



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of:  
US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

Product Name Nitric Acid, ACS

### Other means of identification

Product Code(s) 3766

UN number or ID number UN2031

Synonyms No information available

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Industrial use  
Laboratory use  
Industrial Manufacturing (all)

Restrictions on use No information available

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Supplier Address

Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.  
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### Emergency telephone number

24 Hour Emergency Phone Number CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 for US / 703-527-3887 outside US

Emergency Telephone 911

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Dusts/Mists)	Category 1
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Oxidizing liquid	Category 3
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

**Label elements****Danger****Hazard statements**

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H330 - Fatal if inhaled

H272 - May intensify fire; oxidizer.

H290 - May be corrosive to metals.

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P284 - Wear respiratory protection

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

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

P210 - Keep away from heat

P220 - Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials

P221 - Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

P320 - Specific treatment is urgent (see First-Aid Measures on SDS)

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P321 - Specific treatment (see First-Aid Measures on SDS)

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

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

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

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

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

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

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

P405 - Store locked up

P406 - Store in corrosive resistant container with resistant inner liner

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

Very toxic to aquatic life.

**3. Composition/information on ingredients**

**Substance**

Not applicable.

**Mixture**

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Formula	Molecular Weight
Nitric acid	7697-37-2	69-70	HNO <sub>3</sub>	63.01 g/mol
Water	7732-18-5	Balance	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.00 g/mol

**4. First-aid measures****Description of first aid measures**

<b>General advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Skin contact</b>	IF ON CLOTHING: Rinse immediately contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing clothes. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Self-protection of the first aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

<b>Symptoms</b>	Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing. Burning sensation.
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**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

<b>Note to physicians</b>	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.
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**5. Fire-fighting measures**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water. Do not use dry chemicals or foams. CO <sub>2</sub> or Halon may provide limited control. Flood fire area with water from a distance. Move containers from fire area if you can do it
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<b>Large Fire</b>	without risk. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Dry chemical.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	These substances will accelerate burning when involved in a fire. Some may decompose explosively when heated or involved in a fire. May ignite combustibles (wood, paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Runoff may create fire or explosion hazard. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
<b>Explosion data</b>	
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	None.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	Yes.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment. Do not move cargo or vehicle if cargo has been exposed to heat. Oxidizer. May ignite combustibles (wood, paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire. For massive fire, use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles; if this is impossible withdraw from area and let fire burn.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>Personal precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. See section 8 for more information. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Use personal protective equipment as required. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Attention! Corrosive material.
<b>Other information</b>	Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc) away from spilled material. DO NOT GET WATER INSIDE CONTAINERS. Ventilate the area. Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

<b>Methods for containment</b>	Dike far ahead of spill; use dry sand to contain the flow of material. Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers. Stop leak if you can do it without risk.
<b>Methods for cleaning up</b>	Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. With clean shovel place material into clean, dry container and cover loosely; move containers from spill area. Flush area with flooding quantities of water. Prevent product from entering drains.

## 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

<b>Advice on safe handling</b>	Use personal protection equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.
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Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

#### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

##### **Storage Conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep in properly labeled containers. Do not store near combustible materials. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. Store in accordance with local regulations. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other materials.

### **8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

#### **Control parameters**

##### **Exposure Limits**

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Nitric acid	STEL: 4 ppm TWA: 2 ppm	TWA: 2 ppm TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 2 ppm (vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) STEL: 4 ppm (vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 25 ppm TWA: 2 ppm TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 4 ppm STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

##### **Engineering controls**

Showers  
Eyewash stations  
Ventilation systems.

#### **Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.

##### **Hand protection**

Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.

##### **Skin and body protection**

Chemical resistant apron. Wear fire/flammable resistant/retardant clothing. Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing.

