Material Safety Data Sheet
Trichloroacetic acid

ACC# 23810

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Trichloroacetic acid  
**Catalog Numbers:** AC152130000, AC152130010, AC152135000, AC421450000, AC421450050, 42145-1000, 42145-5000, A322-100, A322-3, A322-500, A323-500, A324-3, A324-500, BP555-1, BP555-250, BP555-500  
**Synonyms:** Trichloroethanoic acid; TCA.  
**Company Identification:**  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
**For information, call:** 201-796-7100  
**Emergency Number:** 201-796-7100  
**For CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 800-424-9300  
**For International CHEMTREC assistance, call:** 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: white solid.  
**Danger!** Causes eye and skin burns. Causes digestive and respiratory tract burns. Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the air).  
**Target Organs:** Eyes, skin, mucous membranes.

**Potential Health Effects**

Eye: Causes eye burns.  
Skin: Causes skin burns.  
Ingestion: May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract. Causes gastrointestinal tract burns.  
Inhalation: Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract.  
Chronic: No information found.
Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical aid immediately.

**Skin:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid immediately. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical aid immediately. If victim is fully conscious, give a cupful of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.

**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to prevent contact with thermal decomposition products. Containers may explode in the heat of a fire. Vapors may be heavier than air. They can spread along the ground and collect in low or confined areas.

**Extinguishing Media:** Substance is noncombustible; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 3; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Sweep up, then place into a suitable container for disposal. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Do not ingest or inhale.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Keep from contact with oxidizing materials. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Corrosives area. Keep away from strong bases.
Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Trichloroacetic acid: 1 ppm TWA; 7 mg/m³ TWA

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** white

**Odor:** chlorine-like

**pH:** 1.2 @ 0.1 M solu.

**Vapor Pressure:** 1.351 mm Hg

**Vapor Density:** 5.6 (air=1)

**Evaporation Rate:** Not available.

**Viscosity:** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 196 deg C

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 52 - 58 deg C

**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.

**Solubility:** 120 % in water

**Specific Gravity/Density:** (H₂O=1) 1.62

**Molecular Formula:** C₂HCl₃O₂

**Molecular Weight:** 163.39

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Dust generation, moisture, excess heat.

**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Reacts dangerously with bases, strong oxidizers, and alkali metals such as sodium, potassium, and calcium.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Hydrogen chloride, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, chlorine,
phosgene gas, chloroform.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported.

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**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**RTECS#:**  
**CAS# 76-03-9: A17875000**

**LD50/LC50:**  
**CAS# 76-03-9:**  
Draize test, rabbit, eye: 3500 ug/5S Severe;  
Draize test, rabbit, skin: 210 ug Mild;

**Carcinogenicity:**  
**CAS# 76-03-9:**
- **ACGIH:** A3 - Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans  
- **California:** Not listed.  
- **NTP:** Not listed.  
- **IARC:** Not listed.

**Epidemiology:** No information available.  
**Teratogenicity:** No information available.  
**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.  
**Mutagenicity:** No information available.  
**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.  
**Other Studies:**

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**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

No information available.

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**Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.  
**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

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**Section 14 - Transport Information**

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US FEDERAL

TSCA
CAS# 76-03-9 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

Health & Safety Reporting List
None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

Chemical Test Rules
None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

Section 12b
None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule
None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs
None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances
None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

SARA Codes
CAS # 76-03-9: immediate.

Section 313
No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

Clean Air Act:
This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

Clean Water Act:
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

OSHA:
None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

STATE
CAS# 76-03-9 can be found on the following state right to know lists: California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts.

California Prop 65
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

European/International Regulations
European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives
Hazard Symbols:
  C N
Risk Phrases:
R 35 Causes severe burns.
R 50/53 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Safety Phrases:
S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S 36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
S 60 This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
S 61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions /safety data sheets.

WGK (Water Danger/Protection)
CAS# 76-03-9: 2

Canada - DSL/NDSL
CAS# 76-03-9 is listed on Canada’s DSL List.

Canada - WHMIS
This product has a WHMIS classification of E.
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List
CAS# 76-03-9 is listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

Section 16 - Additional Information

MSDS Creation Date: 7/15/1999
Revision #10 Date: 2/15/2008

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