



# Fisher Scientific

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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Nitric acid, Trace Metal Grade

**Cat No. :** A509-212; A509-500; A509P212; A509P500; A509SK212

**Synonyms** Azotic acid; Engraver's acid; Aqua fortis

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

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One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Oxidizing liquids                                    | Category 2   |
| Corrosive to metals                                  | Category 1   |
| Skin Corrosion/irritation                            | Category 1 A |
| Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation                    | Category 1   |
| Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)     | Category 3   |
| Target Organs - Respiratory system.                  |              |
| Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure) | Category 2   |
| Target Organs - Kidney.                              |              |

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidizer  
May be corrosive to metals  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
Keep/Store away from clothing/ other combustible materials  
Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles  
Keep only in original container

**Response**

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

**Skin**

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

**Eyes**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

**Ingestion**

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Spills**

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Storage**

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner  
Store in a dry place

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

**Unknown Acute Toxicity**

.? percent of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

| Component   | CAS-No    | Weight % |
|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Nitric acid | 7697-37-2 | 65 - 70  |
| Water       | 7732-18-5 | 30 - 35  |

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

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|  | Immediate medical attention is required.  |
| <b>Skin Contact</b>                    | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Call a physician immediately.   |
| <b>Inhalation</b>                      | If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Remove from exposure, lie down. Call a physician immediately. |
| <b>Ingestion</b>                       | Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Clean mouth with water. Call a physician immediately.  |
| <b>Most important symptoms/effects</b> | Causes burns by all exposure routes. . Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated                       |
| <b>Notes to Physician</b>              | Treat symptomatically   |

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>     | CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. |
| <b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>   | No information available  |
| <b>Flash Point</b>                      | Not applicable  |
| <b>Method -</b>                         | No information available  |
| <b>Autoignition Temperature</b>         | No information available  |
| <b>Explosion Limits</b>                 |   |
| <b>Upper</b>                            | No data available   |
| <b>Lower</b>                            | No data available   |
| <b>Oxidizing Properties</b>             | Oxidizer  |
| <b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b> | No information available  |
| <b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>  | No information available  |

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.).

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

**Health**  
4

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
OX

## 6. Accidental release measures

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Personal Precautions</b>                 | Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment.            |
| <b>Environmental Precautions</b>            | Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional ecological information. |
| <b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b> | Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.          |

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.

**Storage** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

| Component   | ACGIH TLV                 | OSHA PEL  | NIOSH IDLH  |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| Nitric acid | TWA: 2 ppm<br>STEL: 4 ppm | (Vacated) TWA: 2 ppm<br>(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(Vacated) STEL: 4 ppm<br>(Vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>TWA: 2 ppm<br>TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | IDLH: 25 ppm<br>TWA: 2 ppm<br>TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>STEL: 4 ppm<br>STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |

| Component   | Quebec  | Mexico OEL (TWA)  | Ontario TWAEV             |
|-------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| Nitric acid | TWA: 2 ppm<br>TWA: 5.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>STEL: 4 ppm<br>STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | TWA: 2 ppm<br>TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>STEL: 4 ppm<br>STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | TWA: 2 ppm<br>STEL: 4 ppm |

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures** Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye/face Protection** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166. Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing.

**Respiratory Protection** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures** Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Provide regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. For environmental protection remove and wash all contaminated protective equipment before re-use. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Physical State | Liquid                        |
| Appearance     | Clear Colorless, Light yellow |
| Odor           | Strong Acrid                  |
| Odor Threshold | No information available      |
| pH             | < 1.0 (0.1M)                  |

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Melting Point/Range                    | -41 °C / -41.8 °F        |
| Boiling Point/Range                    | Not applicable °C / °F   |
| Flash Point                            | Not applicable           |
| Evaporation Rate                       | No information available |
| Flammability (solid,gas)               | Not applicable           |
| Flammability or explosive limits       |                          |
| Upper                                  | No data available        |
| Lower                                  | No data available        |
| Vapor Pressure                         | 0.94 kPa (20°C)          |
| Vapor Density                          | No information available |
| Specific Gravity                       | 1.40                     |
| Solubility                             | miscible                 |
| Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water | No data available        |
| Autoignition Temperature               | No information available |
| Decomposition Temperature              | No information available |
| Viscosity                              | No information available |
| Molecular Formula                      | HNO <sub>3</sub>         |
| Molecular Weight                       | 63.02                    |

