

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

Section 1: Identification

Product identifier: Howarth's Etchant

Other name(s): ASTM 84

Item number(s):

Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet:

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Section 2: Hazard(s) Identification

Hazardous classification of the substance or mixture:

Hazard Class	Category code
Skin Corrosion	1
Serious Eye Damage	1
Corrosive to Metals	1

Signal word: Danger

Pictogram:



Hazard statement(s):

H290

May be corrosive to metals.

H314

Cause severe skin burn and eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s):

P280

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response statement(s):

P303+P361+P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

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/physician.

Storage statement(s):

P403+P233

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

P405

Store locked up.

P406

Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Disposal statement(s):

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified: Do not mix with bleach or other chlorinated products – will cause chlorine gas.

Label elements: See tables above.

Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No.	Concentration (wt%)
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	11-13%
Sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9	15-17%

Any concentration shown as a range is to protect the confidentiality or is due to batch variation. Only hazardous components are shown.

Section 4: First-Aid Measures

Eye contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Get medical aid immediately.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Treat symptomatically. Get medical aid immediately.

Skin contact: Wash the areas of contact with water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid immediately.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Get medical aid immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed: No information.

Recommendation for immediate medical care and special treatment needed, when necessary: Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with a dry cloth before flushing with water.

Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

Extinguishing media: Does not burn. Use extinguishing agents compatible with acid and appropriate for the burning material. Water, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture: In the case of fire, the following can be released: acidic liquid, oxides of nitrogen, toxic gases.

Special protective equipment or precautions for firefighters: Wear full protective clothing and a self-contained respirator.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment, and emergency procedures: Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental precautions: Do not allow the material to be released to the environment without proper government permits.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up: Use a neutralizing agent. Absorb with a liquid binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binder, universal binders, sawdust). Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Precautions for safe handling: Wear protective equipment. Ensure good ventilation in the workplace. Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist.

Condition for safe storage: Keep container tightly sealed. Store in an approved corrosive liquid storage container/area.

Incompatibilities: Store away from strong bases.

Specific storage requirement(s): No information.

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Exposure Limits

Component	CAS No.	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	4 ppm STEL 2 ppm TWA	2 ppm
Sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9	0.2 mg/m3 TWA	1 mg/m3 TWA

Engineering controls: Use general and/or local exhaust ventilation to control the vapor concentration.

Eye protection: Wear safety glasses or goggles.

Skin protection: Wear protective clothing and chemical-resistant gloves.

Respiratory protection: Use a self-contained respiratory device in an emergency situation.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:	Clear liquid
UFL/LEL:	Not determined
LFL/LEL:	Not determined
Odor:	No odor
Vapor pressure:	Not determined
Odor threshold:	Not determined
Vapor density:	Not determined
pH:	<1
Relative density:	Not determined
Melting Point/Freezing point:	Not determined
Solubility in water:	Miscible
Boiling point/boiling range:	Not determined
Flashpoint:	Not determined
Evaporation Rate:	Not determined
Flammability (solid, gas):	Not applicable
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined
Auto-ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Viscosity:	Not determined

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity: No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

Chemical stability: Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Stabilizer(s): Not required.

Safety issues that may arise should the product change in appearance: No information.

Thermal decomposition/ conditions to Avoid: No information.
Possibility of hazardous reactions: Do not mix with bleach or other chlorinated products – will cause chlorine gas.
Incompatibilities: Bases, metals.
Hazardous decomposition products: No information.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

For Nitric Acid:

Acute toxicity:

Inhalation rat LC50/4H: 0.13 mg/1/4H
Oral (human) LDLo: 430 mg/kg.

Other exposure effect:

On the Skin: Strong corrosive effect.
On the Eye: Strong corrosive effect.
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects are known.

Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known. No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this

For Sulfuric Acid

Acute toxicity:

Inhalation rat LC50/2H: 510 mg/m³
Oral rat: LD50: 2140 mg/kg

Other exposure effect:

On the Skin: Extreme corrosive effect.
On the Eye: Extreme corrosive effect.
Sensitization: No data.

Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known. No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from NTP, IARC, or OSHA.

Section 12: Ecological Information

This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

Toxicity:

Aquatic toxicity:

Nitric Acid (Fish): 96h LC50: 72mg/L
Sulfuric Acid (Fish): 96h LC50: 22mg/L

Persistence and degradability: No information.

Behavior in environmental system:

Bioaccumulative potential: No information.

Mobility in soil: No information.

Additional ecological information: Avoid transfer into the environment.

Other adverse effects: No information.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Place in a chemical waste container for proper disposal in an approved waste disposal facility. Dispose of the content and container in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations.

Section 14: Transport Information

D.O.T. shipping name: Corrosive liquid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Sulfuric Acid, Nitric Acid)

D.O.T. hazard class: 8

UN number: UN3264

Packing group: II

Section 15: Regulatory Information

Not meant to be all inclusive, selected regulation represented

OSHA status: These items meet the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) definition of hazardous material.

TSCA status: All components are listed.

Section 16: Other Information

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