

# Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	Combustible material; avoid heat and sources of ignition. Moisture sensitive material.	   

## Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	<b>L-(-)-Lactic Acid Methyl Ester</b>		
Catalog Number	L0163	Supplier	TCI America 9211 N. Harborgate St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Methyl L-(-)-Lactate		
Chemical Formula	CH <sub>3</sub> CH(OH)COOCH <sub>3</sub>		
CAS Number	27871-49-4	In case of Emergency Call	<b>Chemtrec®</b> <b>(800) 424-9300 (U.S.)</b> <b>(703) 527-3887 (International)</b>

## Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
L-(-)-Lactic Acid Methyl Ester	27871-49-4	Min. 98.0 (GC)	Not available.	Not available.

## Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	No specific information is available in our data base regarding the toxic effects of this material for humans. However, exposure to any chemical should be kept to a minimum. Skin and eye contact may result in irritation. May be harmful if inhaled or ingested. Always follow safe industrial hygiene practices and wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	<b>CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>MUTAGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>TERATOGENIC EFFECTS</b> : Not available. <b>DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY</b> Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure to this compound is not known to aggravate existing medical conditions.

## 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	INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. 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.

## Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	Combustible.	Auto-Ignition	385°C (725°F)
Flash Points	55°C (131°F) (C.C.)	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO <sub>2</sub> ).		
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.		
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions	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 Measures**

Spill Cleanup Instructions	Combustible liquid. Moisture sensitive 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 touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.
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**Section VII. Handling and Storage**

Handling and Storage Information	COMBUSTIBLE. MOISTURE SENSITIVE. Keep away from heat. Mechanical exhaust required. Avoid excessive heat and light. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, acids, 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.
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Personal Protection	Splash goggles. 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.
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Exposure Limits	Not available.
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**Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties**

Physical state @ 20°C	Liquid. (Clear, colorless.)	Solubility	Not available.
Specific Gravity	1.10 (water=1)		
Molecular Weight	104.10	Partition Coefficient	Not available.
Boiling Point	135 to 138°C (275 to 280.4°F)	Vapor Pressure	3.4hPa @ 20°C
Melting Point	-64°C (-83.2°F)	Vapor Density	Not available.
Refractive Index	1.41	Volatility	Not available.
Critical Temperature	Not available.	Odor	Not available.
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)
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Conditions of Instability	May decompose on exposure to moist air or water. Avoid excessive heat and light.
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Incompatibilities	Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis (bases).
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**Section XI. Toxicological Information**

RTECS Number	Not available.
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Routes of Exposure	Eye Contact. Ingestion. Inhalation.
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Toxicity Data	Not available.
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**Section XII. Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Not available.

**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: Flammable liquid.
PIN Number	UN3272
Proper Shipping Name	Esters, n.o.s.
Packing Group (PG)	III
DOT Pictograms	

**Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms**

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is <b>ON</b> 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).
EINECS Number (EEC)	248-704-9
EEC Risk Statements	R10- Flammable. R36/37- Irritating to eyes and respiratory system.
Japanese Regulatory Data	ENCS No. 2-1370

**Section XVI. Other Information**

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