

**Material Safety Data Sheet**

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**Section I - Chemical Product And Company Identification****Product Name: Sulfuric Acid-Electrolyte Acid**

CAS Number: 7664-93-9

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**Section II - Composition/Information On Ingredients**

| Chemical Name                                   | CAS Number | %     | Exposure Limits (TWAs) in Air |                     |                     |
|---|------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   |            |       | ACGIH TLV                     | OSHA PEL            | STEL                |
| Sulfuric Acid (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ) | 7664-93-9  | 36-50 | 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>           | 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |

**Section III - Hazard Identification**

**Routes of Exposure:** Sulfuric acid can affect the body if it is inhaled or if it comes in contact with the eyes or skin. It can also affect the body if it is swallowed.

**Points of Attack:** Sulfuric acid attacks the respiratory system, eyes, skin, teeth, and lungs.

**Summary of Acute Health Hazards:** Concentrated sulfuric acid will effectively remove the elements of water from many organic materials with which it comes in contact. It is even more rapidly injurious to mucous membranes and exceedingly dangerous to the eyes.

**Ingestion:** Causes serious burns of the mouth or perforation of the esophagus or stomach. May be fatal if swallowed.

**Inhalation:** Corrosive and highly toxic. May be harmful or fatal if inhaled. May cause severe irritation and burns of the nose, throat and respiratory tract.

**Skin:** Splashes on the skin will cause severe skin burns. Burning and charring of the skin are a result of the great affinity for, and strong exothermic reaction with, water. Direct contact can be severely irritating to the skin and may result in redness, swelling, burns and severe skin damage.

**Eyes:** Direct contact with the liquid or exposure to vapors or mists may cause stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, corneal damage and irreversible eye damage. Splashes in the eyes will cause severe burns. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this chemical.

**Effects of Overexposure:** May cause severe irritation and burns of the mouth,, nose, throat, respiratory and digestive tract, coughing, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, chest

pain, pneumonitis (inflammation of the fluid in the lungs), pulmonary edema (accumulation of the fluid in the lungs), and perforation of the stomach. Overexposure to acid mists has been reported to cause erosion to tooth enamel.

**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:** Persons with pre-existing skin disorders and/or respiratory disorders (e.g. Asthma-like conditions) may be more susceptible to the effects of this material, and may be aggravated by exposure to this material.

**Note to Physicians:** Sulfuric acid is reported to cause pulmonary function impairment. Periodic surveillance is indicated. Sulfuric acid may cause acute lung damage. Surveillance of the lungs is indicated. Ingestion may cause gastroesophageal perforation. Perforation may occur within 72 hours, but along with abscess formation, can occur weeks later. Long term complications may include esophageal, gastric or pyloric strictures or stenosis.

#### Section IV - First Aid Measures

**Ingestion:** If liquid sulfuric acid or solutions containing sulfuric acid have been swallowed and the person is conscious, give him one glass of water (1/2 glass of water to children under 5), immediately to dilute the sulfuric acid. Do NOT induce vomiting. Do not attempt to make the exposed person vomit. Do not leave victim unattended. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

**Inhalation:** If a person breathes in large amounts of sulfuric acid, move the exposed person to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Keep the affected person warm and at rest. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**Skin:** If liquid sulfuric acid or solutions containing sulfuric acid get on the skin, immediately flush the contaminated skin with water for at least 15 minutes. If skin surface is damaged, apply a clean dressing. If liquid sulfuric acid or solutions containing sulfuric acid penetrate through the clothing, immediately remove the clothing, shoes and constrictive jewelry under a safety shower and continue to wash the skin for at least 15 minutes. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

**Eyes:** If liquid sulfuric acid or solutions containing sulfuric acid get into the eyes, flush eyes immediately with a directed stream of water for at least 30 minutes while forcibly holding eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of all eye and lid tissue. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this chemical.

#### Section V - Fire Fighting Measures

**Flash Point:** Non-flammable

**Autoignition Temperature:** N/A

**Lower Explosive Limit:** N/A

**Upper Explosive Limit:** N/A

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Not flammable but highly reactive and capable of igniting finely divided combustible materials on contact. Reacts violently with water and organic materials with evolution of heat. If involved in fire, may release hazardous oxides of sulfur. Vapors are heavier than air and may accumulate in low areas. Containers exposed to extreme heat may rupture due to pressure buildup. Contact with common metals may generate hydrogen, which can form flammable mixture with air.