##### **Respiratory protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

##### **General hygiene considerations**

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

### **9. Physical and chemical properties**

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear
<b>Color</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor threshold</b>	No information available

<b>Property</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Remarks • Method</b>
<b>pH</b>	< 1	None known
<b>pH (as aqueous solution)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flash point</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>		None known
<b>Upper flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative vapor density</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative density</b>	1.4200	
<b>Water solubility</b>	Miscible in water	None known
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>		None known
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>Explosive properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Softening point</b>	No information available	
<b>Molecular weight</b>	No information available	
<b>VOC content</b>	No information available	
<b>Liquid Density</b>	No information available	
<b>Bulk density</b>	No information available	

**10. Stability and reactivity**

<b>Reactivity</b>	Oxidizer.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Heat, flames and sparks. Incompatible materials. Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods. Excessive heat.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Organic material. Combustible material. Hydrocarbons. Oxidizing agent. Acids. Bases.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	None known based on information supplied.

**11. Toxicological information**

**Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Fatal if inhaled. (based on components). Corrosive by inhalation. Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye damage. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive. (based on components). Causes burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics**

<b>Symptoms</b>	Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing. Redness. Burning. May cause blindness.
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**Acute toxicity****Numerical measures of toxicity**

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

ATEmix (oral)	99,999.00 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	99,999.00 mg/kg
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	99,999.00 ppm
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	99,999.00 mg/l
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	0.007 mg/l

**Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Nitric acid	-	-	= 2500 ppm ( Rat ) 1 h
Water	>90 mL/kg (Rat)	-	-

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes serious eye damage. Causes burns.
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>	No information available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No information available.

**Carcinogenicity** No information available.

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Chemical name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Nitric acid	-	-	-	X

**Legend**

**OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)**

X - Present

**Reproductive toxicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Target organ effects** Respiratory system, Eyes, Skin, Teeth.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available.

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

**Interactive effects** No information available.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** Very toxic to aquatic life.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Nitric acid	-	96h LC50: = 72 mg/L (Gambusia affinis)	-	-

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

### Bioaccumulation

#### Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Nitric acid	-2.3

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

## 13. Disposal considerations

### Disposal methods

**Waste from residues/unused products** Should not be released into the environment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not reuse empty containers. Dispose of contents/containers in accordance with local regulations.

**California Hazardous Waste Status** This product contains one or more substances that are listed with the State of California as a hazardous waste.

## 14. Transport information

**DOT** Regulated  
**UN number or ID number** UN2031  
**Proper shipping name** Nitric acid  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing group** II  
**DOT Marine Pollutant** No

**TDG** Regulated  
**UN number or ID number** UN2031  
**UN proper shipping name** Nitric acid  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing group** II

**ICAO (air)** Regulated  
**UN number or ID number** UN2031  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing group** II

**IATA** Regulated  
**UN number or ID number** UN2031  
**UN proper shipping name** Nitric acid  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing group** II

**IMDG** Regulated  
**UN number or ID number** UN2031  
**UN proper shipping name** Nitric acid  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Subsidiary hazard class** 5.1  
**Packing group** II

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

<b>TSCA</b>	Complies.
<b>DSL/NDSL</b>	Complies.
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>ENCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>IECSC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>KECL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>PICCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>AIIC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>NZIoC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

### US Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

Chemical name	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Nitric acid 7697-37-2	1.0

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Nitric acid	1000 lb	-	-	X

#### CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302).

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Nitric acid	1000 lb	1000 lb	RQ 1000 lb final RQ RQ 454 kg final RQ

### US State Regulations

#### California Proposition 65

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Nitric acid	X	X	X
Water	-	-	X

### U.S. EPA Label Information

**EPA Pesticide Registration Number** Not applicable

## 16. Other information

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 4	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Special hazards</b> OX
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 4	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Physical hazards</b> 1	<b>Personal protection</b> X

### Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

#### **Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation

### **Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
 Food Research Journal  
 Hazardous Substance Database  
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
 National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)  
 Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)  
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
 National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
 National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
 New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
 World Health Organization

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