

# Nitric Acid

## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Section 1. Product and Company Identification

**Product Name** Nitric Acid

**Product Code** NX0409P

**Manufacturer** EMD Chemicals Inc.

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Prior to January 1, 2003 EMD Chemicals Inc. was  
EM Industries, Inc. or EM Science, Division of  
EM Industries, Inc.

**Effective Date** 3/4/2003

#### For More Information Call

856-423-6300 Technical Service  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### In Case of Emergency Call

800-424-9300 CHEMTREC  
(USA)  
613-996-6666 CANUTEC  
(Canada)  
24 Hours/Day: 7 Days/Week

**Synonym** None.

**Material Uses** Laboratory Reagent

**Chemical Family** Inorganic acid.

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### Section 2. Composition and Information on Ingredients

<b>Component</b>	<b>CAS #</b>	<b>% by Weight</b>
NITRIC ACID	7697-37-2	100

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### + Section 3. Hazards Identification

**Physical State and Appearance** Liquid. (Yellowish.)

**Emergency Overview** DANGER !

POISON !

STRONG OXIDIZER.

CONTACT WITH OTHER MATERIAL MAY CAUSE FIRE.

VAPOR REDUCES OXYGEN AVAILABLE FOR BREATHING.

MAY BE FATAL IF INHALED OR SWALLOWED.

CAUSES SEVERE RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN BURNS.

CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANS: LUNGS,

MUCOUS MEMBRANES, RESPIRATORY TRACT, SKIN, EYE,

LENS OR CORNEA, TEETH.

**Routes of Entry** Absorbed through skin. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Potential Acute Health Effects**

**Eyes** Hazardous in case of eye contact (corrosive). Causes eye burns.

**Skin** Corrosive to skin on contact.

**Inhalation** Extremely hazardous in case of inhalation (lung corrosive). Do not breathe vapor or mist. May be fatal if inhaled. Inhalation of vapors may cause dizziness, an irregular heartbeat, narcosis, nausea or asphyxiation.

**Ingestion** Extremely hazardous in case of ingestion. May be fatal if swallowed.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects**

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**Carcinogenic** This material is not known to cause cancer in animals or humans.

### Effects

Additional information See Toxicological Information (section 11)

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure:** Repeated or prolonged contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection. Repeated exposure to a highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.

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### Section 4. First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact** Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Cold water may be used. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

**Ingestion** If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

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### Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Flammability of the Product** Non-flammable.

**Auto-ignition Temperature** Not applicable.

**Flash Points** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits** Not available.

**Products of Combustion** Not applicable.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances** Not applicable.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances** **Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge:** No.

**Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact:** No.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions** Not applicable.

**Protective Clothing (Fire)** Not applicable.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards** Not available.

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### Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

<b>Small Spill and Leak</b>	Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.
<b>Large Spill and Leak</b>	Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Avoid contact with a combustible material (wood, paper, oil, clothing...). Keep substance damp using water spray. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapor drift. Use water spray to reduce vapors. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.
<b>Spill Kit Information</b>	The following EM SCIENCE SpillSolv (TM) absorbent is recommended for this product: SX1310 Acid Treatment Kit

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### Section 7. Handling and Storage

<b>Handling</b>	Handle and open container with care. Avoid contact with combustible materials. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Do not get in eyes, on skin or clothing. After handling, always wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep container tightly closed. Handle and open container with care. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Separate from acids, alkalies, reducing agents and combustibles.

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### + Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

<b>Engineering Controls</b>	Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.
<b>Personal Protection</b>	
<b>Eyes</b>	Face shield.
<b>Body</b>	Full suit.
<b>Respiratory</b>	Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.
<b>Hands</b>	Gloves.
<b>Feet</b>	Boots.
<b>Protective Clothing (Pictograms)</b>	
<b>Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill</b>	Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Exposure Limits</b>
NITRIC ACID	<b>ACGIH (United States, 1994).</b> STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 4 ppm TWA: 5.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 2 ppm <b>NIOSH REL (United States, 1994).</b>

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STEL: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

STEL: 4 ppm

TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Period: 10 hour(s).

TWA: 2 ppm Period: 10 hour(s).