**Extinguishing Media:** Fires involving small amount of combustibles may be smothered with suitable dry chemical, soda ash, lime, sand or CO<sub>2</sub>. Use water on combustibles burning in vicinity of this material but use care as water applied directly to this acid results in evolution of heat and causes splattering.

**Special Firefighting Procedures:** Causes severe, deep burns to tissue; very corrosive effect. Avoid any contact. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Sulfuric Acid is extremely slippery.

### Section VI - Accidental Release Measures

If sulfuric acid is spilled or leaked, ventilate area. Collect spilled or leaked material in the most convenient and safe manner for reclamation or for disposal in a secured sanitary landfill. Sulfuric acid should be absorbed in vermiculite, dry sand, earth, or a similar material. It may also be diluted and neutralized. Add slowly to solution of soda ash and slaked lime with stirring. Use Caution around spill area, Sulfuric Acid is extremely slippery. Stay upwind and away from spill release.

### Section VII - Handling and Storage

Protect against physical damage and water. Keep containers closed. Sulfuric Acid is extremely slippery. Do not enter confined spaces such as tanks or pits without following proper entry procedures such as ASTM D-4276. To prevent ignition of hydrogen gas generated in metal containers (from metal contact) smoking, open flames and sparks must not be permitted in storage areas. This product has a great affinity for water, abstracting it from the air and also from many organic substances; hence it will char wood, etc.. When diluting, the acid should be added to the diluent.

**Other Precautions:** Persons not wearing protective equipment and clothing should be restricted from areas of spills or leaks until cleanup has been completed.

### Section VIII - Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Respiratory Protection:** Good industrial hygiene practices recommend that engineering controls be used to reduce environmental concentrations to the permissible exposure level. However, there are some exceptions where respirators may be used to control exposure. Respirators may be used when engineering and work practice controls are not technically feasible, when such controls are in the process of being installed, or when they fail and need to be supplemented. If the use of respirators is necessary, the only respirators permitted are those that have been approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration or by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, such as a powered air purifying respirator.

**Ventilation:** General mechanical ventilation may be sufficient to keep sulfuric acid vapor concentrations within specified time-weighted TLV range. If general ventilation proves inadequate to maintain safe vapor concentrations, supplemental local exhaust may be required.

**Protective Clothing:** Employees should be provided with and required to use impervious clothing, gloves, face shields (eight-inch minimum), and other appropriate protective clothing necessary to prevent any possibility of skin contact with liquid sulfuric acid or solutions containing more than 1% sulfuric acid by weight.

**Eye Protection:** Employees should be provided with and required to use splash-proof

safety goggles where there is any possibility of liquid sulfuric acid or solutions containing sulfuric acid contacting the eyes. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this chemical.

**Other Protective Clothing or Equipment:** Rubber apron, rubber boots, eyewash stations and safety showers must be available in the immediate work area for emergency use.

**Work/Hygienic Practices:** Avoid contact with the skin and avoid breathing vapors. Do not eat, drink, or smoke in work area. Wash hands before eating, drinking, or using restroom.

### Section IX - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Liquid

**pH:** 1.0

**Melting Point/Range:** 3° C; 37°F

**Boiling Point/Range:** 260° F; 315° C

**Appearance/Color/Odor:** Colorless to dark brown; Odorless unless hot, then choking

**Solubility in Water:** 100%

**Vapor Pressure(mmHg):** 1 @ 145.8°F

**Specific Gravity(Water=1):** 1.3-1.4

**Molecular Weight:** 98

**Vapor Density(Air=1):** 3.4

**% Volatiles:** Negligible

**Evaporation Rate (N-Butyl Acetate=1):** < 1 **Weight/Gallon:** 10.79-15.2 Lbs.

**How to detect this compound :** Sampling and analyses may be performed by collection of sulfuric acid on a cellulose membrane filter, followed by extraction with distilled water and isopropyl alcohol, treatment with perchloric acid, and titration with barium perchlorate. Also, detector tubes certified by NIOSH under 42 CFR Part 84 or other direct-reading devices calibrated to measure sulfuric acid may be used.

