

Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

Glycolic acid

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**Product identifier**

Product name	: Glycolic acid
CBnumber	: CB9463563
CAS	: 79-14-1
EINECS Number	: 201-180-5
Synonyms	: Glycolic acid,2-hydroxyacetic acid

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses	: For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.
Uses advised against	: none

Company Identification

Company	: Chemicalbook
Address	: Building 1, Huihuang International, Shangdi 10th Street, Haidian District, Beijing
Telephone	: 010-86108875

SECTION 2: Hazards identification**GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Signal word Danger

Precautionary statements

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P405 Store locked up.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P309 IF exposed or if you feel unwell:

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

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P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse SKIN with water/shower.

P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Hazard statements

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318 Causes serious eye damage
H332 Harmful if inhaled
H302 Harmful if swallowed

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

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Synonyms	: Glycolic acid,2-hydroxyacetic acid
CAS	: 79-14-1
EC number	: 201-180-5
MF	: C ₂ H ₄ O ₃
MW	: 76.05

SECTION 4: First aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor

If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO₂) Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors. Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEALTH	3	Short exposure could cause serious temporary or moderate residual injury (e.g. liquid hydrogen , sulfuric acid , calcium hypochlorite , hexafluorosilicic acid)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRE	0	Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions, including intrinsically noncombustible materials such as concrete, stone, and sand. Materials that will not burn in air when exposed to a temperature of 820 °C (1,500 °F) for a period of 5 minutes.(e.g. Carbon tetrachloride)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REACT	0	Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and is not reactive with water (e.g. helium, N₂)
<input type="checkbox"/> SPEC.		
<input type="checkbox"/> HAZ.		

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry.

Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

control parameter

Hazard composition and occupational exposure limits

Does not contain substances with occupational exposure limits.

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril? L

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Splash contact Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril? L

Body Protection

Acid-resistant protective clothing

Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented.

Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physicochemical properties

Appearance	colorless crystalline
Odour	No data available
Odour Threshold	No data available
pH	2 at 50 g/l at 20 °C
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 75 - 80 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range	169 °C at 998 hPa - OECD Test Guideline 103
Flash point	>300 °C - (decomposition)
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive	No data available
limits	
Vapour pressure	0,0041 hPa at 25 °C - OECD Test Guideline 104
Vapour density	No data available
Relative density	1,26 g/cm3 at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 109 No data available
Water solubility	300 g/l at 22 °C - OECD Test Guideline 105
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow:< 0,3 at 25 °C - OECD Test Guideline 117 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available

Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: 6,149 mm ² /s at 23 °C - OECD Test Guideline 114 Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
Explosive properties	No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available

Other safety information

Solubility in other solvents

Methanol > 1,402 g/l at 22 °C

OECD Test Guideline 105

Surface tension 57 mN/m at 20 °C

OECD Test Guideline 115 Dissociation constant 3,1 at 25 °C

OECD Test Guideline 112

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

Oxidizing agents Reducing agents Bases

Cyanides Sulfides

Conditions to avoid

Strong heating.

Incompatible materials

Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 2.040 mg/kg

(US-EPA)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 3,6 mg/l (OECD Test Guideline 403)

Dermal

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive - 4 h (OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irreversible effects on the eye (OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: (as aqueous solution) Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Sensitisation test: - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: reverse mutation assay Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: reverse mutation assay Test system: *E. coli*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow Application Route: Oral

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474 Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

No data available

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Toxicity

LD50 orally in rats: 1.95 g/kg, H. F. Smyth et al., *J. Ind. Hyg. Toxicol.* **23**, 259 (1941)

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish

static test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 164 mg/l

- 96 h

(US-EPA)

Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 141 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)

Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)

Toxicity to algae

static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 44 mg/l - 72 h

(OECD Test Guideline 201)

static test NOEC - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 10 mg/l - 72 h

(OECD Test Guideline 201)

static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (microalgae) - 21,6 mg/l - 72 h

(OECD Test Guideline 201)

Toxicity to bacteria

static test EC50 - activated sludge - > 70 mg/l - 3 h

(OECD Test Guideline 209)

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 11 d

Result: 78 % - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301B)

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Toxics Screening Level

The initial threshold screening level for hydroxy acetic acid is 4 µg/m³ based on an annual averaging time.

Other adverse effects

May be harmful to aquatic organisms due to the shift of the pH. Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Product

See www.retrologistik.com for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

SECTION 14: Transport information

UN number

ADR/RID: 3261 IMDG: 3261 IATA: 3261

UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Glycolic acid) IMDG: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Glycolic acid)

IATA: Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (Glycolic acid)

Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8 IMDG: 8 IATA: 8

Packaging group

ADR/RID: II IMDG: II IATA: II

Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no IMDG Marine pollutant: no IATA: no

Special precautions for user

No data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Regulations on the Safety Management of Hazardous Chemicals

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015:Not Listed. website: <https://www.mem.gov.cn/>

Measures for Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory:Listed. website: <https://chemicaldata.gov.vn/>

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory:Listed. website: <https://www.epa.gov/>

Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):Listed. website: <https://emb.gov.ph/>

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):Listed. website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL):Listed. website: <http://ncis.nier.go.kr>

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS):Listed. website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

EC Inventory:Listed.

Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC):Listed. website: <https://www.mee.gov.cn/>

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

STEL: Short term exposure limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

References

【1】CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

【2】ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

【3】ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

【4】eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:

http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en

【5】ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

【6】Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

【7】HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

【8】IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

【9】IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

【10】Sigma-Aldrich, website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/>

Other Information

This substance is often available commercially as a 70% solution with UN number 3265, hazard class 8, packaging group II.

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