

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier: NITRIC ACID, 21 - 40% Concentration

Other means of identification

Synonyms: Aqua Fortis, Azotic Acid

CAS No.: 7697-37-2

Recommended use and restriction on use

Recommended use: Not available.

Restrictions on use: Not known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company Name: Quality Environmental Containers, Inc.
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Beaver, WV 25813
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Chemtrec: 800-424-9300

2. Hazard(s) identification

Hazard classification

Physical hazards

Oxidizing liquids	Category 3
Corrosive to metals	Category 1

Health hazards

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1A
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Unknown toxicity

Acute toxicity, oral	65 %
Acute toxicity, dermal	65 %
Acute toxicity, inhalation, vapor	100 %
Acute toxicity, inhalation, dust or mist	100 %

Unknown toxicity

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment	65 %
Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment	65 %

Label elements

Hazard symbol:



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement: May intensify fire; oxidizer.
May be corrosive to metals.
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement

Prevention: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Keep only in original container. Keep away from heat. Keep/Store away from clothing/combustible materials. Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Response: In case of fire: Use water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide for extinction. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Storage: Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Disposal: Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification: None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical identity	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
NITRIC ACID		7697-37-2	21 - 40%

* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

4. First-aid measures

General information: Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Ingestion: Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.

Inhalation:	Move to fresh air. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If breathing stops, provide artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.
Skin contact:	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy or thoroughly clean contaminated shoes.
Eye contact:	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. In case of irritation from airborne exposure, move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Symptoms:	Corrosive to skin and eyes. Causes digestive tract burns. Spray mists may cause respiratory tract irritation.
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Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment:	Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.
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5. Fire-fighting measures

General fire hazards:	Strong oxidizer - contact with other material may cause fire.
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Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:	Water spray, fog, CO2, dry chemical, or regular foam.
Unsuitable extinguishing media:	None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical:	Oxidizing Contact with combustible material may cause fire. Fire may produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.
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Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Special fire fighting procedures:	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters:	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA. Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	Keep unauthorized personnel away. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Use personal protective equipment. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
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Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Stop leak if possible without any risk. Do not absorb in sawdust or other combustible materials. Absorb spill with vermiculite or other inert material. Collect in a non-combustible container for prompt disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Dike far ahead of larger spill for later recovery and disposal.

Notification Procedures:

Dike for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Inform authorities if large amounts are involved.

Environmental precautions:

Do not contaminate water sources or sewer. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling:

Keep away from combustible material. Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product. Do not taste or swallow. Never add water to acid! Never pour water into acid/base. Dilute by slowly pouring the product into water while stirring.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Do not store in metal containers. Store away from heat and light. Keep away from combustible material. Keep containers closed when not in use. Store in a cool, dry place. Keep container in a well-ventilated place.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Chemical identity	Type	Exposure Limit values	Source
NITRIC ACID	TWA	2 ppm	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	STEL	4 ppm	US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	STEL	4 ppm 10 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2010)
	REL	2 ppm 5 mg/m3	US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2010)
	PEL	2 ppm 5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) (02 2006)
	TWA	2 ppm 5 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) (1989)
	STEL	4 ppm 10 mg/m3	US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) (1989)

Appropriate engineering controls

No data available.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

General information:

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. An eye wash and safety shower must be available in the immediate work area.

Eye/face protection:

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

Skin protection

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant gloves

Other:	Wear suitable protective clothing.
Respiratory protection:	In case of inadequate ventilation use suitable respirator. Chemical respirator with acid gas cartridge.
Hygiene measures:	Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated footwear that cannot be cleaned.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state:	Liquid
Form:	Liquid
Color:	Colorless to slightly yellow
Odor:	Pungent
Odor threshold:	No data available.
pH:	1 (0.1 molar aqueous solution)
Melting point/freezing point:	-42 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	122 °C
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	No data available.
Flammability (solid, gas):	No data available.
Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - upper (%):	No data available.
Flammability limit - lower (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit - upper (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit - lower (%):	No data available.
Vapor pressure:	6.4 kPa
Vapor density:	2.5
Relative density:	1.41 (20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in water:	Soluble
Solubility (other):	No data available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available.
Decomposition temperature:	No data available.
Viscosity:	No data available.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity:	Reacts violently with strong alkaline substances.
Chemical stability:	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	Hazardous polymerization does not occur. Decomposes on heating.
Conditions to avoid:	Reacts violently with strong alkaline substances. Avoid contact with strong reducing agents. Excessive heat. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials:	Alcohols. Reducing agents. Metals. Alkalies.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Nitrogen Oxides By heating and fire, corrosive vapors/gases may be formed.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion:	May cause burns of the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.
Inhalation:	May cause damage to mucous membranes in nose, throat, lungs and bronchial system.
Skin contact:	Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact:	Causes serious eye damage.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

