid Facilities: Maintain eyewash fountain in work area.

If inhaled

If inhaled, remove from contaminated area to fresh air immediately. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek medical aid.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician

In case of eye contact

If contact with the eye(s) occurs, wash with copious amounts of water for approximately 15 minutes holding eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the non-affected eye. Immediately obtain medical attention.

If swallowed

Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately, repeat until all traces of product have been removed. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Immediately seek medical advice.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

For advice in an emergency, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131 126) or a doctor at once.

SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Small fire: Use dry chemical, CO₂ or water spray. If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from fire area.

Large fire: Use dry chemical, CO₂, foam or water spray - Do not use water jets.

Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after the fire is out. Avoid getting water inside containers.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Hazards from Combustion Products: Toxic phosgene and chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as chloroform, chlorine, and irritating/corrosive hydrogen chloride gas, as well as carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Solutions decompose to form chloroform and carbon dioxide.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Wear SCBA and chemical splash suit. Fully-encapsulating, gas-tight suits should be worn for maximum protection. Structural firefighter's uniform is NOT effective for these materials.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. For personal protection see section 8.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation of dust or vapour. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Use only with adequate ventilation. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Keep container tightly closed. Keep container dry. Never add water to this product. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, metals. May corrode metallic surfaces. Protect against

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physical damage and moisture. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Corrosives area. Store in tightly closed containers, in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from incompatible substances. Hygroscopic. Keep well closed and protected from direct sunlight and moisture. Keep from oxidizing materials, strong bases, strong acids, metals. Keep away from heat and all sources of ignition (open flames), away from areas of high fire hazard. Protect against physical damage. Store under nitrogen. Should be periodically inspected and monitored. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

Corrosiveness: Corrosive to cast iron, stainless steels, copper, brass, bronze, aluminium, zinc and lead.

Recommended Materials: A metallic or coated fibreboard drum using a strong polyethylene inner package.

Unsuitable Materials: Reactive metals (eg. aluminium, zinc).

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

CAS: 76-03-9

Trichloroacetic acid

AU/SWA (Australia): 1 ppm; 6.7 mg/m³ TWA inhalation

Appropriate engineering controls

Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures (airborne levels of dust, fume, vapor, gas, etc.) below recommended exposure limits.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Eye/face protection

The use of a face shield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection as appropriate. Must comply with Australian Standards AS 1337 and be selected and used in accordance with AS 1336.

Skin protection

Clean impervious clothing should be worn. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.

Body protection

Footwear: Safety boots in industrial situations is advisory, foot protection should comply with AS 2210, Occupational protective footwear - Guide to selection, care and use.

Body Protection: Clean clothing or protective clothing should be worn, preferably with an apron. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls are not effective in controlling airborne exposure then an approved respirator with a replaceable vapor/ mist filter should be used. Refer to relevant regulations for further information concerning respiratory protective requirements. Reference should be made to Australian Standards AS/ NZS 1715, Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices; and AS/ NZS 1716, Respiratory Protective Devices, in order to make any necessary changes for individual circumstances.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state
Appearance

Liquid
Colourless to slightly yellow solution

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Color	No data available.
Odor	Sharp, pungent odour.
Odor threshold	No data available.
Melting point/freezing point	No data available.
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available.
Flammability	Not flammable
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	No data available.
Flash point	No data available.
Explosive properties	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available.
Decomposition temperature	Decomposes above the boiling point (197.5 °C).
Oxidizing properties	No data available.
pH	pH <1 (50g/l H ₂ O).
Kinematic viscosity	No data available.
Solubility	Solubility in Water: Soluble at 25 °C (1306 g/100 g). Solubility in Organic Solvents: Soluble in methanol; very soluble in ethanol, diethyl ether, acetone and benzene; slightly sol in carbon tetrachloride.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	Log P(o/w): 1.44
Vapor pressure	1 hPa at 20 °C.
Evaporation rate	No data available.
Density and/or relative density	Approx 1.2
Relative vapor density	No data available.
Particle characteristics	No data available.

