



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the (US) Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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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.

OSHA Hazards

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

Other hazards

None known.

SECTION 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Formula	CH ₃ COCH ₂ CH ₂ COOH	C ₅ H ₈ O ₃ (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

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.

SECTION 5. Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

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Suitable extinguishing media

Water, Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Foam, Dry powder

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

SECTION 15. Regulatory information

United States of America

OSHA Hazards

Harmful if swallowed.

Skin irritant

Eye irritant

This information is based on 29 CFR 1910.1200 criteria prior to adoption of the GHS, and may deviate from the GHS information on the label and in section 2.

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SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard

SARA 313

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 302

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

Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

DEA List I

Not listed

DEA List II

Not listed

Massachusetts Right To Know

Remarks

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know

Ingredients

levulinic acid

New Jersey Right To Know

Ingredients

levulinic acid

Notification status

TSCA: On TSCA Inventory

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

SECTION 16. Other information

Training advice

Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

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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.

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