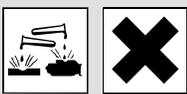


Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	Corrosive to eyes and skin on contact. Combustible material; avoid heat and sources of ignition. Harmful compound, minimize exposure. Stench -- do not inhale, use under a fume hood.	

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	Isobutyric Acid		
Catalog Number	I0103	Supplier	TCl America 9211 N. Harbortgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Dimethylacetic Acid		
Chemical Formula	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCOOH		
CAS Number	79-31-2	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
Isobutyric Acid	79-31-2	Min. 99.0 (GC)	Not available.	Rat LD ₅₀ (oral) 280µl/kg Rabbit LD ₅₀ (dermal) 500µl/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. Harmful if ingested or inhaled. Minimize exposure to this material. Severe overexposure can result in injury or death. This material produces an irritating stench. Do not inhale and always use under a fume hood. Inhalation can result in inflammation of the respiratory system, headaches, nausea, and vomiting. Always cover all exposed skin with an impermeable layer and use proper eye protection. A OSHA/MSHA approved dust and vapor respirator is required when working with this material. 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.

Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, oxygen can be administered. Seek medical attention if respiration problems do not improve.
Ingestion	DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. 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 in case of ingestion of a radioactive material.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	Combustible.	Auto-Ignition	502°C (935.6°F)
Flash Points	56°C (132.8°F).	Flammable Limits	LOWER: 2% UPPER: 10%
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂).		
Fire Hazards	Not available.		
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.		

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Emergency phone number (800) 424-9300

Fire Fighting Media
and Instructions

Combustible liquid.
SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.
LARGE FIRE: Use alcohol foam, water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, autoignition or explosion. Consult with local fire authorities before attempting large scale fire-fighting operations.

Section VI. Accidental Release MeasuresSpill Cleanup
Instructions

Combustible material. Harmful material. Corrosive material. Stench material.
Keep away from heat. 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. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

Section VII. Handling and StorageHandling and Storage
Information

COMBUSTIBLE. HARMFUL. CORROSIVE. STENCH. Keep container dry. Keep away from heat. Mechanical exhaust required. Avoid excessive heat and light. DO NOT ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Never add water to this product. Wear suitable protective clothing. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents.

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. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product. Be sure to use a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator or equivalent.



Exposure Limits

Not available.

Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state @ 20°C	Liquid. (Clear, colorless.)	Solubility	Soluble in 6 parts water. Miscible with alcohol, chloroform, ether.
Specific Gravity	0.95 (water=1)		
Molecular Weight	88.11	Partition Coefficient	Not available.
Boiling Point	153 to 154°C (307.4 to 309.2°F)	Vapor Pressure	0.2 kPa (@ 20°C)
Melting Point	-47°C (-52.6°F)	Vapor Density	3.04 (Air = 1)
Refractive Index	1.3930 @ 20°C	Volatility	Not available.
Critical Temperature	Not available.	Odor	Acridic.
Viscosity	Not available.	Taste	Cheesy

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 strong oxidizing agents.

Section XI. Toxicological Information

RTECS Number	NQ4375000
Routes of Exposure	Eye Contact. Ingestion. inhalation. Skin contact.
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Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Isobutyric acid may be released to the environment in emissions and effluents from manufacturing and use facilities, in leachate from disposed consumer and industrial products in which this compound is contained, in automobile gas exhaust and as a biodegradation product of more complex organic compounds. Isobutyric acid is also a naturally occurring component of food (cheese, butter milk protein, vinegar and beer) and feedstuffs and is reportedly found in several essential oils. If released to soil, isobutyric acid is expected to be highly mobile. This compound should volatilize fairly rapidly from dry soil surfaces; However, volatilization from moist soils should not be significant. Removal by chemical hydrolysis should not be important. If released to water, isobutyric acid is not expected to chemically hydrolyze, oxidize (estimated half-life 1.7 years), volatilize, bioaccumulate or adsorb to suspended solids or sediment. If released to the atmosphere, isobutyric acid is expected to exist entirely in the vapor phase and has the potential to be transported long distances before it is removed by washout in precipitation or reaction with photochemically generated hydroxyl radicals (estimated half-life 3.6 days). The most probable routes of exposure to isobutyric acid by the general population are inhalation and ingestion. Workers involved in the manufacture, handling or use of this compound may also be exposed by inhalation and dermal contact.

Section XIII. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local 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 the substance.
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Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification	CLASS 3: Combustible liquid Class 8: Corrosive material
PIN Number	UN2529
Proper Shipping Name	Isobutyric 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)	CLASS B-3: Combustible liquid with a flash point between 37.8°C (100°F) and 93.3°C (200°F). CLASS E: Corrosive liquid.
EINECS Number (EEC)	201-195-7
EEC Risk Statements	R10- Flammable. R18- In use, may form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture. R20/21/22- Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. R34- Causes burns.
Japanese Regulatory Data	ENCS No. 2-0608

Section XVI. Other Information

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