



MSDS *Material Safety Data Sheet*

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TARTARIC ACID

1. Product Identification

Synonyms: d-tartaric acid; 2,3-dihydroxy butanedioic acid

CAS No.: 87-69-4

Molecular Weight: 150.09

Chemical Formula: HOOC(CH₂O)₂COOH

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Tartaric Acid	87-69-4	100%	Yes

3. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN AND EYES.

Health Rating: 0 - None

Flammability Rating: 1 - Slight

Reactivity Rating: 0 - None

Contact Rating: 1 - Slight

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

Potential Health Effects

Information on the human health effects from exposure to this substance is limited.

Inhalation: Nuisance dust. May cause coughing and sneezing.

Ingestion: Mildly irritating to the gastro-intestinal system if large quantities are ingested. The effect is that of an acid, producing abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Skin Contact: No adverse effects expected.

Eye Contact: Mild irritant and possibly temporarily abrasive. Reddening and tearing may be experienced.

Chronic Exposure: No information found.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions: No information found.

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

Ingestion: If swallowed, give several glasses of water to drink to dilute. If large amounts were swallowed or symptoms occur, get medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Skin Contact: Wash exposed area with soap and water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

Eye Contact: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Call a physician if irritation persists.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

As with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures or by contact with an ignition source.

Explosion: Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

Fire Extinguishing Media: Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide.

Special Information: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face-piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Pick up and place in a suitable container for reclamation or disposal, using a method that does not generate dust.

7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from any source of heat or ignition. 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.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits:

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

15 mg/m³ total dust, 5 mg/m³ respirable fraction for nuisance dusts.

- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

10 mg/m³ total dust containing no asbestos and < 1% crystalline silica for Particulates Not Otherwise Classified (PNOC).

Ventilation System:

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices, most recent edition, for details.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half face-piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full face-piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerin, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full face-piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Skin Protection:

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

Eye Protection:

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: White crystals.

Odor: Odorless.

Solubility: ca. 133 g /100 g of water.

Density: 1.76

pH: 2.2 (1470g /l in water at 25°C)

% Volatiles by volume at 21°C(70F): No information found.

Boiling Point: 210°C open container

Melting Point: 168°C (365°F)

Vapor Density (Air=1): No information found.

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): No information found.

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1): No information found.

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibilities: Silver and silver compounds.

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

No LD₅₀/LC₅₀ information found relating to normal routes of occupational exposure.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Tartaric Acid (87-69-4)	No	No	None

12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate: No information found.

Environmental Toxicity: No information found.

Heavy Metals (stated in Pb): 10ppm MAX

13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
Tartaric Acid (87-69-4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----				
		--Canada--		
Ingredient	Korea	DSL	NDSL	Phil.
Tartaric Acid (87-69-4)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----				
	-SARA 302-		-SARA 313-	
Ingredient	RQ	TPQ	List	Chemical Catg.
Tartaric Acid (87-69-4)	No	No	No	No
-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----				
	-RCRA-		-TSCA-	
Ingredient	CERCLA	261.33	8(d)	
Tartaric Acid (87-69-4)	No	No	No	

Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No
 SARA 311/312: Acute: No Chronic: No Fire: No Pressure: No
 Reactivity: No (Pure / Solid)

Australian Hazchem Code: No information found.

Poison Schedule: No information found.

WHMIS: This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

16. Other Information

NFPA Ratings: Health: 0 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0

Label Hazard Warning:

CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN AND EYES.

Label Precautions:

Avoid contact with eyes.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Avoid breathing dust.

Keep container closed.

Use with adequate ventilation.

Label First Aid: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

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