

SAFETY DATA SHEET



Propionic acid
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Version / Revision 3
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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Identification of the substance/preparation **Propionic acid**

CAS-No 79-09-4

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

Use of the Substance / Preparation Intermediate

Uses advised against None

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier **OQ Chemicals Corporation**
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Suite 300
Houston, TX 77079
USA
Phone +1 346 378 7300

Product Information Product Stewardship
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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number NCEC +1 202 464 2554
available 24/7

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

This substance is classified in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200 (GHS-US classification).

Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1B, H314
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1, H318
Target Organ Systemic Toxicant - Single exposure Category 3, H335
Flammable liquid Category 3, H226

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OSHA Specified Hazards Not applicable.

2.2. Label elements

Labeling according to §1910.1200 (GHS-US labeling).

Hazard symbol(s)



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

H226: Flammable liquid and vapor.
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements

Prevention

P210: Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P261: Avoid breathing gas/mist/vapours.
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response

P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P303 + P361 + P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P301 + P310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

Storage

P403 + P233: Store in a well ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

2.3. Other hazards

None known

SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Component	CAS-No	Concentration (%)
Propionic acid	79-09-4	> 99,5

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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Inhalation

Keep at rest. Aerate with fresh air. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

Skin

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water. When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

Eyes

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses. Immediate medical attention is required.

Ingestion

Call a physician immediately. Do not induce vomiting without medical advice.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Main symptoms

cough, shortness of breath, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, circulatory collapse.

Special hazard

Lung irritation.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

General advice

Remove contaminated, soaked clothing immediately and dispose of safely. First aider needs to protect himself.

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide (CO₂), water spray

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Under conditions giving incomplete combustion, hazardous gases produced may consist of:

carbon monoxide (CO)

carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Combustion gases of organic materials must in principle be graded as inhalation poisons

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Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors
Vapour/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Fire fighter protection should include a self-contained breathing apparatus (NIOSH-approved or EN 133) and full fire-fighting turn out gear.

Precautions for firefighting

Cool containers / tanks with water spray. Water run-off and vapor cloud may be corrosive. Dike and collect water used to fight fire. Keep people away from and upwind of fire.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel: For personal protective equipment see section 8. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid breathing vapors or mists. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

For emergency responders: Personal protection see section 8.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage. Do not discharge product into the aquatic environment without pretreatment (biological treatment plant).

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment

Stop the flow of material, if possible without risk. Dike spilled material, where this is possible.

Methods for cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. If liquid has been spilt in large quantities clean up promptly by scoop or vacuum. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Take necessary action to avoid static electricity discharge (which might cause ignition of organic vapours).

6.4. Reference to other sections

For personal protective equipment see section 8.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms.

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Hygiene measures

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Advice on the protection of the environment

See Section 8: Environmental exposure controls.

Incompatible products

bases
amines
strong oxidizing agents

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take necessary action to avoid static electricity discharge (which might cause ignition of organic vapours). In case of fire, emergency cooling with water spray should be available. Ground and bond containers when transferring material. Vapour/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

Technical measures/Storage conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Handle and open container with care. Keep at temperatures between -12 and 38 °C (10 and 100 °F).

Unsuitable material

None known

SECTION 8: Exposure controls / personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limits United States of America

US ACGIH

Component	TWA (mg/m ³)	TWA (ppm)	STEL (mg/m ³)	STEL (ppm)
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Note

For details and further information please refer to the original regulation.

8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate Engineering controls

General or dilution ventilation is frequently insufficient as the sole means of controlling employee exposure. Local ventilation is usually preferred. Explosion-proof equipment (for example fans, switches, and grounded ducts) should be used in mechanical ventilation systems.

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Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

General industrial hygiene practice

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe vapours or spray mist. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Hygiene measures

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Eye protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. In addition to goggles, wear a face shield if there is a reasonable chance for splash to the face.

Hand protection

Wear protective gloves. Recommendations are listed below. Other protective material may be used, depending on the situation, if adequate degradation and permeation data is available. If other chemicals are used in conjunction with this chemical, material selection should be based on protection for all chemicals present.

Suitable material	butyl-rubber
Evaluation	according to EN 374: level 6
Glove thickness	approx 0,3 mm
Break through time	> 480 min

Suitable material	polyvinylchloride / nitrile rubber
Evaluation	according to EN 374: level 4
Glove thickness	approx 0,9 mm
Break through time	approx 120 min

Skin and body protection

Impervious clothing. Wear face-shield and protective suit for abnormal processing problems.

