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Nitric Acid Solution 1 M - 8 M Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Nitric Acid Solution 1 M - 8 M

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DANGER

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Chemtrec Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-10056

Pictograms

SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazard class: Oxidizing liquids; Oxidizing solids (Category 2). May intensify fire; oxidizer (H272). Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. No smoking (P210).



Hazard class: Skin corrosion or irritation (Category 1). Causes severe skin burns and eye damage (H314). Do not breathe mist, vapors or spray (P260).



Hazard class: Acute toxicity, inhalation (Category 4). Harmful if inhaled (H332).

Avoid contact with acetic acid and readily oxidized substances.

Industrial exposure to nitric acid vapors and mists is listed as a known human carcinogen by IARC (IARC-1).

SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Component Name | CAS Number | Formula          | Formula Weight | Concentration |
|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Nitric acid    | 7697-37-2  | HNO <sub>3</sub> | 63.01          | 17-32%        |
| Water          | 7732-18-5  | H <sub>2</sub> O | 18.00          | 68-83%        |

SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.  
If inhaled: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing (P304+P340).  
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing (P305+P351+P338).  
If on skin or hair: Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water (P303+P361+P353).  
If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting (P301+P330+P331).

SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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| Nonflammable, noncombustible solution, but a strong oxidizer.                      | NFPA Code |
| Dangerous fire risk in contact with acetic acid, combustible or organic materials. | H-3       |
| When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.                                | F-0       |
| In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.                   | R-0       |

SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain the spill with sand or other inert absorbent material, neutralize with sodium bicarbonate or calcium hydroxide, and deposit in a sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #3. Store with amides, nitrates, nitrites and azides. Store in a dedicated acid cabinet and away from any source of water; if an acid cabinet is not available, store in a Flinn Saf-Cube™. Never store with acetic acid. Keep and store away from clothing and combustible materials (P220). Take any precautions to avoid mixing with combustibles (P221). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).

SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection (P280). Wash hands thoroughly after handling (P264). Use only in a hood or well-ventilated area (P271).  
Exposure guidelines: (as nitric acid) PEL 5 mg/m³ (OSHA); TLV 5.2 mg/m³ STEL 10 mg/m³ (ACGIH)

SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Transparent, colorless or yellow corrosive liquid. Acrid odor.  
Soluble: Miscible with water.

pH <1>

SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Avoid contact with bases, alcohols, alkali and other earth metals, metals, plastics, hydrogen peroxide, organic materials, amines, acetic acid, and other readily oxidized substances. Corrodes metals and most plastics. Shelf life: Fair, product may turn yellow due to release of nitrogen dioxide on exposure to light. See Section 7 for further information.

SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute effects: Eye, skin, mucous membrane irritation.  
Chronic effects: Dental erosion, chronic bronchitis.  
Target organs: Eyes, skin, respiratory system, teeth.

ORL-HUM LDLo: 430 mg/kg (as nitric acid)  
IHL-RAT LC50: 244 ppm/0.5 hr (as nitric acid)  
SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

May be harmful to aquatic organisms.

SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.  
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24b is one option.

SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Shipping name: Nitric acid. Hazard class: 8, Corrosive. UN number: NA1760.

SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

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TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (231-714-2), RCRA code D001, D002, D003.

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SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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

N/A = Not applicable

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

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