

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### Trichloroacetic Acid

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### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Trichloroacetic acid

Synonym: TCA

CAS#: 76-03-9

### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

White crystals; vinegar-like odor.

Moderately toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Corrosive to body tissues. Avoid all body contact.

Combustible solid.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-2

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-2

Storage-1

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a physician and 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 or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Give 1 to 2 cups of water, followed by a gastric antacid, such as milk of magnesia. Call a physician or poison control at once.

### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Combustible solid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of chloroform, hydrogen chloride, phosgene, Cl, & CO.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

#### NFPA CODE

None  
established

### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

### SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #1. Store with acids, anhydrides and peracids.

Store in a cool, dry place. Deliquescent, store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag. 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 7 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (NIOSH)

**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

White crystals; vinegar-like odor.  
Solubility: Water and alcohol.  
Formula: CCl<sub>3</sub>COOH  
Formula weight: 163.40

Boiling point: 196 °C  
Melting point: 57-58 °C  
Specific gravity: 1.6298

**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Avoid contact with strong oxidizing agents and strong bases.  
Shelf life: Poor, very deliquescent.

**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute effects: Corrosive, G.I. disturbances  
Chronic effects: N.A.  
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.  
EYE-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.  
SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: 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 review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24a is one option.

**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Shipping name: Trichloroacetic Acid  
Hazard class: 8, Corrosive  
UN number: UN1839  
N/A = Not applicable

**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-927-2), RCRA code D002.

**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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for additional information about laboratory chemicals.**