

FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Nitric Acid Solution, less than 0.5 M

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SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Nitric acid (7697-37-2) <6.3% and Water (7732-18-5) 93-99%.

Concentration: 1 Molar or less

CAS#: None established

SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Colorless acidic aqueous solution. Mild acidic odor.
Irritating to body tissues. Avoid all body tissue contact.

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

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and 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 or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution.

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Nonflammable, noncombustible solution.

When heated to decomposition, emits highly toxic fumes of NO_x and hydrogen nitrate.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use a 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 the area. Ventilate area and contain the spill with sand or other inorganic absorbent material, neutralize with sodium bicarbonate or calcium hydroxide, 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: 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 a Flinn Saf-Cube.

Never store with acetic acid.

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and a 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 (OSHA, NIOSH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Clear, colorless, odorless liquid. pH 1.0 (0.1 M solution)
Solubility: Soluble in water.
Formula: HNO₃
Formula weight: 63.01

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with bases, alcohols, alkaline earth metals, galvanized iron, aluminum, organic materials, amines, and acetic acid.
Corrodes steel and other metals.
Shelf life: Good, if stored properly

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Skin and eye irritant
Chronic effects: N.A.
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-HUM LD₅₀: (Concentrated): 430 mg/kg
IHL-RAT LC₅₀: (Concentrated): 244 ppm/0.5 hr
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 review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.
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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