

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Lactic Acid

Signal Word
DANGER

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Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Skin corrosion or irritation (Category 2). Causes skin irritation (H315).



Hazard class: Serious eye damage or irritation (Category 1). Causes serious eye damage (H318).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
DL-Lactic acid	50-21-5	C ₃ H ₆ O ₃	90.08	
Synonyms: Acetonic acid				

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician (P310).

If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338).

If on skin: Wash with plenty of water (P302+P352).

If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Class IIIB combustible liquid.

NFPA Code

Flash point: 110 °C

None established

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Ventilate area. Contain the spill with sand or absorbent material and deposit in a sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #1. Store with acids, anhydrides and peracids.
Hygroscopic. Store in Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves and eye protection (P280). Wash hands thoroughly after handling (P264).

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Colorless or yellowish, hygroscopic syrupy liquid.	Melting point: 18 °C
Odorless.	Specific gravity: 1.2
Soluble: Miscible with water, alcohol, and glycerin.	

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with bases, oxidizing agents, and reducing agents.
Shelf life: Poor, hygroscopic. See Section 7 for further information.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Eye and skin irritation.	ORL-RAT LD ₅₀ : N.A.
Chronic effects: N.A.	IHL-RAT LC ₅₀ : N.A.
Target organs: Eyes and skin.	SKN-RBT LD ₅₀ : N.A.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data not yet available.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24a is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Lactic Acid. Hazard Class: 8, corrosive, liquid, acidic, organic. UN number: UN3265.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-018-0), RCRA code D002.

SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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

N/A = Not applicable

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