Respiratory protection

Respirator with filter for organic vapour. Use the indicated respiratory protection if the occupational exposure limit is exceeded and/or in case of product release (dust). Equipment should conform to NIOSH.

Environmental exposure controls

If possible use in closed systems. If leakage can not be prevented, the substance needs to be suck off at the emersion point, if possible without danger. Observe the exposure limits, clean exhaust air if needed. If recycling is not practicable, dispose of in compliance with local regulations. Inform the responsible authorities in case of leakage into the atmosphere, or of entry into waterways, soil or drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	liquid
Colour	colourless
Odour	unpleasant
Odour threshold	No data available

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pH No data available
Melting point/range -6,7 °F (-21,5 °C)
Boiling point/range 286 °F (141 °C) @ 1 atm (101,3 kPa)
Flash point 123 °F (50,5 °C)
Method DIN 51755
Evaporation rate No data available
Flammability (solid, gas) Does not apply, the substance is a liquid
Lower explosion limit 2,1 Vol %
Upper explosion limit 12 Vol %

Vapour pressure

Values [hPa]	Values [kPa]	Values [atm]	@ °C	@ °F	Method
4,0	0,40	0,004	23	73	
22	2,2	0,022	50	122	

Vapour density 2,6 (Air = 1) @ 20 °C (68 °F)

Relative density

Values	@ °C	@ °F	Method
0,99	20	68	

Solubility completely miscible, in water

log Pow 0,33 (measured)

Autoignition temperature 824 °F (440 °C)

Method DIN 51794

Decomposition temperature No data available

Viscosity 1,175 mPa*s @ 59 °F (15 °C)

9.2. Other information

Molecular weight 74,08

Molecular formula C₃H₆O₂

Oxidizing properties Does not apply, substance is not oxidising. There are no chemical groups associated with oxidizing properties

Refractive Index 1,387 @ 68 °F (20 °C)

Explosive properties Does not apply, substance is not explosive. There are no chemical groups associated with explosive properties

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The reactivity of the product corresponds to the typical reactivity shown by the substance group as described in any text book on organic chemistry.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

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Vapour/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid contact with heat, sparks, open flame and static discharge. Avoid any source of ignition.

10.5. Incompatible materials

bases, amines, strong oxidizing agents.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Likely routes of exposure Ingestion, Inhalation, Eye contact, Skin contact

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Main symptoms

cough, shortness of breath, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, circulatory collapse.

Target Organ Systemic Toxicant - Single exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met for:

STOT SE

Target Organ Systemic Toxicant - Repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met for:

STOT RE

Acute toxicity				
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Routes of Exposure	Endpoint	Values	Species	Method
Oral	LD50	3455 mg/kg	rat, male/female	OECD 401
Inhalative	LC50	> 19,7 mg/l (1 h)	rat, male/female	OECD 403 (vapour)

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Assessment

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met for:

Acute oral toxicity

Acute inhalation toxicity

STOT SE

Dermal acute toxicity data were not determined, because of the corrosive properties of the substance

Irritation and corrosion				
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Target Organ Effects	Species	Result	Method	
Skin	rabbit	corrosive		

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Eyes	rabbit	corrosive		
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Assessment

The available data lead to the classification given in section 2
For respiratory irritation, no data are available

Sensitization

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Target Organ Effects	Species	Evaluation	Method	
Skin	guinea pig	not sensitizing	OECD 406	

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Assessment

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met for:
Skin sensitization
For respiratory sensitization, no data are available

Subacute, subchronic and prolonged toxicity

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Type	Dose	Species	Method	
Subchronic toxicity	NOAEL: 6200 ppm/d (90d) Local effects	rat, male/female	OECD 408 Oral	
Subchronic toxicity	NOAEL: 50000 ppm/d (90d) systemic effects	rat, male/female	OECD 408 Oral	
Subchronic toxicity	LOAEL: 136,9 mg/kg/d (90d)	mouse	OECD 411 Dermal	

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Assessment

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met for:
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Carcinogenicity, Mutagenicity, Reproductive toxicity

