

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Glycolic acid, 70% in water

**Cat No. :** AC411030000; AC411030010; AC411030250; AC411032500

**Synonyms** Hydroxyacetic acid

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

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

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

##### Company

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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

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

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation

Harmful if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**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

**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

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Hydroxyacetic acid	79-14-1	70-72
Water	7732-18-5	28-30
Formic acid	64-18-6	<1
Acetic acid, methoxy-	625-45-6	<0.3

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

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

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician immediately.

**Inhalation**

If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Remove from exposure, lie down. 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. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician 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>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<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>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.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### 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

**Health**  
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**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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.

## 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.
<b>Storage.</b>	Corrosives area. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong bases. Sulfides. Cyanides. Metals. Reducing Agent.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Formic acid	TWA: 5 ppm STEL: 10 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 5 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 30 ppm TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

### Personal Protective Equipment

#### Eye/face Protection

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.

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

#### Respiratory Protection

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.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Yellow
Odor	sweet
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	10 °C / 50 °F
Boiling Point/Range	113 °C / 235.4 °F
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	No information available
Specific Gravity	1.270
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	11.28 mPa.s at 16 °C

## 10. Stability and reactivity

### Reactive Hazard

None known, based on information available

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong bases, Sulfides, Cyanides, Metals, Reducing Agent
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<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 4. ATE = 10 - 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Hydroxyacetic acid	1950 mg/kg ( Rat ) 2040 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	7.7 mg/L ( Rat ) 4h 3.6 mg/L ( Rat ) 4h
Water	-	-	-
Formic acid	730 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	15 g/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 15 min

#### Toxicologically Synergistic Products

No information available

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

#### Irritation

Causes 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
Hydroxyacetic acid	79-14-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Formic acid	64-18-6	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Acetic acid, methoxy-	625-45-6	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

#### Mutagenic Effects

No information available

#### Reproductive Effects

No information available.

#### Developmental Effects

No information available.

#### Teratogenicity

No information available.

#### STOT - single exposure

Respiratory system

#### 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

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors	EU - Endocrine Disruptors -	Japan - Endocrine Disruptor
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	Candidate List	Evaluated Substances	Information
Formic acid	Applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Hydroxyacetic acid	Not listed	LC50: > 5000 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	Not listed	Not listed
Formic acid	EC50 = 25 mg/L/96h	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 46-100 mg/L/96h	EC50 = 46.7 mg/L/17h	EC50 = 34 mg/L/48h

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
Hydroxyacetic acid	-1.11
Formic acid	-0.54

## 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.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Formic acid - 64-18-6	U123	-

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN3265  
 Proper Shipping Name Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
 Technical Name Hydroxyacetic acid, Formic acid  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

### TDG

UN-No UN3265  
 Proper Shipping Name Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

### IATA

UN-No UN3265  
 Proper Shipping Name Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN3265  
 Proper Shipping Name Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Hydroxyacetic acid	79-14-1	X	ACTIVE	-
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-
Formic acid	64-18-6	X	ACTIVE	-
Acetic acid, methoxy-	625-45-6	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

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

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Hydroxyacetic acid	79-14-1	X	-	201-180-5	X	X	X	X	X	KE-20315
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X		X	X	KE-35400
Formic acid	64-18-6	X	-	200-579-1	X	X	X	X	X	X
Acetic acid, methoxy-	625-45-6	-	X	210-894-6	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23198

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 %
Formic acid	64-18-6	<1	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
Formic acid	X	5000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA Not applicable

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Formic acid	5000 lb	-

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
Water	-	-	X	-	-
Formic acid	X	X	X	-	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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations****Mexico - Grade**

No information available

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	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)
Formic acid	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Acetic acid, methoxy-	-	Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - Toxic for reproduction (Article 57 c)

After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

**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)
Hydroxyacetic acid	79-14-1	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Formic acid	64-18-6	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Acetic acid, methoxy-	625-45-6	Not applicable	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)
Hydroxyacetic acid	79-14-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Formic acid	64-18-6	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34
Acetic acid, methoxy-	625-45-6	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally



Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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