Material Safety Data Sheet
Acetic acid, >96%

ACC# 00120

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

MSDS Name: Acetic acid, >96%

Synonyms: Ethanoic acid; Ethylic acid; Methanecarboxylic acid; Vinegar acid.

Company Identification:
Fisher Scientific
1 Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

For information, call: 201-796-7100
Emergency Number: 201-796-7100
For CHEMTREC assistance, call: 800-424-9300
For International CHEMTREC assistance, call: 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW
Appearance: clear, colorless liquid. Flash Point: 39 deg C.

Danger! Causes severe eye and skin burns. Causes severe digestive and respiratory tract burns. Flammable liquid and vapor. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Glacial acetic acid solidifies below 62°F (17°C). Corrosive to metal.

Target Organs: Teeth, eyes, skin, mucous membranes.

Potential Health Effects
Eye: Causes severe eye irritation. Contact with liquid or vapor causes severe burns and possible irreversible eye damage.
Skin: Causes skin burns. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Contact with the skin may cause blackening and hyperkeratosis of the skin of the hands.
Ingestion: May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract. Causes severe pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and shock. May cause polyuria, oliguria (excretion of a diminished amount of urine in relation to the fluid intake) and anuria (complete suppression of urination). Rapidly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract.
Inhalation: Effects may be delayed. Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract. Exposure may lead to bronchitis, pharyngitis, and dental erosion. May be absorbed through the lungs.
Chronic: Chronic exposure to acetic acid may cause erosion of dental enamel, bronchitis, eye irritation, darkening of the skin, and chronic inflammation of the respiratory tract. Acetic acid can cause occupational asthma. One case of a delayed asthmatic response to glacial acetic acid has been reported in a person with bronchial asthma. Skin
sensitization to acetic acid is rare, but has occurred.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical aid immediately.

**Skin:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical aid immediately. If victim is fully conscious, give a cupful of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

**Notes to Physician:** Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or impaired respiratory or pulmonary function may be at increased risk to the effects of this substance. Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Reacts with most metals to form highly flammable hydrogen gas which can form explosive mixtures with air. Flammable liquid and vapor. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. Vapors can spread along the ground and collect in low or confined areas.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use water spray, dry chemical, "alcohol resistant" foam, or carbon dioxide.

**Flash Point:** 39 deg C (102.20 deg F)

**Autoignition Temperature:** 426 deg C (798.80 deg F)

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** 4.0 vol %

**Upper:** 19.9 vol %

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 3; Flammability: 2; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Absorb spill with inert material (e.g. vermiculite, sand or earth), then place in suitable container. Wash area with soap and water. Remove all sources of ignition. Use a spark-proof tool. Provide ventilation. Use water spray to cool and disperse vapors, protect personnel, and dilute spills to form nonflammable mixtures. Control runoff and isolate discharged material for proper disposal. Spill may be carefully neutralized with soda ash (sodium carbonate).

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Ground and bond containers when transferring material. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Discard contaminated shoes. Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind, or expose empty containers to heat, sparks or open flames. Use only with adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Use corrosion-resistant transfer equipment when dispensing.

**Storage:** Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Keep from contact with oxidizing materials. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Do not store near alkaline substances. Acetic acid should be kept above its freezing point of 62°F(17°C) to allow it to be handled as a liquid. It will contract slightly on freezing. Freezing and thawing does not affect product quality.
Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits. Use a corrosion-resistant ventilation system.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Acetic acid: 10 ppm TWA; 25 mg/m3 TWA

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear chemical splash goggles and face shield.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Appearance:** clear, colorless

**Odor:** pungent odor - vinegar odor

**pH:** < .01

**Vapor Pressure:** 11.4 mm Hg @ 20 deg C

**Vapor Density:** 2.10 (Air=1)

**Evaporation Rate:** 0.97 (n-Butyl acetate=1)

**Viscosity:** 1.22 cP

**Boiling Point:** 117 - 118 deg C

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 16.6 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.

