

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Propionic acid

**Cat No. :** AC220130000; AC220130010; AC220130025

**CAS-No** 79-09-4

**Synonyms** Carboxyethane; Ethanecarboxylic acid; Ethylformic acid

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

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##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

##### **WHMIS 2015 Classification**

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Flammable liquids</b>	Category 3
<b>Corrosive to metals</b>	Category 1
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 1 B
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 1
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Flammable liquid and vapor

May be corrosive to metals  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Keep container tightly closed  
Keep only in original container  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
Use only non-sparking tools  
Take precautionary measures against static discharges  
Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

#### Response

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish  
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

#### Storage

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner  
Store in a dry place

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	>95

## 4. First-aid measures

### General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

### Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

### Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash

	contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Remove from exposure, lie down. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	51 °C / 123.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	485 °C / 905 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	12.1 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	2.1 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

**Health**  
3

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not store in metal containers. Incompatible Materials. Bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Amines. Halogens. Metals. Reducing Agent.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Propanoic acid	TWA: 10 ppm TWA: 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm	TWA: 10 ppm TWA: 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 10 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 10 ppm TWA: 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 15 ppm STEL: 45 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection**  
**Hand Protection**

Goggles  
Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber Butyl rubber Nitrile rubber Neoprene PVC	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 or Acid gases filter Type E Yellow conforming to EN14387

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

### Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	No information available
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	2.5 100 g/l aq. sol
Melting Point/Range	-22 °C / -7.6 °F
Boiling Point/Range	141 °C / 285.8 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	51 °C / 123.8 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	12.1 vol %
Lower	2.1 vol %
Vapor Pressure	5 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.56
Specific Gravity	0.990
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	485 °C / 905 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	1.02 mPa.s at 25 °C
Molecular Formula	C3 H6 O2
Molecular Weight	74.08

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Amines, Halogens, Metals, Reducing Agent
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Acute Toxicity****Product Information****Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Propanoic acid	LD50 = 3455 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 3235 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = > 19.7 mg/l ( Rat ) 1 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Irritation** Causes burns by all exposure routes

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Propanoic acid	EC50: = 43 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus subspicatus) EC50: = 45.8 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: = 51 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 73 - 99.7 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: > 1 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas)	EC50 = 59.6 mg/L 17 h	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
Propanoic acid	0.33

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN3463  
Proper Shipping Name PROPIONIC ACID  
Hazard Class 8

<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II
<b>TDG</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN3463
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PROPIONIC ACID
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II
<b>IATA</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN3463
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PROPIONIC ACID
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	
<b>UN-No</b>	UN3463
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PROPIONIC ACID
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	201-176-3	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	X	KE-29352	X	X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Propanoic acid	Part 4 Substance		

### Other International Regulations

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)

Propanoic acid	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
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<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

#### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Propanoic acid	79-09-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

## 16. Other information

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