

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### Section 1. Identification of the material and the supplier

Product: **Phosphoric Acid 85%**  
 Product Use: Raw material chemical.  
 Restriction of Use: Refer to Section 15

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### Section 2. Hazards Identification

**Classified as hazardous as per EPA Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2020.**

**EPA Approval No: HSR001545**

**Pictograms**



Signal Word: **DANGER**

GHS Classification and Category	Hazard Code	Hazard Statement
Acute oral toxicity Cat. 4	H302	Harmful if swallowed.
Corrosive to metals Cat. 1	H290	May be corrosive to metals.
Skin corrosion Cat. 1C	H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Serious eye damage Cat. 1	H318	Causes serious eye damage.

Prevention Code	Prevention Statement
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read label before use.
P234	Keep only in original container.
P260	Do not breathe fumes, gas, mist, vapours or spray.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280	Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.

<b>Response Code</b>	<b>Response Statement</b>
P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P301 + P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position 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.

<b>Storage Code</b>	<b>Storage Statement</b>
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

<b>Disposal Code</b>	<b>Disposal Statement</b>
P501	Dispose of according to Local Regulations or Authorities

### **Section 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients**

<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Wt%</b>	<b>CAS NUMBER.</b>
Phosphoric acid	59 - 85	7664-38-2

### **Section 4. First Aid Measures**

Routes of Exposure:

If in Eyes	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water (> 15min), occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Take victim to an ophthalmologist.
If on Skin	Wash immediately with lots of water (15 minutes)/shower. Remove polluted clothing and shoes and wash before reuse. If skin burns appear, call a doctor immediately. If on skin and if skin irritation or rash occurs, seek medical advice and attention.
If Swallowed	Rinse mouth with water. Immediately after ingestion: give lots of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Immediately consult a doctor/medical service.
If Inhaled	Remove person to fresh air. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow person to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. Get medical advice if breathing becomes difficult.

#### **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Symptoms:

Inhalation:	Coughing. Dry/sore throat. Irritation of the respiratory tract. Irritation of the nasal mucous membranes. Following symptoms may appear later: respiratory difficulties, risk of lung oedema.
Ingested:	Harmful if swallowed. Burns to the gastric/intestinal mucosa. Nausea. Abdominal pain. Blood in vomit. After absorption of high quantities: Shock.
Skin:	Caustic burns/corrosion of the skin. Delayed skin irritation and blistering.

Eye: Corrosion of the eye tissue. Symptoms may include: pain, lacrimation, redness of the eye tissue. Risk of serious permanent damages to eyes if the product is not rapidly removed.

Chronic: On continuous/repeated exposure/contact: dry and red skin.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically. An endoscope or a stomach wash might be considered but might cause severe stomach or oesophagus damage.

## Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

<b>Hazard Type</b>	The product is non-flammable and non-combustible.
<b>Explosion hazard</b>	On contact with ordinary metals (steel, galvanized, aluminium) corrosion may occur and generate highly flammable hydrogen gas.
<b>Hazards from products</b>	On burning: release of toxic and corrosive gases/vapours (phosphorus oxides).
<b>Suitable Extinguishing media</b>	All extinguishing media allowed. Extinguishing media for surrounding fires: Adapt extinguishing media to the environment. Do not use a heavy water stream.
<b>Precautions for firefighters and special protective clothing</b>	Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode. Clothing for fire-fighters (including helmets, protective boots and gloves) conforming to European standard EN 469 will provide a basic level of protection for chemical incidents. Exposure to fire/heat: keep upwind, consider evacuation and have neighbourhood close doors and windows. Cool tanks/drums with water spray/remove them into safety. Dilute toxic gases with water spray. Take account of toxic fire-fighting water. Use water moderately and if possible collect or contain it.
<b>HAZCHEM CODE</b>	<b>2R</b>

## Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ensure adequate air ventilation. Avoid all eye and skin contact and do not breathe vapour and mist. Wear PPE as detailed in Section 8. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Mark the danger area. Notify experts. Large spills/in confined spaces: consider evacuation.

In case of reactivity hazard: consider evacuation. In case of hazardous reactions: keep upwind. No naked flames. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

Prevent soil and water pollution. Prevent spreading in sewers. Stop leaks if possible. Dam up the liquid spill. If the product enters drains or sewers the local water company should be contacted immediately; in the case of contamination of streams, rivers or lakes, the National Rivers Authority.

Any spillage should be cleaned up immediately. Stop leaks if possible. Dam up the liquid spill. Contain released substance, pump into suitable containers. Hazardous reaction: measure explosive gas-air mixture. Reaction: dilute combustible gas/vapour with water curtain. Take account of toxic/corrosive precipitation water.

