



Material Safety Data Sheet

HAZARD WARNINGS	RISK PHRASES	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
	Irritating to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system.	

Section I. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Chemical Name	Lauric Acid		
Catalog Number	L0011	Supplier	TCI America 9211 N. Harborside St. Portland OR 1-800-423-8616
Synonym	Dodecanoic Acid		
Chemical Formula	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₀ COOH		
CAS Number	143-07-7	In case of Emergency Call	Chemtec® (800) 424-9300 (U.S.) (703) 527-3887 (International)

Section II. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Percent (%)	TLV/PEL	Toxicology Data
Lauric Acid	143-07-7	Min. 98.0 (GC)	Not available.	Rat LD ₅₀ (oral) 12000mg/kg Mouse LD ₅₀ (intravenous) 131mg/kg

Section III. Hazards Identification

Acute Health Effects	Irritating to eyes and skin on contact. Inhalation causes irritation of the lungs and respiratory system. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering. Follow safe industrial hygiene practices and always wear proper protective equipment when handling this compound.
Chronic Health Effects	CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS : Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS : Tumorigenic: mouse (skin) 108000mg/kg/15 weeks intermittent. Tumorigenic- Neoplastic by RTECS criteria. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY Not available. Repeated exposure to an highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.

Section IV. First Aid Measures

Eye Contact	Check for and remove any contact lenses. IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes. Keeping eyelids open. COLD water may be used. DO NOT use an eye ointment. Flush eyes with running water for a minimum of 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper eyelids. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Skin Contact	After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. COLD water may be used. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Wash any contaminated clothing before reusing.
Inhalation	If the victim is not breathing, perform artificial respiration. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, oxygen can be administered. Seek medical attention. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Ingestion	INDUCE VOMITING by sticking finger in throat. Lower the head so that the vomit will not reenter the mouth and throat. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt, or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, administer artificial respiration. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Seek immediate medical attention and, if possible, show the chemical label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section V. Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability	May be combustible at high temperature.	Auto-Ignition	Not available.
Flash Points	>110°C (230°F).	Flammable Limits	Not available.
Combustion Products	These products are toxic carbon oxides (CO, CO ₂).		
Fire Hazards	No specific information is available regarding the flammability of this compound in the presence of various materials.		
Explosion Hazards	Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available. No additional information is available regarding the risks of explosion.		

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Emergency phone number (800) 424-9300

Fire Fighting Media
and Instructions

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemicals, CO₂, water spray or foam.
LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. DO NOT use water jet.

Section VI. Accidental Release MeasuresSpill Cleanup
Instructions

Irritating material.
In case of a spill and/or a leak, always shut off any sources of ignition, ventilate the area, and exercise caution. Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning the spill by rinsing any contaminated surfaces with copious amounts of water. Consult federal, state, and/or local authorities for assistance on disposal.

Section VII. Handling and StorageHandling and Storage
Information

IRRITANT. Handle with caution and minimize exposure. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Mechanical exhaust required. When not in use, tightly seal the container and store in a dry, cool place. Avoid excessive heat and light. DO NOT ingest. DO NOT breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Treat symptomatically and supportively.
Always store away from incompatible compounds such as oxidizing agents, reducing agents, alkalis (bases).

Section VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.



Exposure Limits

Not available.

Section IX. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state @ 20°C

White solid.

Solubility

1g dissolves in 1mL alcohol, 2.5mL propyl alcohol.
Freely soluble in benzene, ether.

Specific Gravity

0.883

Molecular Weight

200.32

Partition Coefficient

Not available.

Boiling Point

225°C (437°F)

Vapor Pressure

1 mm Hg @ 121°C

Melting Point

44 to 46°C (111.2 to 114.8°F)

Vapor Density

Not available.

Refractive Index

1.4183 @ 82°C

Volatility

Not available.

Critical Temperature

Not available.

Odor

Slight odor of bay oil.

Viscosity

Not available.

Taste

Not available.

Section X. Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability

This material is stable if stored under proper conditions. (See Section VII for instructions)

Conditions of Instability

Avoid excessive heat and light.

Incompatibilities

Reactive with oxidizing agents, reducing agents, alkalis (bases).

Section XI. Toxicological Information

RTECS Number

OE9800000

Routes of Exposure

Eye contact. Ingestion. Inhalation. Skin contact.

Toxicity Data

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Section XII. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Not available.
Environmental Fate	Dodecanoic acid occurs as a natural product in the essential oils of various plants. It has been identified in various foods, such as strawberries and coconut oil. Dodecanoic acid is released to the atmosphere in emissions from animal waste, vegetation, tobacco smoke, and coal/refuse combustion. It is also released in wastewater effluents from a variety of industries and waste treatment plants. If released to the atmosphere, dodecanoic acid will degrade by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals (estimated half-life of about 1.21 days). It can be physically removed from air by rainfall. If released to soil or water, dodecanoic acid is expected to biodegrade; biodegradation screening studies have demonstrated that dodecanoic acid biodegrades readily. In water and soil, some adsorption to sediments and soil may take place; however, adsorption is expected to vary with pH. Occupational exposure to dodecanoic acid occurs primarily through dermal contact. The general population is exposed to dodecanoic acid through consumption of food, dermal contact with soaps, cosmetics and detergents in which it is used, and through consumption of contaminated drinking water.

Section XIII. Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal	Recycle to process, if possible. Consult your local or regional authorities. You may be able to dissolve or mix material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber system. Observe all federal, state, and local regulations when disposing of the substance.
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Section XIV. Transport Information

DOT Classification	Not a DOT controlled material (United States).
PIN Number	Not applicable.
Proper Shipping Name	Not applicable.
Packing Group (PG)	Not applicable.
DOT Pictograms	

Section XV. Other Regulatory Information and Pictograms

TSCA Chemical Inventory (EPA)	This compound is ON the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory list.
WHMIS Classification (Canada)	Not available.
EINECS Number (EEC)	205-582-1
EEC Risk Statements	R36/37/38- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
Japanese Regulatory Data	Not available.

Section XVI. Other Information

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Notice to Reader

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