Safety Data Sheet · OSHA HCS 2024

Sulfuric Acid 96% ACS Grade

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Standard	Revised	Emergency
OSHA HCS 2024 · GHS Rev. 7	2026-11-12	Chemtel 1-800-255-3924 (24/7)

1 Identification

Product Identifier	Sulfuric Acid 96% ACS Grade
Grade	ACS Grade
Concentration	96% w/w
CAS Number	7664-93-9
Chemical Formula	H2S04
Molecular Weight	98.08 g/mol
Manufacturer	Alliance Chemical 204 South Edmond Street, Taylor, TX 76574
Emergency Phone	Chemtel 1-800-255-3924 (24/7)
Synonyms	Oil of vitriol; dihydrogen sulfate; H2SO4
Recommended Use	Laboratory reagent and analytical use; pH adjustment, metal treatment and chemical synthesis.
Restrictions on Use	No restrictions identified beyond the conditions of safe use in Sections 7 and 8.

2 Hazard Identification



Corrosive



Irritant / harmful

Classification

Corrosive to metals, Category 1

Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 1

Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1

Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure, Category 3 (respiratory tract irritation)

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H290 May be corrosive to metals

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H335 May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary Statements

P234 Keep only in original packaging.

P260 Do not breathe dust, fume, gas, mist, vapors or spray.

P261 Avoid breathing dust, fume, gas, mist, vapors or spray.

P264 Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye/face protection.

P301+P330+P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

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.

P321 Specific treatment (see first-aid information on this label).

P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405 Store locked up.

P406 Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

P501 Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

Classification, hazard (H) and precautionary (P) statements and pictograms per OSHA HCS 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200, Appendices A–C), aligned with GHS Rev. 7.

3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No.	Formula	Concentration
Sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9	H_2SO_4	60-100% (w/w)
Water	7732-18-5	H_2O	Balance (w/w)

Concentrations are nominal; lot-specific values appear on the Certificate of Analysis. Components not contributing to classification are omitted.

4 First-Aid Measures

Eyes

Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Seek medical attention immediately.

Skin

Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing. Wash with soap. Get medical attention immediately.

Inhalation

Move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.

Ingestion

Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.

Most Important Symptoms and Effects

Causes burns to the skin, eyes and mucous membranes; eye contact may cause permanent damage including blindness; ingestion burns the mouth, throat and stomach.

Inhalation may irritate the nose, throat and respiratory tract (coughing, sore throat).

Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment

Immediate medical attention is required after eye or skin contact or ingestion; tissue damage may continue after exposure ends.

5 Fire-Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Dry chemical, CO2, water spray. Use water spray to cool containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.
Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical	Fire may release corrosive and toxic gases. Containers may rupture when heated.
Protective Equipment	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.
Hazardous Combustion Products	Sulfur oxides at high temperature; flammable hydrogen gas from contact with metals.

6 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions	Use PPE as described in Section 8. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
Hazard-Specific Precautions	Do not touch spilled material without protective equipment. Neutralize residue only with a method suitable for the material, then collect.
Environmental Precautions	Prevent leakage or spillage from entering drains, sewers, or waterways.
Containment & Cleanup	Absorb with inert material. Collect in appropriate waste container. Dispose per applicable regulations.

7 Handling and Storage

Safe Handling	Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed when not in use.
Safe Storage	Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Use corrosion-resistant containers. Keep away from incompatible materials (see Section 10). Keep containers tightly closed.
Specific Storage Precautions	Keep tightly closed in acid-resistant containers in a cool, dry, ventilated area, away from water, bases, organics and metals. To dilute, add the acid slowly to water while stirring; never add water to the acid.

8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Occupational Exposure Limits

Limit	Value
OSHA PEL	1 mg/m^3 TWA
ACGIH TLV	0.2 mg/m^3 TWA (thoracic fraction); A2 for strong inorganic acid mists containing sulfuric acid
NIOSH REL	1 mg/m^3 TWA
IDLH	15 mg/m^3

Engineering Controls	Use adequate ventilation. Provide eyewash stations and quick-drench showers accessible to areas of use.
Eye/Face Protection	Wear chemical safety goggles or face shield.
Skin Protection	Wear chemical-resistant gloves and protective clothing.

Respiratory Protection	Where mist, spray or dust is generated (e.g., spraying, atomization, pressure washing), use a NIOSH-approved half-face air-purifying respirator with combination acid gas / P100 cartridges. Ensure local exhaust ventilation.

Exposure limits sourced from NIOSH Pocket Guide, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1000 and ACGIH TLVs.

