



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the Global Harmonized System

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## SECTION 1. Identification

### Product identifier

Product number 814254  
Product name Levulinic acid for synthesis

### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses Chemical for synthesis

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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## SECTION 2. Hazards identification

### GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Category 4, Oral, H302  
Skin irritation, Category 2, H315  
Eye irritation, Category 2, H319

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### GHS-Labeling

*Hazard pictograms*



*Signal Word*  
Warning

*Hazard Statements*

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.

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H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

*Precautionary Statements*

P260 Do not breathe dust.

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**Other hazards**

None known.

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**SECTION 3. Composition/information on ingredients**

Formula	CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COOH	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (Hill)
CAS-No.	123-76-2	
Molar mass	116.12 g/mol	

**Hazardous ingredients**

*Chemical Name (Concentration)*

CAS-No.

*levulinic acid (>= 90 % - <= 100 % )*

123-76-2

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**SECTION 4. First aid measures**

**Description of first-aid measures**

*Inhalation*

After inhalation: fresh air.

*Skin contact*

After skin contact: wash off with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing.

*Eye contact*

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist.

*Ingestion*

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

irritant effects

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No information available.

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**SECTION 5. Fire-fighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**

*Suitable extinguishing media*

Water, Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Foam, Dry powder

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*Unsuitable extinguishing media*

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

**Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Combustible material, Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.  
Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapors possible in the event of fire.

**Advice for firefighters**

*Special protective equipment for fire-fighters*

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

*Further information*

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6. Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of vapors/aerosols or dusts. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

Advice for emergency responders: Protective equipment see section 8.

**Environmental precautions**

Do not empty into drains.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.  
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).  
Depending on the state of matter, take up with suitable equipment or with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

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**SECTION 7. Handling and storage**

**Precautions for safe handling**

Observe label precautions.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Tightly closed. Dry.

Store at +15°C to +25°C (+59°F to +77°F).

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**SECTION 8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Exposure limit(s)**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Engineering measures**

Technical measures and appropriate working operations should be given priority over the use of personal protective equipment.

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**Individual protection measures**

Protective clothing should be selected specifically for the workplace, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous substances handled. The chemical resistance of the protective equipment should be inquired at the respective supplier.

*Hygiene measures*

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply skin- protective barrier cream. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

*Eye/face protection*

Safety glasses

*Hand protection*

Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

*Other protective equipment:*

protective clothing

*Respiratory protection*

required when dusts/vapors/aerosols are generated.

Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

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**SECTION 9. Physical and chemical properties**

Physical state	solid
Color	white
Odor	No strong odor known.
Odor Threshold	No information available.
pH	No information available.
Melting point	26 - 29 °C
Boiling point/boiling range	473 - 475 °F (245 - 246 °C) at 1,013 mbar
Flash point	208 °F (98 °C) Method: c.c.
Evaporation rate	No information available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	No information available.
Lower explosion limit	No information available.
Upper explosion limit	No information available.

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Vapor pressure	No information available.
Relative vapor density	No information available.
Relative density	No information available.
Water solubility	675 g/l at 77 °F (25 °C)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.49 (calculated) Bioaccumulation is not expected (log Pow <1). (Lit.)
Autoignition temperature	No information available.
Decomposition temperature	No information available.
Viscosity, dynamic	No information available.
Explosive properties	No information available.

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**SECTION 10. Stability and reactivity**

**Reactivity**

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

**Chemical stability**

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Violent reactions possible with:  
Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents

**Conditions to avoid**

Strong heating.  
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

**Incompatible materials**

no information available

**Hazardous decomposition products**

no information available

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**SECTION 11. Toxicological information**

**Information on toxicological effects**

*Likely route of exposure*  
Inhalation, Eye contact, Skin contact, Ingestion

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*Acute oral toxicity*

LD50 rat: 1,850 mg/kg (RTECS)

Symptoms: Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

absorption

*Acute inhalation toxicity*

Symptoms: Possible damages:, mucosal irritations

*Acute dermal toxicity*

LD50 rabbit: > 5,000 mg/kg  
(RTECS)

*Skin irritation*

rabbit

Result: Irritations

(RTECS)

Causes skin irritation.

*Eye irritation*

Causes serious eye irritation.

*Specific target organ systemic toxicity - single exposure*

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure.

*Specific target organ systemic toxicity - repeated exposure*

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.

*Aspiration hazard*

Regarding the available data the classification criteria are not fulfilled.

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC	No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
OSHA	No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.
NTP	No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
ACGIH	No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

**Further information**

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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**SECTION 12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity**

No information available.

**Persistence and degradability**

No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

*Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water*

log Pow: -0.49

(calculated)

Bioaccumulation is not expected (log Pow <1). (Lit.)

**Mobility in soil**

No information available.

**Other adverse effects**

*Additional ecological information*

We have no quantitative data concerning the ecological effects of this product.

Further information on ecology

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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**SECTION 13. Disposal considerations**

The information presented only applies to the material as supplied. The identification based on characteristic(s) or listing may not apply if the material has been used or otherwise contaminated. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste identification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations. Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

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**SECTION 14. Transport information**

**Land transport (DOT)**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

**Air transport (IATA)**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

**Sea transport (IMDG)**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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**SECTION 15. Regulatory information**

**Canada**

**WHMIS Classification**

D2B

Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects

Skin irritant, Eye irritant

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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**Notification status**

TSCA: On TSCA Inventory

DSL: All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL.

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**SECTION 16. Other information**

**Training advice**

Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**

Used abbreviations and acronyms can be looked up at [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org).

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