

# Material Safety Data Sheet

Acetic Acid



## 1. Product and company identification

**Product name** : Acetic Acid  
**Product code** : AX0078  
**Supplier** : EMD Chemicals Inc.  
480 S. Democrat Rd.  
Gibbstown, NJ 08027  
856-423-6300 Technical Service  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 -5:00 PM  
**Synonym** : Acetic Acid, Glacial ; Ethanoic Acid  
**Material uses** : Other non-specified industry: Analytical reagent.  
**Validation date** : 3/3/2009.  
**In case of emergency** : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA)  
613-996-6666 CANUTEC (Canada)  
24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

## 2. Hazards identification

**Emergency overview** : DANGER!  
POISON!  
MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED.  
CAUSES EYE AND SKIN BURNS.  
HARMFUL IF INHALED.  
CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION.  
FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR.  
VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE.  
MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: RESPIRATORY TRACT,  
SKIN, EYES, TEETH.  
Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest.  
Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Use only  
with adequate ventilation. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Physical state** : Liquid. [Colorless.]  
**OSHA/HCS status** : This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard  
(29 CFR 1910.1200).

**Routes of entry** : Dermal contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

### Potential acute health effects

**Inhalation** : Toxic by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system.  
**Ingestion** : Very toxic if swallowed. May cause burns to mouth, throat and stomach.  
**Skin** : Corrosive to the skin. Causes burns.  
**Eyes** : Corrosive to eyes. Causes burns.

### Potential chronic health effects

**Carcinogenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Mutagenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Teratogenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Developmental effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Fertility effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
**Target organs** : May cause damage to the following organs: upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, teeth.  
**Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure** : Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.

See toxicological information (section 11)

### 3 . Composition/information on ingredients

<u>Name</u>	<u>CAS number</u>	<u>% by weight</u>
Acetic Acid	64-19-7	100

### 4 . First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : Call medical doctor or poison control center immediately. Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

### 5 . Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : Flammable liquid. In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst, with the risk of a subsequent explosion. The vapor/gas is heavier than air and will spread along the ground. Vapors may accumulate in low or confined areas or travel a considerable distance to a source of ignition and flash back. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.
- Extinguishing media** : Use dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray (fog) or foam.
- Not suitable** : Do not use water jet.
- Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Move containers from fire area if this can be done without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.
- Hazardous thermal decomposition products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:  
carbon dioxide  
carbon monoxide
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.
- Special remarks on fire hazards** : Vapor may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back.

### 6 . Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Shut off all ignition sources. No flares, smoking or flames in hazard area. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

#### Methods for cleaning up

## 6 . Accidental release measures

- Spill** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilled product. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

## 7 . Handling and storage

- Handling** : Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Do not enter storage areas and confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Store and use away from heat, sparks, open flame or any other ignition source. Use explosion-proof electrical (ventilating, lighting and material handling) equipment. Use non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against electrostatic discharges. To avoid fire or explosion, dissipate static electricity during transfer by grounding and bonding containers and equipment before transferring material. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
- Storage** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in a segregated and approved area. Store in original container, protected from direct sunlight. Eliminate all ignition sources. Separate from oxidizing materials. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

## 8 . Exposure controls/personal protection

Ingredient	Exposure limits
Acetic Acid	<p><b>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2008).</b>            TWA: 10 ppm 8 hour(s).            TWA: 25 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s).            STEL: 15 ppm 15 minute(s).            STEL: 37 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 15 minute(s).</p> <p><b>OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989).</b>            TWA: 10 ppm 8 hour(s).            TWA: 25 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s).</p> <p><b>NIOSH REL (United States, 6/2008).</b>            TWA: 10 ppm 10 hour(s).            TWA: 25 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 10 hour(s).            STEL: 15 ppm 15 minute(s).            STEL: 37 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 15 minute(s).</p> <p><b>OSHA PEL (United States, 11/2006).</b>            TWA: 10 ppm 8 hour(s).            TWA: 25 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hour(s).</p>

**Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.**

- Engineering measures** : Use only with adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. The engineering controls also need to keep gas, vapor or dust concentrations below any lower explosive limits. Use explosion-proof ventilation equipment.

## 8 . Exposure controls/personal protection

**Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

### Personal protection

- Respiratory** : 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.
- Hands** : 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. Recommended: neoprene
- Eyes** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts. Recommended: splash goggles , face shield
- Skin** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.  
Recommended: safety apron
- Environmental exposure controls** : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

## 9 . Physical and chemical properties

- Physical state** : Liquid. [Colorless.]
- Flash point** : Closed cup: 39.85°C (103.7°F)
- Auto-ignition temperature** : 425.85 to 462.85°C (798.5 to 865.1°F)
- Flammable limits** : Lower: 4%  
Upper: 19.9%
- Color** : Clear.
- Odor** : Pungent.
- Molecular weight** : 60.06 g/mole
- Molecular formula** : C2-H4-O2
- pH** : Not available.
- Boiling/condensation point** : 117.8°C (244°F)
- Melting/freezing point** : 16.7°C (62.1°F)
- Relative density** : 1.051
- Vapor pressure** : Not available.
- Vapor density** : 2.1 [Air = 1]
- Odor threshold** : 1 ppm
- Evaporation rate** : 1.34 compared with(n-BUTYL ACETATE=1)
- Solubility** : Soluble in the following materials: water

## 10 . Stability and reactivity

- Chemical stability** : The product is stable.
- Possibility of hazardous reactions** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
- Hazardous polymerization** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous polymerization will not occur.

## 10 . Stability and reactivity

- Conditions to avoid** : Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose containers to heat or sources of ignition. Do not allow vapor to accumulate in low or confined areas.
- Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
- Conditions of reactivity** : Highly flammable in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat and oxidizing materials.  
Vapor may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back.  
Highly explosive in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat and oxidizing materials.

