
Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

Trichloroethylene

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Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Trichloroethylene

Synonym: 1-chloro-2,2-dichloroethylene

CAS#: 79-01-6

Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Colorless; photo-reactive liquid. Chloroform - like odor.

Slightly toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Severe body tissue irritant. Probable carcinogen to humans.

Chronic exposure may result in dermatitis. Avoid all body tissue contact.

Flammable liquid.

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Health-3

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-3

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Induce vomiting. After vomiting, give mixture of 2 Tbs. of activated charcoal mixed with one cup of water. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Class IC Flammable liquid.

NFPA CODE

Has difficulty burning. When heated to decomposition, emits toxic hydrogen chloride gas.

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Flash Point: 89.6 F; Explosion Limits: UEL: 90% (57 C), LEL: 12.5% (57 C); Autoignition Temperature:

F-1

770 F **Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should

R-0

wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand and absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #4. Store with ethers, ketones, halogenated hydrocarbons and ethylene oxide. Store in a dedicated flammables cabinet. If a flammables cabinet is not available, store in Flinn Saf-Stor Can. Protect from light. Use and dispense in a hood.

Section 8 — Exposure Controls , Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

Use ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below exposure limits. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with proper cartridges or a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator when handling this material in emergency situations (spill or fire).

Exposure guidelines: TWA 25 ppm, STEL 100 ppm (NIOSH, ACGIH)

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

Trichloroethylene

MSDS #: 830.00

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Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless; photo-reactive liquid. Chloroform - like odor.

Solubility: Slightly in water; miscible with most organic solvents.

Formula: ClCH₂CCl₂

Formula Weight: 131.39

Specific Gravity: 1.4904

Melting Point: -84 C

Boiling Point: 86.9 C

Vapor Pressure: 61 mm (20 C)

Vapor Density: 4.5

Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Avoid oxidizing agents, reducing agents and strong bases. May decompose if exposed to light, aluminum or magnesium.

Shelf Life: Indefinite.

Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Harmful vapor, severe irritant, GI disturbances, nausea, dizziness, and headache

Chronic effects: Dermatitis, mutagen

Target organs: Nerves, liver, kidneys, heart, lungs

ORL-MUS LD50: 2402 mg/kg

IHL-MUS LC50: 8450 ppm/4H

SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #27j is one option.

Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Trichloroethylene

Hazard Class: 6.1, Keep away from food.

UN Number: UN1710

N/A = Not applicable

Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (201-167-4), RCRA code U228.

Section 16 — Other Information

Consult your copy of the Flinn Scientific Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.

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