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Type	Dose	Species	Evaluation	Method	
Mutagenicity		Salmonella typhimurium	negative	OECD 471 (Ames)	In vitro study
Mutagenicity		Chinese hamster	negative	OECD 474	in vivo
Carcinogenicity	NOAEL: 400 ppm	rat		Oral	Local effects
Carcinogenicity	NOAEL: 4000 ppm	rat		Oral	systemic effects
Developmental Toxicity	NOAEL 300 mg/kg/d	rat		OECD 414, Oral	Maternal toxicity Teratogenicity read across

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CMR Classification

The available data on CMR properties are summarized in the table above. They do not indicate a classification into categories 1A or 1B

Evaluation

In vitro tests did not show mutagenic effects

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Aspiration toxicity

no data available

Note

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Further details on substance data can be found in the registration dossier under the following link:

<http://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/registered-substances>.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Acute aquatic toxicity			
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Species	Exposure time	Dose	Method
Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe)	96h	LC50: > 10000 mg/l	DIN 38412, part 15
Daphnia magna (Water flea)	48h	EC50: > 500 mg/l	84/449/EEC C.2
Desmodesmus subspicatus	72h	EC50: > 500 mg/l (Biomass)	OECD 201
Activated sludge (domestic)	30 min	EC20: 1040 mg/l	ISO 8192 Respiration rate

12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Biodegradation

95 % (10 d), aerobic, activated sludge, industrial, OECD 302 B (Zahn-Wellens Test).

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Type	Result	Method
log Pow	0,33	measured

12.4. Mobility in soil

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Type	Result	Method
	no data available	

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12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance is not considered to be persistent, bioaccumulating nor toxic (PBT), nor very persistent nor very bioaccumulating (vPvB)

12.6. Other adverse effects

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No data available

Note

Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Product Information

Disposal required in compliance with all waste management related state and local regulations. The choice of the appropriate method of disposal depends on the product composition by the time of disposal as well as the local statutes and possibilities for disposal.

Uncleaned empty packaging

Contaminated packaging should be emptied as far as possible and after appropriate cleansing may be taken for reuse.

SECTION 14: Transport information

D.O.T. (49CFR)

14.1. UN number	UN 3463
14.2. UN proper shipping name	Propionic acid
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary Risk	3
14.4. Packing group	II
14.5. Environmental hazards	no
14.6. Special precautions for user	
Reportable Quantity (RQ)	5000 lb/ 2270 kg (Propionic acid)
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14.1. UN number	UN 3463
14.2. UN proper shipping name	Propionic acid
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary Risk	3
14.4. Packing group	II
14.5. Environmental hazards	no
14.6. Special precautions for user	no data available

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14.2. UN proper shipping name	Propionic acid
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary Risk	3
14.4. Packing group	II
14.5. Environmental hazards	no
14.6. Special precautions for user	
EmS	F-E, S-C

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code

Product name	Propionic acid
Ship type	3
Pollution category	Y

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Federal and State Regulations

Components of the product are listed in the quoted regulations. For details please refer to the regulations directly. This list is not exhaustive, please check for other applicable regulations.

Federal Regulations

This product is listed on the TSCA inventory

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40CFR 63.100-.106, Table 1: Group I

CERCLA Hazardous Substance

CERCLA RQ 5000 LBS

State Regulations

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CA Hazardous Substances (Director's) List

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IL Chemical Safety Act
MA RTK List
MN Hazardous Substances List
NJ RTK List
NY Hazardous Substances List
NY RTK List
PA RTK List
RI RTK List

International Inventories

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AICS (AU)
DSL (CA)
IECSC (CN)
EC-No. 2011763 (EU)
ENCS (2)-602 (JP)
ISHL (2)-602 (JP)
KECI KE-29352 (KR)
INSQ (MX)
PICCS (PH)
TSCA (US)
NZIoC (NZ)
TCSI (TW)

SECTION 16: Other information

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Hazard Rating Systems

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Health Hazard	3
Fire Hazard	2
Reactivity	0

HMIS (Hazardous Material Information System)

Health Hazard	3
Flammability	2
Physical Hazard	0

Training advice

For effective first-aid, special training / education is needed.

Sources of key data used to compile the datasheet

Information contained in this safety data sheet is based on OQ owned data and public sources deemed valid or acceptable. The absence of data elements required by OSHA, ANSI or Annex II, Regulation 1907/2006/EC indicates, that no data meeting these requirements is available.

Further information for the safety data sheet

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