## 11 . Toxicological information

### Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Test Route	Species	Result
Acetic Acid	LD50 Dermal	Mammal	1060 mg/kg
	LD50 Dermal	Rabbit	1060 uL/kg
	LD50 Oral	Mammal	4960 mg/kg
	LD50 Oral	Rat	3310 mg/kg
	LDLo Oral	Rabbit	600 mg/kg
	LDLo Oral	Rabbit	600 mg/kg
	TDLo Dermal	Rat	0.25 mg/kg
	TDLo Parenteral	Rat	0.263 mL/kg
	TDLo Oral	Rat	0.48 mL/kg
	TDLo Rectal	Rat	300 mg/kg
	TDLo Rectal	Rat	0.24 mL/kg
	TDLo Rectal	Rat	240 mg/kg
	TDLo Rectal	Rat	200 mg/kg
	TDLo Implant	Rat	10 mg/kg
	LC50 Inhalation Vapor	Muskrat	5620 ppm

### Carcinogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Mutagenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Teratogenicity

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## 12 . Ecological information

### Aquatic ecotoxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Acetic Acid	Acute EC50 65 mg/L	Daphnia	48 hours
	Acute EC50 65000 ug/L Fresh water	Daphnia - Water flea -	48 hours
		Daphnia magna - Neonate -	<24 hours
	Acute LC50 75 mg/L	Fish	96 hours
	Acute LC50 88 mg/L	Fish	96 hours
	Acute LC50 79000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow -	96 hours
		Pimephales promelas - Juvenile (Fledgling, Hatchling, Weanling) - 4 to 8 weeks - 1.1 to 3.1 cm	
		Acute LC50 75000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Bluegill - Lepomis macrochirus - 5.3 to 7.2 cm - 3.5 to 3.9 g
	Acute LC50 79 mg/L	Fish	96 hours

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Acute LC50 251000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Western mosquitofish - Gambusia affinis - Adult	96 hours
Acute LC50 180000 ug/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Green or European shore crab - Carcinus maenas - Adult	48 hours
Acute LC50 100000 to 330000 ug/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Common shrimp, sand shrimp - Crangon crangon - Adult	48 hours
Acute LC50 88000 ug/L Fresh water	Fish - Fathead minnow - Pimephales promelas - Juvenile (Fledgling, Hatchling, Weanling) - 4 to 8 weeks - 1.1 to 3.1 cm	96 hours
Acute LC50 117.6 ul/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Brine shrimp - Artemia sp.	48 hours
Acute LC50 132 ul/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Brine shrimp - Artemia sp.	48 hours
Acute LC50 70 ul/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Brine shrimp - Artemia sp.	48 hours
Acute LC50 85.8 ul/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Brine shrimp - Artemia sp.	48 hours
Acute LC50 52.2 ul/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Brine shrimp - Artemia sp.	48 hours
Acute LC50 50.1 ul/L Marine water	Crustaceans - Brine shrimp - Artemia sp.	48 hours



**Environmental effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Other adverse effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## 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.

## 14 . Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
DOT Classification	UN2789	ACETIC ACID, GLACIAL	8 (3)	II	 	<b>Reportable quantity</b> 5000 lbs. (2270 kg)

PG\* : Packing group

## 15 . Regulatory information

### United States

**HCS Classification** : Combustible liquid  
Highly toxic material  
Corrosive material  
Target organ effects

**U.S. Federal regulations** : **United States inventory (TSCA 8b)**: This material is listed or exempted.

## 15 . Regulatory information

**SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances:** No products were found.

**SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification:** No products were found.

**SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals:** Acetic Acid

**SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification:**

Acetic Acid : Fire hazard, Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 307:** No products were found.

**Clean Water Act (CWA) 311:** Acetic Acid

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention:** No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances:** No products were found.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances:** No products were found.

**DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals)** : Not listed

**DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals)** : Not listed

**Massachusetts Substances** : This material is listed.

**New Jersey Hazardous Substances** : This material is listed.

**New York Acutely Hazardous Substances** : This material is listed.

**Pennsylvania RTK Hazardous Substances** : This material is listed.

### Canada

**WHMIS (Canada)** : Class B-3: Combustible liquid with a flash point between 37.8°C (100°F) and 93.3°C (200°F).  
Class E: Corrosive material

**Canadian lists** : **CEPA Toxic substances:** This material is not listed.  
**Canadian ARET:** This material is not listed.  
**Canadian NPRI:** This material is not listed.  
**Alberta Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.  
**Ontario Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.  
**Quebec Designated Substances:** This material is not listed.

**CEPA DSL / CEPA NDSL** : This material is listed or exempted.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

### EU regulations

**Hazard symbol or symbols** :



**Risk phrases** : R10- Flammable.  
R35- Causes severe burns.

**Safety phrases** : S1/2- Keep locked up and out of the reach of children.  
S23- Do not breathe [\*\*\*].  
S26- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S45- In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

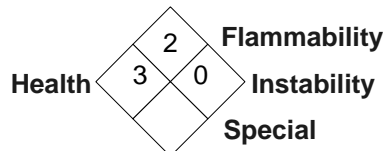
### International regulations

## 15 . Regulatory information

**International lists** : **Australia inventory (AICS)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
**China inventory (IECSC)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
**Japan inventory (ENCS)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
**Japan inventory (ISHL)**: Not determined.  
**Korea inventory (KECI)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
**New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)**: This material is listed or exempted.  
**Philippines inventory (PICCS)**: This material is listed or exempted.

## 16 . Other information

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)** :



### Notice to reader

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