

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Nitric acid

**Cat No. :** A202-212; A202-400; A202-500;

**Synonyms** Azotic acid; Engraver's acid; Aqua fortis

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

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

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

##### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

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

Chemtrec US: (800) 424-9300  
Chemtrec EU: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Oxidizing liquids	Category 3
Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

May intensify fire; oxidizer  
May be corrosive to metals  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
Fatal if inhaled



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Wear respiratory protection  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Keep/Store away from clothing/ other combustible materials  
 Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles  
 Keep only in original container

#### Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

#### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Spills

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

#### Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store locked up  
 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

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Corrosive to the respiratory tract

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	>90
Water	7732-18-5	<10

## 4. First-aid measures

#### General Advice

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

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. 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. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. 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>	Dry chemical
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Oxidizer
<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. Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.).

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### 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

<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. 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. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials. Containers should be vented periodically in order to overcome pressure buildup. Keep in properly labeled containers. Corrosives area. Do not store in metal containers. Store under an inert atmosphere. Protect from moisture. Incompatible Materials. Strong bases. Reducing Agent. Aldehydes. Alcohols. Cyanides. Metals. Finely powdered metals. Ammonia. Organic materials. Strong reducing agents. Combustible material.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Nitric acid ...%	TWA: 2 ppm STEL: 4 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 2 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 4 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 2 ppm TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 25 ppm TWA: 2 ppm TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 4 ppm STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 ppm STEL: 4 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
 OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures** Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

### Personal Protective Equipment

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166. Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	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.
<b>Recommended Filter type:</b>	Acid gases filter. Type E. Yellow. conforming to EN14387.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear to light yellow

Odor	Strong Acrid
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	< 1.0 (0.1M)
Melting Point/Range	-40 °C / -40 °F
Boiling Point/Range	84 °C / 183.2 °F
Flash Point	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	56 hPa
Vapor Density	No information available
Specific Gravity	1.511
Solubility	miscible
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.746 mPa.s (25°C)
Molecular Formula	HNO <sub>3</sub>
Molecular Weight	63.02

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Combustible material. Excess heat. Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong bases, Reducing Agent, Aldehydes, Alcohols, Cyanides, Metals, Finely powdered metals, Ammonia, Organic materials, Strong reducing agents, Combustible material
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ), Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Category 1. ATE < 0.5 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Nitric acid ...%	Not listed	Not listed	LC50 = 2500 ppm. (Rat) 1h
Water	-	-	-

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** Causes severe 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
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	Not listed				
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed				

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** 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. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
Nitric acid ...%	-2.3

## 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** UN2032  
**Proper Shipping Name** NITRIC ACID, RED FUMING SOLUTION  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 5.1, 6.1  
**Packing Group** I

### TDG

Forbidden

### IATA

**UN-No** UN2032  
**Proper Shipping Name** NITRIC ACID, RED FUMING; FORBIDDEN FOR IATA TRANSPORT  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 5.1, 6.1  
**Packing Group** I

### IMDG/IMO

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2032
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	NITRIC ACID, RED FUMING SOLUTION
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
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<b>Packing Group</b>	I

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	X	ACTIVE	-
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)** Not applicable

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

### International Inventories

X = listed.

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	X	-	231-714-2	X	X	X	X	X	KE-25911
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X		X	X	KE-35400

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

### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	>90	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Nitric acid ...%	X	1000 lb	-	-

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Nitric acid ...%	-	TQ: 500 lb

**CERCLA** This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
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Nitric acid ...%	1000 lb	1000 lb
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**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Nitric acid ...%	X	X	X	X	X
Water	-	-	X	-	-

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
 DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:  
**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Nitric acid ...%	Release STQs - 15000lb Theft STQs - 400lb

### Other International Regulations

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	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)
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Water	7732-18-5	-	-	-

<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)
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Water	7732-18-5	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)
Nitric acid ...%	7697-37-2	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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