



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sulfuric acid, Optima

**Cat No. :** C8039 , C8040

**Synonyms** Hydrogen sulfate; Vitriol brown oil; Oil of vitriol

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

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

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

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

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| 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**  
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

**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

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

| Component     | CAS-No    | Weight % |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Sulfuric acid | 7664-93-9 | 73 - 98  |
| Water         | 7732-18-5 | 2 - 27   |

### 4. First-aid measures

|  |   |
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| <b>Eye Contact</b>                     | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.   |
| <b>Skin Contact</b>                    | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.   |
| <b>Inhalation</b>                      | Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.                                       |
| <b>Ingestion</b>                       | Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.  |
| <b>Most important symptoms/effects</b> | Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation |
| <b>Notes to Physician</b>              | Treat symptomatically   |

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

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|---|---|
| <b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>     | Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. |
| <b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>   | DO NOT USE WATER  |
| <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>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b> | No information available  |
| <b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>  | No information available  |

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Reacts violently with water. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Contact with metals may evolve flammable gas.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Sulfur oxides Hydrogen

### 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

|               |                     |                    |                         |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Health</b> | <b>Flammability</b> | <b>Instability</b> | <b>Physical hazards</b> |
| 3             | 0                   | 2                  | W                       |

## 6. Accidental release measures

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Personal Precautions</b>      | Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. |
| <b>Environmental Precautions</b> | Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.   |

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Handling</b> | Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. Do not allow contact with water. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. |
| <b>Storage</b>  | Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from water. Corrosives area.   |

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

| Component     | ACGIH TLV                  | OSHA PEL   | NIOSH IDLH   |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Sulfuric acid | TWA: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | (Vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | IDLH: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |

| Component     | Quebec  | Mexico OEL (TWA)         | Ontario TWAEV              |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sulfuric acid | TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | TWA: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |

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 adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**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.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**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**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Physical State</b>                         | Liquid                         |
| <b>Appearance</b>                             | Clear, Colorless to brown      |
| <b>Odor</b>                                   | Odorless                       |
| <b>Odor Threshold</b>                         | No information available       |
| <b>pH</b>                                     | 0.3 (1N)                       |
| <b>Melting Point/Range</b>                    | 10 °C / 50 °F                  |
| <b>Boiling Point/Range</b>                    | 290 - 338 °C / 554 - 640.4 °F  |
| <b>Flash Point</b>                            | Not applicable                 |
| <b>Evaporation Rate</b>                       | Slower than ether              |
| <b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>               | No information available       |
| <b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>       |                                |
| <b>Upper</b>                                  | No data available              |
| <b>Lower</b>                                  | No data available              |
| <b>Vapor Pressure</b>                         | < 0.001 mmHg @ 20 °C           |
| <b>Vapor Density</b>                          | 3.38 (Air = 1.0)               |
| <b>Relative Density</b>                       | 1.84                           |
| <b>Solubility</b>                             | Soluble in water               |
| <b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b> | No data available              |
| <b>Autoignition Temperature</b>               | No information available       |
| <b>Decomposition Temperature</b>              | 340°C                          |
| <b>Viscosity</b>                              | No information available       |
| <b>Molecular Formula</b>                      | H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> |
| <b>Molecular Weight</b>                       | 98.08                          |

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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| <b>Reactive Hazard</b>                  | Yes  |
| <b>Stability</b>                        | Reacts violently with water. Hygroscopic.  |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid</b>              | Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Combustible material.  |
| <b>Incompatible Materials</b>           | Water, Organic materials, Strong acids, Strong bases, Metals, Alcohols, Cyanides, Sulfides |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b> | Sulfur oxides, Hydrogen  |
| <b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>         | Hazardous polymerization does not occur.   |

**Hazardous Reactions** Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Component Information

| Component     | LD50 Oral          | LD50 Dermal | LC50 Inhalation                   |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sulfuric acid | 2140 mg/kg ( Rat ) | Not listed  | 510 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 2 h |

**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. Exposure to strong inorganic mists containing sulfuric acid may cause cancer by inhalation.

| Component     | CAS-No    | IARC       | NTP        | ACGIH      | OSHA       | Mexico     |
|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sulfuric acid | 7664-93-9 | Group 1    | Not listed | A2         | X          | A2         |
| Water         | 7732-18-5 | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |

*IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

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*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Animal Carcinogen*

*ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

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**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.

**Developmental Effects** Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** Kidney

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

| Component     | Freshwater Algae | Freshwater Fish    | Microtox | Water Flea        |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Sulfuric acid | -                | 500 mg/L LC50 96 h | -        | EC50: 29 mg/L/24h |

**Persistence and Degradability** No information available

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

## Mobility

## 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 UN1830  
 Proper Shipping Name Sulfuric acid  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1830  
 Proper Shipping Name SULFURIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1830  
 Proper Shipping Name SULFURIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1830  
 Proper Shipping Name SULFURIC ACID  
 Hazard Class 8  
 Packing Group II

## 15. Regulatory information

## International Inventories

| Component     | TSCA | DSL | NDSL | EINECS    | ELINCS | NLP | PICCS | ENCS | AICS | IECSC | KECL |
|---------------|------|-----|------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| Sulfuric acid | X    | X   | -    | 231-639-5 | -      |     | 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 % |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Sulfuric acid | 7664-93-9 | 73 - 98  | 1.0                           |

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

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

**Clean Water Act**

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

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA** Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Not applicable

**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 |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Sulfuric acid | 1000 lb                  | 1000 lb        |

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

| Component     | CAS-No    | California Prop. 65 | Prop 65 NSRL | Category   |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Sulfuric acid | 7664-93-9 | Carcinogen          | -            | Carcinogen |

**State Right-to-Know**

| Component     | Massachusetts | New Jersey | Pennsylvania | Illinois | Rhode Island |
|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Sulfuric acid | X             | X          | X            | X        | 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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**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**

D1A Very toxic materials  
E Corrosive material  
D2B Toxic materials



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## 16. Other information

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### Disclaimer

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