## 10. Stability and reactivity

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Reactive Hazard                  | Yes   |
| Stability                        | Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.   |
| Conditions to Avoid              | Incompatible products. Combustible material. Excess heat. Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.   |
| Incompatible Materials           | Combustible material, Strong bases, Reducing agents, Metals, Powdered metals, Organic materials, Aldehydes, Alcohols, Cyanides, Ammonia, Strong reducing agents |
| Hazardous Decomposition Products | Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors   |
| Hazardous Polymerization         | Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  |
| Hazardous Reactions              | None under normal processing.   |

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

| Component   | LD50 Oral  | LD50 Dermal | LC50 Inhalation           |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Nitric acid | Not listed | Not listed  | LC50 = 2500 ppm. (Rat) 1h |
| Water       | -          | Not listed  | Not listed                |

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Irritation      | Causes severe burns by all exposure routes   |
| Sensitization   | No information available   |
| Carcinogenicity | The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen. |

| Component | CAS-No | IARC | NTP | ACGIH | OSHA | Mexico |
|-----------|--------|------|-----|-------|------|--------|
|-----------|--------|------|-----|-------|------|--------|

|             |           |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nitric acid | 7697-37-2 | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Water       | 7732-18-5 | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** Kidney

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

| Component   | Freshwater Algae | Freshwater Fish                            | Microtox   | Water Flea |
|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|
| Nitric acid | Not listed       | LC50: = 72 mg/L, 96h<br>(Gambusia affinis) | Not listed | Not listed |

**Persistence and Degradability** Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

| Component   | log Pow |
|-------------|---------|
| Nitric acid | -2.3    |

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN2031  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group I

### TDG

UN-No UN2031  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group I

### IATA

UN-No UN2031

Proper Shipping Name NITRIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group I

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN2031  
 Proper Shipping Name NITRIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Subsidiary Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group I

**15. Regulatory information**

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

**International Inventories**

| Component   | TSCA | DSL | NDSL | EINECS    | ELINCS | NLP | PICCS | ENCS | AICS | IECSC | KECL |
|-------------|------|-----|------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| Nitric acid | X    | X   | -    | 231-714-2 | -      |     | X     | X    | X    | X     | X    |
| Water       | X    | X   | -    | 231-791-2 | -      |     | X     | -    | X    | X     | X    |

**Legend:**

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

**SARA 313**

| Component   | CAS-No    | Weight % | SARA 313 - Threshold Values % |
|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Nitric acid | 7697-37-2 | 65 - 70  | 1.0                           |

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute Health Hazard Yes  
 Chronic Health Hazard Yes  
 Fire Hazard No  
 Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No  
 Reactive Hazard Yes

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

| Component   | CWA - Hazardous Substances | CWA - Reportable Quantities | CWA - Toxic Pollutants | CWA - Priority Pollutants |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nitric acid | X                          | 1000 lb                     | -                      | -                         |

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

| Component   | Specifically Regulated Chemicals | Highly Hazardous Chemicals |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nitric acid | -                                | TQ: 500 lb                 |

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

| Component   | Hazardous Substances RQs | CERCLA EHS RQs |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Nitric acid | 1000 lb                  | 1000 lb        |

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

| Component   | Massachusetts | New Jersey | Pennsylvania | Illinois | Rhode Island |
|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Nitric acid | X             | X          | X            | X        | X            |
| Water       | -             | -          | X            | -        | -            |

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y  
 DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

| Component   | DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard |
|-------------|---|
| Nitric acid | 2000 lb STQ                                   |

**Other International Regulations****Mexico - Grade**

No information available

**Canada**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

**WHMIS Hazard Class**

C Oxidizing materials  
 E Corrosive material  
 D2B Toxic materials

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**Revision Summary**

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

**Disclaimer**

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**End of SDS**