**Solubility:** Soluble.

**Specific Gravity/Density:** 1.05 (Water=1)

**Molecular Formula:** C2H4O2

**Molecular Weight:** 60.04

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions. **Conditions to Avoid:** Ignition sources, excess heat, freezing temperatures, confined spaces, Note: Use great caution in mixing with water due to heat evolution that causes explosive spattering. Always add the acid to water, never the reverse.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Metals, strong oxidizing agents, bases, chlorine trifluoride, nitric acid, acetaldehyde, chlorosulfonic acid, oleum, bromine pentafluoride, perchloric acid, potassium tert-butoxide, ethyleneimine, 2-aminoethanol, ethylene diamine, phosphorus trichloride, phosphorus isocyanate, chromic acid.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon monoxide, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, carbon dioxide.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**RTECS#:**

**CAS#** 64-19-7: AF1225000
**LD50/LC50:**
- Draize test, rabbit, skin: 50 mg/24H Mild;
- Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 5620 ppm/1H;
- Oral, rat: LD50 = 3310 mg/kg;
- Skin, rabbit: LD50 = 1060 uL/kg;

**Carcinogenicity:**
CAS# 64-19-7: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

**Epidemiology:** No information available.

**Teratogenicity:** No teratogenic effects were observed among the offspring of mice, rats, or rabbits that had been given very large doses of apple cider vinegar (containing acetic acid) during pregnancy. Acetic acid treatment of suckling rats (via maternal administration) was associated with abnormalities of behavioral testing.

**Reproductive Effects:** Intratesticular, rat: TDLo = 400 mg/kg (male 1 day(s) pre-mating) Fertility - male fertility index (e.g. # males impregnating females per # males exposed to fertile nonpregnant females).

**Mutagenicity:** Sister Chromatid Exchange: Human, Lymphocyte = 5 mmol/L.; Unscheduled DNA Synthesis: Administration onto the skin, mouse = 79279 ug/kg.; Cytogenetic Analysis: Hamster, Ovary = 10 mmol/L.

**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.

**Other Studies:**

### Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Fish: Fathead Minnow: LC50 = 88 mg/L; 96 Hr; Static bioassay @ 18-22°C Fish: Bluegill/Sunfish: LC50 = 75 mg/L; 96 Hr; Unspecified Fish: Goldfish: LC50 = 423 mg/L; 24 Hr; Unspecified Water flea Daphnia: EC50 = 32-47 mg/L; 24-48 Hr; Unspecified Bacteria: Phytobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 8.86-11 mg/L; 5,15,25 min; Microtox test If released to water or soil, acetic acid will biodegrade readily. Evaporation from dry surfaces is likely to occur. When spilled on soil, the liquid will spread on the surface and penetrate into the soil at a rate dependent on the soil type and its water content. Acetic acid shows no potential for biological accumulation or food chain contamination.

**Environmental:** If released to the atmosphere, it is degraded in the vapor-phase by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals (estimated typical half-life of 26.7 days). It occurs in atmospheric particulate matter in acetate form and physical removal from air can occur via wet and dry deposition.

**Physical:** Natural waters will neutralize dilute solutions to acetate salts.

**Other:** No information available.

### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.
**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

### Section 14 - Transport Information

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### Section 15 - Regulatory Information
US FEDERAL

TSCA
CAS# 64-19-7 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
CAS# 64-19-7: 5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes
CAS # 64-19-7: immediate, delayed, fire.

Section 313
No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:
This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:
CAS# 64-19-7 is listed as a Hazardous Substance under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:
None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
CAS# 64-19-7 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations

European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives

Hazard Symbols:
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Risk Phrases:
R 10 Flammable.
R 35 Causes severe burns.

Safety Phrases:
S 23 Do not inhale gas/fumes/vapour/spray.
S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
CAS# 64-19-7: 1

Canada - DSL/NDSL
CAS# 64-19-7 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
This product has a WHMIS classification of E, B3.
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List
CAS# 64-19-7 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.
Section 16 - Additional Information

**MSDS Creation Date:** 7/21/1999  
**Revision #11 Date:** 6/07/2006

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