Supplemental information regarding physical hazard classes

No data available.

Further safety characteristics (supplemental)

Other Information: Acidity: Strong acid; pK_a = 0.70 (K_a = 0.2) at 25 °C.

Note: Trichloroacetic acid is as strong an acid as hydrochloric acid.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

Stable under normal conditions of storage and handling.

Reacts with incompatible materials

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

May react violently or explosively with strong oxidizing agents (e.g. chromium trioxide, perchlorates, peroxides), with increased risk of fire.

May react violently with organic bases (e.g. amines) or inorganic bases (e.g. sodium hydroxide), producing heat and pressure, forming chloroform and carbon dioxide; facilitating thermal decomposition of water solutions, forming chloroform.

Mixture with dimethyl sulfoxide and copper wool reacts violently and explosively.

Highly reactive with reactive metals (eg. aluminium, zinc); may produce flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.

Conditions to avoid

Dust generation, moisture, heat and incompatibles.

Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents (e.g. chromium trioxide, perchlorates, peroxides), organic bases (e.g. amines) or inorganic bases (e.g. sodium hydroxide), sulfoxides + copper, reactive metals (e.g. aluminium, iron, zinc), alkali metals (e.g. sodium, potassium, and calcium), metals + water, methanol.

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Hazardous decomposition products

Phosgene and toxic fumes of chlorides, chloroform, carbon dioxide.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Acute Toxicity - Oral: LD50 (rat): 3320 mg/kg;

Ingestion: Ingestion of material causes burns to mouth, throat, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract. Risk of perforation to mouth, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract. May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract. Other symptoms may include sore throat, severe abdominal pain, tissue damage, salivation, vomiting, vomiting of blood, a burning sensation in mouth and throat, diarrhoea, and pain. In severe cases, shock, severe respiratory effects, and death may result. Ingestion is not a typical route of occupational exposure.

Inhalation: Inhalation of material causes burns to the mucous membranes, coughing and dyspnoea.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Corrosive. Contact with dust or solid may produce redness, swelling, pain and, in severe cases, corrosive skin damage or skin burns. Blisters and permanent scarring may result. The severity of injury increases with the degree and duration of the exposure.

Skin corrosion/irritation: Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 1

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Contact with dust or solid can cause mild to severe irritation or corrosive injury (eye burns). The severity of injury increases with the degree and duration of contact. Risk of blindness or permanent eye damage! Symptoms may include pain, redness, swelling, blurred vision and serious corrosive injury. Possible very slow recovery rate. Severe irritation has been observed in one animal test.

Serious eye damage/irritation: Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 1

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Not classified based on available information.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Carcinogenicity

Trichloroacetic acid [76-03-9] is evaluated in the IARC Monographs as Group 2A: Possibly carcinogenic to humans.

Not classified based on available information.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - single exposure

Not classified based on available information.

Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) - repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

Aspiration hazard

Not classified based on available information.

Additional information

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Chronic Effects: Long exposures to acid fumes may cause erosion of the teeth followed by jaw necrosis. Bronchial irritation with chronic cough and frequent attacks of bronchial pneumonia may also occur. Repeated or prolonged skin contact can probably cause redness, drying and itching (dermatitis).

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Persistence and degradability

Biological degradation: Biodegradation: 59%/20d. Not readily biodegradable.

Soluble in water persistence is unlikely.

Bioaccumulative potential

Distribution: log P (o/w): 1.44

Mobility in soil

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

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

Product disposal

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers.

Sewage disposal

Distribution: log P (o/w): 1.44

Other disposal recommendations

Do not discharge this material into waterways, drains and sewers.

SECTION 14: Transport information

ADG (Road and Rail)

UN Number: 1839

Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Proper Shipping Name: TRICHLOROACETIC ACID

Hazchem emergency action code (EAC)

2X

IMDG

UN Number: 1839

Class: 8

Packing Group: II

EMS Number:

Proper Shipping Name: TRICHLOROACETIC ACID

IATA

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SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

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Poison Schedule: S6

SECTION 16: Other information

Further information/disclaimer

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