

Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	Corrosive to eyes and skin on contact.	

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	n-Caproic Acid		
Catalog Number	H0105	Supplier	TCl America 9211 N. Harborgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Butylacetic Acid, Hexanoic Acid		
Chemical Formula	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₄ COOH		
CAS Number	142-62-1	In case of Emergency Call	Chemtrec® (800) 424-9300 (U.S.) (703) 527-3887 (International)

Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
n-Caproic Acid	142-62-1	Min. 98.0 (GC)	Not available.	Rat LD ₅₀ (oral) 2050 ul/kg Mouse LD ₅₀ (oral) 5000 mg/kg Mouse LD ₅₀ (subcutaneous) 3180 mg/kg

Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	Corrosive to skin, eyes, and respiratory system. Liquid or spray mist may produce tissue damage, particularly in mucous membranes of the eyes, mouth and respiratory tract. Skin contact may produce burns. Eye contact can result in corneal damage or blindness. Inhalation of the spray mist may produce severe irritation of respiratory tract, characterized by coughing, choking, or shortness of breath. Corrosive materials may cause serious injury if ingested. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY Not available. Repeated or prolonged contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection. Repeated exposure to an highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.

Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. DO NOT use an eye ointment. Flush eyes with running water for a minimum of 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Skin Contact	If the chemical gets spilled on a clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical touches the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands: Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Wash any contaminated clothing before reusing.
Inhalation	Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform artificial respiration. WARNING: It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention and, if possible, show the chemical label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Ingestion	DO NOT induce vomiting. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt, or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, administer artificial respiration. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Seek immediate medical attention and, if possible, show the chemical label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	Combustible.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	104°C (219.2°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂).		
Fire Hazards	No specific information is available regarding the flammability of this compound in the presence of various materials.		
Explosion Hazards	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. No additional information is available regarding the risks of explosion.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemicals, CO ₂ , water spray or foam. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. DO NOT use water jet.		

Section VI. Accidental Release Measures

Spill Cleanup Instructions	Corrosive liquid. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. DO NOT get water inside container. DO NOT touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapor drift. Use water spray to reduce vapors. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.
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Section VII. Handling and Storage

Handling and Storage Information	CORROSIVE LIQUID. Handle with caution and minimize exposure. Keep container dry. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. When not in use, tightly seal the container and store in a dry, cool place. Avoid excessive heat and light. DO NOT ingest. Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapor or spray. Never add water to this product. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, reducing agents, alkalis (bases).
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Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls	Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash station and safety shower is proximal to the work-station location.
Personal Protection	Face shield. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator must be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.
	
Exposure Limits	Not available.

Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state @ 20°C	Colorless liquid.	Solubility	Slightly soluble in water. Readily soluble in ethanol, ether.
Specific Gravity	0.93		
Molecular Weight	116.16	Partition Coefficient	Not available.
Boiling Point	202 to 203°C	Vapor Pressure	0.18mmHg @ 20°C
Melting Point	-3°C (26.6°F)	Vapor Density	4
Refractive Index	1.4163 @ 20°C	Volatility	Not available.
Critical Temperature	Not available.	Odor	Goat-like odor.
Viscosity	Not available.	Taste	Not available.

Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability	This material is stable if stored under proper conditions. (See Section VII for instructions)
Conditions of Instability	Avoid excessive heat and light.
Incompatibilities	Reactive with oxidizing agents, reducing agents, alkalis (bases).

Section XI. Toxicological Information

RTECS Number	MO5250000
Routes of Exposure	Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion. Skin contact.
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Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Hexanoic acid occurs as a natural product in milk fats and essential oils of various plants. It has been identified in various fruits and in foods, such as fried chicken and baked potatoes. Hexanoic acid is released to the atmosphere in emissions from food decay, animal waste, vegetation, gasoline and diesel exhaust and tobacco smoke. It is also released in waste water effluents from a variety of industries and waste treatment plants. If released to the atmosphere, hexanoic acid will degrade by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals (estimated half-life of about 3 days). It can be physically removed from air by rainfall. If released to soil or water, hexanoic acid is expected to biodegrade. A variety of biodegradation screening studies have demonstrated that hexanoic acid biodegrades readily. Occupational exposure to hexanoic acid occurs primarily through dermal contact. The general population is exposed to hexanoic acid through consumption of food and in some instance, through contaminated drinking water. (SRC)

Section XIII. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. Observe all federal, state, and local regulations when disposing of this substance.
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Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification	DOT CLASS 8: Corrosive liquid.
PIN Number	UN2829
Proper Shipping Name	Caproic acid.
Packing Group (PG)	III
DOT Pictograms	

Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is ON the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	WHMIS CLASS E: Corrosive liquid.
EINECS Number (EEC)	205-550-7
EEC Risk Statements	R35- Causes severe burns. R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes. R20/21/22- Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
Japanese Regulatory Data	Not available.

Section XVI. Other Information**Version 1.0****Validated on 1/16/1998.****Printed 2/24/2005.****Notice to Reader**

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