

# SAFETY DATA SHEET



n-Heptanoic acid  
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## SECTION 1: Identification

### 1.1. Product identifier

Identification of the  
substance/preparation

**n-Heptanoic acid**

Chemical Name Heptanoic acid  
CAS-No 111-14-8

### 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**  
15375 Memorial Drive  
West Memorial Place I  
Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77079  
USA  
Phone +1 346 378 7300

Product Information Product Stewardship  
FAX: +49 (0)208 693 2053  
email: sc.psq@oq.com

### 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).

Acute inhalation toxicity Category 4, H332  
Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1B, H314  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1, H318  
Target Organ Systemic Toxicant - Single exposure Category 3, H335

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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

H332: Harmful if inhaled.  
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statements

Prevention

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P260: Do not breathe gas/mist/vapours.  
P271: Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.  
P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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.  
P304 + P340: IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P301 + P330 + P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303 + P361 + P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.  
P363: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

Storage

P403 + P233: Store in a well ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405: Store locked up.

Disposal

P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulation.

## 2.3. Other hazards

Components of the product may be absorbed into the body by inhalation

## SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

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## 3.1. Substances

Component	CAS-No	Concentration (%)
Heptanoic acid	111-14-8	> 98,5

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

#### Inhalation

Keep at rest. Aerate with fresh air. Symptoms of poisoning may develop many hours after exposure. Call a physician immediately.

#### 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, headache, nausea, shortness of breath, vomiting, convulsions.

#### Special hazard

Lung irritation, Lung oedema.

### 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. If ingested, flush stomach and compensate acidosis.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), water spray

#### Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

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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 (CO<sub>2</sub>)

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

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors

## 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.

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## 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.

### 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

## 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.

### Technical measures/Storage conditions

Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Handle and open container with care. Keep at temperatures between 0 and 38 °C (32 and 100 °F).

## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls / personal protection**

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits United States of America

No exposure limits established regarding ACGIH, OSHA Z-1 and OSHA Z-2.

### 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.

#### 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.

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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.

## 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.

<b>Suitable material</b>	nitrile rubber
<b>Evaluation</b>	according to EN 374: level 6
<b>Glove thickness</b>	approx 0.55 mm
<b>Break through time</b>	> 480 min

<b>Suitable material</b>	polyvinylchloride / nitrile rubber
<b>Evaluation</b>	according to EN 374: level 6
<b>Glove thickness</b>	approx 0.9 mm
<b>Break through time</b>	> 480 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. 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

<b>Appearance</b>	liquid
<b>Colour</b>	colourless
<b>Odour</b>	pungent
<b>Odour threshold</b>	0,6 - 10,4 ppm
<b>pH</b>	4,8 @ 20 °C (68 °F)
<b>Melting point/range</b>	18 °F (-8 °C)
<b>Boiling point/range</b>	433 °F (223 °C) @ 1 atm (101,3 kPa)
<b>Flash point</b>	243 °F (117 °C)
<b>Method</b>	DIN EN ISO 3679

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**Evaporation rate** No data available  
**Flammability (solid, gas)** Does not apply, the substance is a liquid  
**Lower explosion limit** 1,09 Vol %  
**Upper explosion limit** 10,1 Vol %

## Vapour pressure

Values [hPa]	Values [kPa]	Values [atm]	@ °C	@ °F	Method
0,013	0,0013	< 0,001	20	68	
0,2	0,02	< 0,001	50	122	

**Vapour density** 4,5 (Air = 1) @ 20 °C (68 °F)

## Relative density

Values	@ °C	@ °F	Method
0,92	20	68	

**Solubility** No data available

**Water solubility** 2 - 5 g/l @ 77 °F (25 °C)

**log Pow** 2,54 (calculated) KOW WIN

**Autoignition temperature** 527 °F (275 °C)

**Method** EU A.15

**Decomposition temperature** No data available

**Viscosity** 3,4 mPa\*s @ 86 °F (30 °C)

## 9.2. Other information

**Molecular weight** 130,19

**Molecular formula** C7 H14 O2

**log Koc** 1,143

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

**Refractive Index** 1,422 @ 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

Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

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

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

bases, amines.

