

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Nitric Acid Solution (1 M - 3 M)

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SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Nitric Acid (7697-37-2) 6-18%, and Water (7732-18-5) 82-94%.

Synonym: 1 thru 3 Molar

CAS#: None established

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Clear, colorless to yellow acidic aqueous solution. Characteristic acrid odor.
Corrosive; will cause damage to eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Slightly toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Avoid all body tissue contact. Strong oxidizer.
Avoid contact with acetic acid and readily oxidized substances.

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Health-1
Flammability-0
Reactivity-1
Exposure-2
Storage-2

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable liquid.

Strong oxidizer. Dangerous fire risk in contact with acetic acid, combustible or organic materials.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of NO_x.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

NFPA CODE

None
established

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Ventilate area and contain spill with sand or other inert absorbent material, neutralize with sodium bicarbonate or calcium hydroxide and deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #3. Store with amides, nitrates and nitrites.

Store in a dedicated acid cabinet and away from any source of water; if an acid cabinet is not available, store in Flinn Saf-Cube.

Never store with acetic acid. Use in a well-ventilated lab.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and chemical-resistant apron. Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).
Exposure guidelines: PEL 2 ppm, STEL 4 ppm (as HNO₃) (OSHA, NIOSH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Transparent, colorless or yellow corrosive liquid with an acrid odor. Specific gravity: 1.03 (2 M)
Solubility: Miscible with water. Hygroscopic. pH <1
Formula: HNO₃
Formula Weight: 63.01

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with bases, reducers, alcohols, alkali and alkaline earth metals, brass, copper, copper alloys, galvanized iron, aluminum, organic materials, amines, and acetic acid. Corrodes steel and other metals.
Shelf life: Good.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Corrosive
Chronic effects: N.A.
Target organs: Lungs, teeth, cardiovascular system.

ORL-HUMAN LD₅₀: (Concentrated): 430 mg/kg.
IHL-RAT LC₅₀: (Concentrated): 244 ppm/0.5hr.
SKN-RBT LD₅₀: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24b is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping Name: Nitric acid
Hazard Class: 8, Corrosive
UN Number: UN2031
N/A = Not applicable

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

Not listed.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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