**OSHA Final Rule (United States, 1989).**

STEL: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

STEL: 4 ppm

TWA: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

TWA: 2 ppm

**National Authority for Occupational Safety/Health  
(Ireland, 1999).**

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STEL: 4 ppm

OEL: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

OEL: 2 ppm

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### + Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Odor</b>	ACRID; SUFFOCATING
<b>Color</b>	Colorless to light yellow.
<b>Physical State and Appearance</b>	Liquid. (Yellowish.)
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	63.02 g/mole
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H-N-O <sub>3</sub>
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Boiling/Condensation Point</b>	83.94°C (183.1°F)
<b>Melting/Freezing Point</b>	-41.06°C (-41.9°F)
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.49 (Water = 1)
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	0.3 kPa (2.6 mmHg) (@ 20°C)
<b>Vapor Density</b>	>1 (Air = 1)
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	2 ppm
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not available.
<b>LogKow</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility</b>	Soluble in water.

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### + Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

<b>Stability and Reactivity</b>	The product is stable.
<b>Conditions of Instability</b>	Container explosion may occur under fire conditions or when heated.
<b>Incompatibility with Various Substances</b>	Reactive with combustible materials, organic materials, metals, acids, alkalis.
<b>Rem/Incompatibility</b>	Not available.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	NO <sub>x</sub>
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Will not occur.

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### + Section 11. Toxicological Information

#### RTECS Number:

Nitric Acid QU5900000, QU5775000

**Toxicity** Acute toxicity of the vapor (LC50): 76 ppm 4 hour(s) [Rat].

**Chronic Effects on Humans** Not available.

#### Humans

**Acute Effects on Humans** Corrosive to eyes and skin. May be fatal if swallowed.

#### Humans

**Synergetic Products (Toxicologically)** Not available.

#### Irritancy

Draize Test: Not available.

#### Sensitization

Not available.

#### Carcinogenic Effects

This material is not known to cause cancer in animals or humans.

#### Toxicity to Reproductive System

Tests on laboratory animals for reproductive effects are cited in Registry of Toxic Effects on Chemical Substances (RTECS).

#### Teratogenic Effects

Not available.

#### Mutagenic Effects

Not available.

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### + Section 12. Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD** Not available.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

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### Section 13. Disposal Considerations

**EPA Waste Number** D002 D001

**Treatment** Specified technology– Neutralize to pH 6–9. Contact your local permitted waste disposal site (TSD) for permissible treatments sites.  
ALWAYS CONTACT PERMITTED WASTE DISPOSER (TSD) TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CURRENT LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS. ALWAYS CONTACT PERMITTED WASTE DISPOSER (TSD) TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CURRENT LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

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### Section 14. Transport Information

**DOT Classification** Not available.

**TDG Classification** Not available.

**IMO/IMDG Classification** Not available.

#### ICAO/IATA Classification

Not available.

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### Section 15. Regulatory Information

**U.S. Federal Regulations** TSCA 8(b) inventory: NITRIC ACID

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SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: NITRIC ACID  
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: NITRIC ACID  
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: NITRIC ACID  
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution – chemical inventory – hazard identification: NITRIC ACID: fire, reactive, immediate health hazard  
SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: Nitric Acid  
Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: No products were found.  
Clean Water Act (CWA) 311: Nitric Acid  
Clean air act (CAA) 112 accidental release prevention: Nitric Acid  
Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated flammable substances: No products were found.  
Clean air act (CAA) 112 regulated toxic substances: Nitric Acid

### WHMIS (Canada)

CLASS C: Oxidizing material.  
Class D–1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC).  
CLASS E: Corrosive liquid.  
CEPA DSL: Nitric Acid  
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Product Regulations and the MSDS contains all required information.

### International Regulations

#### EINECS

Nitric Acid 231–714–2

#### DSCL (EEC)

R8– Contact with combustible material may cause fire.  
R35– Causes severe burns.

### International Lists

Australia (NICNAS): Nitric Acid

Japan (MITI): Nitric Acid

Korea (TCCL): Nitric Acid

Philippines (RA6969): Nitric Acid

China: No products were found.

### State Regulations

Pennsylvania RTK: Nitric Acid: (environmental hazard, generic environmental hazard)

Massachusetts RTK: Nitric Acid

New Jersey: Nitric Acid

California prop. 65: No products were found.

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## Section 16. Other Information

**National Fire  
Protection  
Association  
(U.S.A.)**

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Health**

### Fire Hazard

### Reactivity

### Specific Hazard

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