9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance	Dense, clear liquid
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No data available
pH	< 1
Melting Point / Freezing Point	-15 °C (5 °F)
Boiling Point	295–315 °C (563–599 °F)
Flash Point	N/A
Evaporation Rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper/Lower Flammability or Explosive Limits	No data available
Vapor Pressure	< 0.01 hPa at 20 °C
Vapor Density	3.4 (air = 1)
Relative Density	1.84 at 20 °C (water = 1)
Solubility	Miscible with water, releasing intense heat. Always add acid slowly to water, never water to acid.
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)	No data available
Auto-ignition Temperature	No data available
Decomposition Temperature	338 °C
Viscosity	26.9 mPa·s at 20 °C
Particle Characteristics	Not applicable
Form	Liquid
Density	1.841 (EPA, 1998) - Denser than water; will sink

Values shown reflect product-specific canonical data. Lot-specific ranges may vary; see the Certificate of Analysis for the shipped lot.

10 Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	May be corrosive to metals.
Chemical Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Contact with water or moist air (hygroscopic), excess heat, and contact with metals.
Incompatible Materials	Water (violent reaction with heat and spattering); bases; organic and combustible materials; reducing agents; chlorates, permanganates, nitrates, picrates, fulminates and carbides; cyanides and sulfides (release toxic gases); powdered metals and most metals (release flammable hydrogen).

Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sulfur oxides at high temperature; flammable hydrogen gas from contact with metals.

11 Toxicological Information

See below for route-specific acute toxicity data.

Likely Routes of Exposure	Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact, ingestion.
Symptoms	Causes burns to the skin, eyes and mucous membranes; eye contact may cause permanent damage including blindness; ingestion burns the mouth, throat and stomach. Inhalation may irritate the nose, throat and respiratory tract (coughing, sore throat).
Delayed and Chronic Effects	No delayed or chronic effects identified beyond the classification in Section 2.

Route	Value
LD50 Oral (rat)	2,140 mg/kg
LC50 Inhalation (rat, 4h)	0.375 mg/L (mist)

Carcinogen Classification

Agency	Status
IARC	Group 1 — carcinogenic to humans (Sulfuric acid; IARC agent: Acid mists, strong inorganic, Vol. 54, 100F).
NTP	Known to be a human carcinogen (Sulfuric acid; NTP listing: Strong Inorganic Acid Mists Containing Sulfuric Acid).
OSHA	No substance-specific standard in 29 CFR 1910 Subpart Z; not classified as a carcinogen under the Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) as supplied. See Section 2 and the scope note.

Scope: the IARC and NTP listings apply to strong inorganic acid mists containing sulfuric acid, not to the liquid acid.

12 Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Data not available. Avoid release to the environment.
Persistence & Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available

13 Disposal Considerations

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Do not dispose of into drains or waterways.

EPA RCRA Waste Codes	D002 (corrosive, pH ≤ 2, 40 CFR 261.22). Sulfuric acid is not a P- or U-listed waste.

If discarded, this material may be a corrosive hazardous waste (EPA RCRA D002, 40 CFR 261.22): aqueous with pH ≤ 2 or ≥ 12.5, or a liquid that corrodes steel at more than 6.35 mm per year. The waste generator must make the final hazardous-waste determination.

14 Transport Information

US DOT (49 CFR)

UN Number	UN1830
Proper Shipping Name	Sulfuric acid with more than 51 percent acid
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II
Additional US DOT Requirements	A package containing 1,000 lb or more of sulfuric acid (about 68 gal of 96% acid, for example a 275-gal tote) is a hazardous substance: UN1830, Sulfuric acid with more than 51 percent acid, 8, II, RQ. Not a marine pollutant.

IMDG / IATA classifications may differ from US DOT. Verify current regulations before international shipment.

15 Regulatory Information

Inventory / List	Status
California Proposition 65	Listed as Strong inorganic acid mists containing sulfuric acid (since 2003-03-14)
US EPA TSCA Active Inventory	Listed
EPCRA SARA 313 (TRI)	Listed
CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ)	Sulfuric acid (CAS 7664-93-9) 1,000 lb (454 kg), about 1,040 lb or 68 US gal of 96% acid. Also an EPCRA section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (TPQ 1,000 lb).

SARA 311/312 hazard categories correspond to the GHS classification in Section 2. Data retrieved as of: California Proposition 65 2026-11-02; US EPA TSCA Active Inventory 2026-11-02; EPCRA SARA 313 (TRI) 2026-11-02.

16 Other Information

Revision Date	2026-11-12
Format	16-section format per OSHA HCS 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200, Appendix D), aligned with GHS Rev. 7.

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