## 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, headache, nausea, shortness of breath, vomiting, convulsions.

##### **Target Organ Systemic Toxicant - Single exposure**

The available data lead to the classification given in section 2

##### **Target Organ Systemic Toxicant - Repeated exposure**

Due to lack of data, a classification is not possible for:

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#### **Acute toxicity**

##### **Heptanoic acid (111-14-8)**

Routes of Exposure	Endpoint	Values	Species	Method
Inhalative	LC50	> 4,6 mg/l (4h)	rat, male/female	OECD 403

#### **Heptanoic acid, CAS: 111-14-8**

##### **Assessment**

The available data lead to the classification given in section 2

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

For acute oral toxicity, no data are available

#### **Irritation and corrosion**

##### **Heptanoic acid (111-14-8)**

Target Organ Effects	Species	Result	Method	
Skin	rabbit	corrosive	OECD 404	

#### **Heptanoic acid, CAS: 111-14-8**

##### **Assessment**

The available data lead to the classification given in section 2

Available skin corrosion data suffice for classification of eye corrosion without further testing

For respiratory irritation, no data are available

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<b>Heptanoic acid (111-14-8)</b>				
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

## **Heptanoic acid, CAS: 111-14-8**

### **Assessment**

Due to lack of data, a classification is not possible for:

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<b>Carcinogenicity, Mutagenicity, Reproductive toxicity</b>					
<b>Heptanoic acid (111-14-8)</b>					
Type	Dose	Species	Evaluation	Method	
Mutagenicity		Salmonella typhimurium	negative	OECD 471 (Ames)	In vitro study
Developmental Toxicity	NOAEL 1000 mg/kg/d	rat		OECD 414, Oral	Maternal toxicity
Developmental Toxicity	NOAEL 1000 mg/kg/d	rat		OECD 414, Oral	Teratogenicity

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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

### **Other adverse effects**

Components of the product may be absorbed into the body by inhalation.

### **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**

<b>Acute aquatic toxicity</b>
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Species	Exposure time	Dose	Method
Daphnia magna (Water flea)	48h	EC50: 860 mg/l	OECD 202
Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)	96h	LC50: > 92 mg/l	OECD 203
green algae	96h	EC50: 122,7 mg/l (Growth rate)	ECOSAR
Pseudomonas putida	17 h	EC50: > 1000 mg/l (Growth inhibition)	DIN 38412, part 8

## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

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### Biodegradation

98,7 % (11 d), Sewage, domestic, non-adapted, aerobic, OECD 301 A / ISO 7827.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Heptanoic acid (111-14-8)		
Type	Result	Method
log Pow	2,54	KOW WIN, calculated

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

Heptanoic acid (111-14-8)		
Type	Result	Method
Adsorption/Desorption	log Koc: 1,143	

## 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

**Heptanoic acid, CAS: 111-14-8**

No data available

### Note

Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

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## 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 3265
14.2. UN proper shipping name	Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (n-Heptanoic acid)
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	8
14.4. Packing group	II
14.5. Environmental hazards	no
14.6. Special precautions for user	
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### ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR

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14.6. Special precautions for user	no data available

### IMDG

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14.4. Packing group	II
14.5. Environmental hazards	no
14.6. Special precautions for user	
EmS	F-A, S-B

### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II

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## of MARPOL and the IBC Code

Product name	n-Heptanoic acid
Ship type	3
Pollution category	Z

## 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

### International Inventories

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AICS (AU)  
DSL (CA)  
IECSC (CN)  
EC-No. 2038387 (EU)  
ENCS (2)-608 (JP)  
ISHL (2)-608 (JP)  
KECI KE-18284 (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	1
Reactivity	0

#### HMS (Hazardous Material Information System)

Health Hazard	3
Flammability	1
Physical Hazard	0

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## **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**

Changes against the previous version are marked by \*\*\*. Observe national and local legal requirements. For more information, other material safety data sheets or technical data sheets please consult the OQ homepage ([www.chemicals.oq.com](http://www.chemicals.oq.com)).

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