Collect as much as possible in a suitable clean container, preferably for re-use, otherwise for disposal. Neutralize leftovers with slaked lime or soda ash. Neutralized substance: shovel into closing drums. Clean contaminated surfaces with an excess of water. Take collected spill to manufacturer/competent authority. Damaged/cooled tanks must be emptied. Wash clothing and equipment after handling.

Do not wash out with water in a sensitive environment.

## Section 7. Handling and Storage

### Precautions for Handling:

- Read label before use.

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- Keep only in original container.
- Do not breathe fumes, gas, mist, vapours or spray.
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.
- Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. If on skin, take off contaminated clothing.
- Carry operations in the open air/under local exhaust or at sufficient ventilation to keep airborne levels below recommend/statutory exposure levels.
- Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
- Never dilute by pouring water to the acid.
- For preference use pumping techniques for unloading and discharging.
- Care for eyewash stations at the workplace.

#### Precautions for Storage:

- Keep out of reach of children.
- Store locked up.
- Keep substance away from: (strong) bases, metals, oxidizing agents, sulfides, cyanides.
- Store in accordance with local regulations.
- Store in dry, cool, well-ventilated area.
- Keep out of direct sunlight.
- Provide for a tub to collect spills.
- Keep only in the original container.
- Unauthorized persons are not admitted.
- Secure fragile packagings in solid containers.
- Storage Temperature: > -20°C - < 42°C (59% - 75%) and > +25°C - < 42°C (85%)
- Packaging Materials: Stainless steel, glass, polyethylene (high density).

### Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### WORKPLACE EXPOSURE STANDARDS (provided for guidance only)

Substance	TWA		STEL	
	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Phosphoric acid [7664-38-2]	-	1	-	-

Workplace Exposure Standard – Time Weighted Average (WES-TWA). The time-weighted average exposure standard designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure. Workplace Exposure Standard – Short-Term Exposure Limit (WESSTEL). The 15-minute average exposure standard. Applies to any 15- Minute period in the working day and is designed to protect the worker against adverse effects of irritation, chronic or irreversible tissue change, or narcosis that may increase the likelihood of accidents. The WES-STEL is not an alternative to the WES-TWA; both the short-term and time-weighted average exposures apply. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices APRIL 2022 13TH EDITION.

Phosphoric acid 59% - 85% (7664-38-2)	
DNEL/DMEL (Workers)	
Acute - local effects, inhalation	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Long-term - local effects, inhalation	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
DNEL/DMEL (General population)	
Long-term - local effects, inhalation	0.73 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
PNEC (Water)	
PNEC aqua (freshwater)	pH: 6 - 9
PNEC (additional information)	
Additional information	PNEC values are not known or derived

#### Engineering Controls

If user operations generate dust/fog, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure.

#### Personal Protection Equipment

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<b>Eyes</b>	Safety glasses. Face shield where there is a risk of leaks or splashes				
<b>Hands</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Permeation</b>	<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Standard</b>
	Reusable gloves	Natural rubber, Chloroprene rubber (CR), Butyl rubber, Polyvinylchloride (PVC)	6 (> 480 min)	0,5	EN 374-3
	Reusable gloves	Fluoroelastomer (FKM)	6 (> 480 min)	0,4	EN 374-3
	Reusable gloves	Nitrile rubber (NBR)	6 (> 480 min)	0,35	EN 374-3
<b>Skin</b>	Acid-resistant clothing. Wear impervious rubber safety shoes.				
<b>Respiratory</b>	Carry operations in the open air/under local exhaust or at sufficient ventilation to keep airborne levels below recommend/statutory exposure levels. Mist formation: aerosol mask with filter type P2				
<b>General</b>	Care for eyewash stations and safety showers at the workplace.				

## Section 9 Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Liquid
<b>Colour</b>	Clear
<b>Odour</b>	Odourless
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	98 g/mol
<b>Odour Threshold</b>	Not available
<b>pH</b>	<1
<b>Boiling Point</b>	135 °C (75% w/w)
<b>Melting Point</b>	Not available
<b>Freezing Point</b>	50%: -41,9°C ; 75%: -20°C ; 85%: 21°C
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not available
<b>Flammability</b>	Non flammable
<b>Upper and Lower Explosive Limits</b>	Not available
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	6.5 hPa (20 °C)
<b>Relative Vapour Density</b>	3.4 (@ 75% w/w)
<b>Relative Density</b>	1.6 (@ 75% w/w)
<b>Density</b>	1,42 - 1,68 kg/l (59% - 85% w/w)
<b>Solubilities</b>	Water: Complete
<b>Log Pow</b>	-0.77 (Estimated value)
<b>Auto-ignition Temperature</b>	Not available
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 200 °C
<b>Viscosity, dynamic</b>	0.015 Pa.s (@ 75% w/w/, 20 °C)
<b>Particle Characteristics</b>	Not available
<b>Other Properties</b>	Clear. Substance has acid reaction.
<b>VOC Content</b>	0%

## Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

<b>Stability of Substance</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Reactivity</b>	<p>Reacts violently with (strong) bases</p> <p>Very flammable gas (hydrogen) may be formed on contact with metals.</p> <p>Reacts with (some) metal powders: release of highly flammable gases/vapours hydrogen.</p>

	Violent to explosive reaction with many compounds e.g.: with (strong) oxidizers and with (some) bases.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid high temperatures. Light (daylight).
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	May be corrosive to some metals. Keep substance away from: strong bases. reducing agents. oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	On burning: release of toxic and corrosive gases/vapours (phosphorus oxides).

## Section 11 Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects:

<b>Swallowed</b>	Harmful if swallowed: LD50 rat = 1530mg/kg - CCID - NZ EPA
<b>Dermal</b>	Not applicable. LD50 rabbit = 2740mg/kg - CCID - NZ EPA
<b>Inhalation</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Eye</b>	Causes serious eye damage.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes skin burns.

### Chronic Effects:

<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Germ Cell Mutagenicity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Aspiration</b>	Not applicable.
<b>STOT/SE</b>	Not applicable.
<b>STOT/RE</b>	Not applicable.

## Section 12. Ecotoxicological Information

Mild water pollutant (surface water). Slightly harmful to fishes. May cause eutrophication. Toxic to plankton. Slightly harmful to bacteria. Slightly harmful to aquatic organisms. pH shift.

<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Bioaccumulation</b>	Not applicable. Log Pow = -0.77 (estimated)
<b>Mobility in Soil</b>	Solubility in water.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.

### Toxicity Data:

Phosphoric acid 59% - 85% (7664-38-2)	
LC50 fish 1	3 - 3.25 mg/l <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
EC50 Daphnia 1	> 100 mg/l (OECD 202)
EC50 72h algae (1)	> 100 mg/l <i>Desmodesmus subspicatus</i> , OECD 201
NOEC chronic algae	100 mg/l <i>Desmodesmus subspicatus</i> , OECD201

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

### Disposal methods:

Neutralize with, if necessary, for example, a sodium carbonate solution until neutral pH (5.5 < pH < 8.5). Remove waste in accordance with local and/or national regulations. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty and rinsed containers can be disposed as non-hazardous material or be returned for recycling.

### Precautions or conditions to avoid:

Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out.

**Section 14****Transport Information**

This product is classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in NZ ; NZS 5433:2012

**Road, Rail, Sea and Air Transport**

<b>UN No</b>	1805
<b>Class - Primary</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>PHOSPHORIC ACID, SOLUTION</b>
<b>Marine Pollutant</b>	No
<b>Special Provisions</b>	If the product's individual container is below 5L, it can be transported as a non-DG as long as the product packaging is still labelled as per DG requirements and the driver is given safety information in accordance with Chapter 3.4 of the UNRTDG.

**Section 15****Regulatory Information**

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<b>HSWA &amp; EPA Controls</b>	<b>Trigger Quantity</b>
Certified Handler	Not required
Location Certificate	Not required
Tracking Trigger Quantities	Not required
Signage Trigger Quantities	1000L
Emergency Response Plan	10 000L
Secondary Containment	10 000L
Restriction of Use	None

**Section 16****Other Information****Glossary**

Cat	Category
EC <sub>50</sub>	Median effective concentration.
EEL	Environmental Exposure Limit.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.
LC <sub>50</sub>	Lethal concentration that will kill 50% of the test organisms inhaling or ingesting it.
LD <sub>50</sub>	Lethal dose to kill 50% of test animals/organisms.
LEL	Lower explosive level.
OSHA	American Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
TEL	Tolerable Exposure Limit.
TLV	Threshold Limit Value-an exposure limit set by responsible authority.
UEL	Upper Explosive Level
WES	Workplace Exposure Limit

**References:**

1. EPA Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) Notice 2017
2. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices Nov 2022 edition.
3. Assigning a hazardous substance to a HSNO Approval (Aug 2013).
4. Transport of Dangerous goods on land NZS 5433:2012
5. HSW (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

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