

## Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Hexanoic acid

Product Number : 153745

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## Emergency Overview

## OSHA Hazards

Toxic by inhalation., Harmful by ingestion., Toxic by skin absorption, Corrosive

## Other hazards which do not result in classification

Stench., Rapidly absorbed through skin.

## GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3)

Skin corrosion (Category 1B)

Serious eye damage (Category 1)

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

## GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H311 + H331

Toxic in contact with skin or if inhaled

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H402

Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

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.

## HMIS Classification

**Health hazard:** 3  
**Flammability:** 1  
**Physical hazards:** 0

**NFPA Rating**

**Health hazard:** 3  
**Fire:** 1  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** Toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.  
**Skin** Toxic if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.  
**Eyes** Causes eye burns.  
**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Caproic acid  
Acid C6

Formula :  $C_6H_{12}O_2$   
Molecular Weight : 116.16 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Hexanoic acid</b>		
CAS-No.	142-62-1	-
EC-No.	205-550-7	

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**Conditions of flammability**

Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

**Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

**Conditions for safe storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Personal protective equipment****Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand protection**

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

**Eye protection**

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin and body protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Hygiene measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****Appearance**

Form	clear, liquid
Colour	colourless

**Safety data**

pH	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -4 °C (25 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	202 - 203 °C (396 - 397 °F) - lit.
Flash point	102 °C (216 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	380 °C (716 °F)

Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	2 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	10 %(V)
Vapour pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 72 °C (162 °F) 0.24 hPa (0.18 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Density	0.927 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	4.01 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	Stench.
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Allyl alcohol

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 1,900 mg/kg

#### Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - mouse - 2 h - 4,100 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 584 mg/kg

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

## Carcinogenicity

- IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
- ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
- NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
- OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

## Reproductive toxicity

no data available

## Teratogenicity

no data available

## Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

## Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

## Aspiration hazard

no data available

## Potential health effects

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## Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

## Synergistic effects

no data available

## Additional Information

RTECS: MO5250000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 88 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 22 mg/l - 24 h

### Persistence and degradability

### Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

### Mobility in soil

no data available

### PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Harmful to aquatic life.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 2829 Class: 8 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Caproic acid  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2829 Class: 8 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: CAPROIC ACID  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 2829 Class: 8 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Caproic acid

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****OSHA Hazards**

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**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hexanoic acid	142-62-1	1993-04-24

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hexanoic acid	142-62-1	1993-04-24

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hexanoic acid	142-62-1	1993-04-24

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Further information**

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