Oral	
Product:	No data available.
Dermal	
Product:	No data available.
Inhalation	
Product:	No data available.
Specified substance(s):	
NITRIC ACID	LC 50 (Rat, 4 h): 65 mg/l
Repeated dose toxicity	
Product:	No data available.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Product:	Causes severe skin burns.
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Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Product:	Causes serious eye damage.
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Respiratory or skin sensitization

Product:	Not a skin nor a respiratory sensitizer.
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Carcinogenicity

Product:	This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.
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IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:

No carcinogenic components identified

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:

No carcinogenic components identified

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):

No carcinogenic components identified

Germ cell mutagenicity

In vitro

Product: No mutagenic components identified

In vivo

Product: No mutagenic components identified

Reproductive toxicity

Product: No components toxic to reproduction

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Product: None known.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Product: None known.

Aspiration hazard

Product: Not classified

Other effects: None known.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity:

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Specified substance(s):

NITRIC ACID LC 50 (Fish, 48 h): 100 - 330 mg/l Mortality

Aquatic invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Specified substance(s):

NITRIC ACID LC 50 (Cockle (*Cerastoderma edule*), 48 h): 330 - 1,000 mg/l Mortality
LC 50 (Green or European shore crab (*Carcinus maenas*), 48 h): 180 mg/l Mortality

Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Aquatic invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Product: No data available.

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradation

Product: Expected to be readily biodegradable.

BOD/COD ratio

Product: No data available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioconcentration factor (BCF)

Product: No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

Product: No data available.

Mobility in soil: The product is water soluble and may spread in water systems.

Other adverse effects: The product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions: Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

Contaminated packaging: Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number:	UN 2031
UN proper shipping name:	Nitric acid
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class(es):	8, 5.1
Label(s):	8, 5.1
Packing group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

IMDG

UN number:	UN 2031
UN proper shipping name:	NITRIC ACID
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class(es):	8, 5.1
Label(s):	8, 5.1
EmS No.:	F-A, S-Q
Packing group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

IATA

UN number:	UN 2031
Proper Shipping Name:	Nitric acid
Transport hazard class(es):	
Class(es):	8, 5.1
Label(s):	8, 5.1
Marine Pollutant:	No
Packing group:	II

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):

NITRIC ACID	Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.
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Superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

☒ Acute (Immediate) ☒ Chronic (Delayed) ☒ Fire ☐ Reactive ☐ Pressure Generating

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Chemical identity	RQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
NITRIC ACID	1000 lbs.	1000 lbs.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Chemical identity	RQ
NITRIC ACID	1000 lbs.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Chemical identity	Threshold Planning Quantity
NITRIC ACID	500lbs

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Chemical identity	Reporting threshold for other users	Reporting threshold for manufacturing and processing
NITRIC ACID	10000 lbs	25000 lbs.

Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)

NITRIC ACID Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):

NITRIC ACID Threshold quantity: 15000 lbs

US state regulations

US. California Proposition 65

No ingredient regulated by CA Prop 65 present.

US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

NITRIC ACID Listed

US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

NITRIC ACID Listed

US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances

NITRIC ACID Listed

US. Rhode Island RTK

NITRIC ACID Listed

Inventory Status:

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EINECS, ELINCS or NLP:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan (ENCS) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada NDSL Inventory:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Japan ISHL Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Japan Pharmacopoeia Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

NFPA Hazard ID



Hazard rating: 0 - Minimal; 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Serious; 4 - Severe
 OXY: Oxidizer

Issue date:	06-04-2014
Revision date:	No data available.
Version #:	2.0
Further information:	No data available.

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