### Section X - Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:** Stable

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

**Conditions to Avoid:** Temperatures above 150°F

**Materials to Avoid:** Contact of acid with organic materials (such as chlorates, carbides, fulminates, and picrates), alkaline materials and water may cause fires and explosions. Contact of acid with metals may form toxic sulfur dioxide fumes and flammable hydrogen gas. Contact with hypochlorites (e.g., chlorine bleach), sulfides, or cyanides will produce toxic gases.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Toxic gases and vapors (such as sulfuric acid fume, sulfur dioxide, and carbon monoxide) may be released when sulfuric acid decomposes. Decomposes to water and sulfur trioxide above 644°F.

### Section XI - Toxicological Information

(Sulfuric acid) mist severely irritates the eyes, respiratory tract, and skin. Concentrated sulfuric acid destroys tissue due to its severe dehydrating action, whereas the dilute form acts as a mild irritant due to acid properties. The LC50 of mist of 1-micron particle size for an 8 hour exposure was 50 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for adult guinea pigs and 18 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for young animals. Continuous exposure of guinea pigs to 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for 5 days caused pulmonary edema and thickening of the alveolar walls; exposure of guinea pigs to 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for 1

hour caused an increase in pulmonary airway resistance from reflex bronchoconstriction. A worker sprayed in the face with liquid fuming sulfuric acid suffered skin burns of the face and body, as well as pulmonary edema from inhalation. Sequelae were pulmonary fibrosis, residual bronchitis, and pulmonary emphysema; in addition, necrosis of the skin resulted in marked scarring. In human subjects, concentrations of about 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> were objectionable, usually causing cough, an increase in respiratory rate, and impairment of ventilatory capacity. Workers exposed to concentrations of 12.6 to 35 mg/m<sup>3</sup> had a markedly higher incidence of erosion and discoloration of teeth than was noted in unexposed individuals. Splashed in the eye, the concentrated acid causes extremely severe damage, often leading to blindness, whereas dilute acid produces more transient effects from which recovery may be complete. Repeated exposure of workers to the mist causes chronic conjunctivitis, tracheobronchitis, stomatitis, and dermatitis, as well as dental erosion. While ingestion of the liquid is unlikely in ordinary industrial use, the highly corrosive nature of the substance may be expected to produce serious mucous membrane burns of the mouth and esophagus.

### Section XII - Ecological Information

N/A

### Section XIII - Disposal Considerations

Sulfuric acid may be placed in sealed containers or absorbed in vermiculite, dry sand, earth, or a similar material and disposed of in a secured sanitary landfill. It may also be diluted and neutralized. Check with your Federal, State, and Local authorities as neutralized sulfuric acid may be allowed to be flushed down the drain.

### Section XIV - Transport Information

**DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Battery Fluid, Acid

**DOT Hazard Class/ I.D. No.:** 8, UN2796, II

### Section XV - Regulatory Information

**Reportable Quantity:** 1,000 Pounds (454 Kilograms) (92.68 Gal.)

**NFPA Rating:** Health - 3; Fire - 0; Reactivity - 2

0=Insignificant 1=Slight 2=Moderate 3=High 4=Extreme

**Carcinogenicity Lists:** Yes **NTP:** No **IARC Monograph:** No **OSHA Regulated:** Yes

**Section 313 Supplier Notification:** This product contains the following toxic chemical(s) subject to the reporting requirements of SARA TITLE III Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To Know Act of 1986 and of 40 CFR 372:

| <u>CAS #</u> | <u>Chemical Name</u> | <u>% By Weight</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 7664-93-9    | Sulfuric Acid        | 36-50              |

### Section XVI - Other Information

**Synonyms/Common Names:** Battery Acid; Chamber Acid; Diluted Sulfuric Acid

**Chemical Family/Type:** Inorganic Acid

Sections changed since last revision: I, II, IX, XV

**IMPORTANT!** Read this MSDS before use or disposal of this product. Pass along the information to employees and any other persons who could be exposed to the product to

be sure that they are aware of the information before use or other exposure. This MSDS has been prepared according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard [29 CFR 1910.1200]. The MSDS information is based on sources believed to be reliable. However, since data, safety standards, and government regulations are subject to change and the conditions of handling and use, or misuse are beyond our control, **Hill Brothers Chemical Company** makes no warranty, either expressed or implied, with respect to the completeness or continuing accuracy of the information contained herein and disclaims all liability for reliance thereon. Also, additional information may be necessary or helpful for specific conditions and circumstances of use. It is the user's responsibility to determine the suitability of this product and to evaluate risks prior to use, and then to exercise appropriate precautions for protection of employees and others.