

# Safety Data Sheet

## Trichloroacetic Acid, Crystals, ACS

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Trichloroacetic Acid, Crystals, ACS

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** TCA; Aceto-caustin; Trichloroacetate; Trichloroethanoic acid; Trichloromethanecarboxylic acid; Acetic acid, trichloro

**Product Number:** 5910

**Product Use:** Industrial, Manufacturing or Laboratory use

**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.  
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**For More Information Call:** 920-623-2140 (Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30)

**In Case of Emergency Call:** CHEMTREC - 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**OSHA Hazards:** Target organ effect, Corrosive, Carcinogen

**Target Organs:** Central nervous system

**Signal Word:** Danger

**Pictograms:**



**GHS Classification:**

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Acute toxicity, Oral     | Category 5  |
| Skin corrosion           | Category 1A |
| Serious eye damage       | Category 1  |
| Carcinogenicity          | Category 2  |
| Acute aquatic toxicity   | Category 1  |
| Chronic aquatic toxicity | Category 1  |

**GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

**Hazard Statements:**

|      |                                                       |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| H314 | Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.              |
| H351 | Suspected of causing cancer.                          |
| H410 | Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. |
| H303 | May be harmful if swallowed.                          |

**Precautionary Statements:**

|                |                                                                                                                                  |
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| P201           | Obtain special instructions before use.                                                                                          |
| P202           | Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.                                                        |
| P260           | Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.                                                                                  |
| P264           | Wash hands thoroughly after handling.                                                                                            |
| P273           | Avoid release to the environment.                                                                                                |
| P280           | Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.                                                       |
| P301+P330+P331 | IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting.                                                                               |
| P303+P361+P353 | IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.                              |
| P304+P340      | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.                                                       |
| P305+P351+P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P310           | Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician.                                                                               |
| P363           | Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.                                                                                         |
| P391           | Collect spillage.                                                                                                                |
| P405           | Store locked up.                                                                                                                 |
| P501           | Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.                                                              |

**Potential Health Effects**

|                   |                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eyes</b>       | Causes eye burns.                                                                                                               |
| <b>Inhalation</b> | May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. |
| <b>Skin</b>       | May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.                                                                     |
| <b>Ingestion</b>  | May be harmful if swallowed.                                                                                                    |

**NFPA Ratings**

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Health</b>          | 3             |
| <b>Flammability</b>    | 0             |
| <b>Reactivity</b>      | 0             |
| <b>Specific hazard</b> | Not Available |

**HMIS Ratings**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Health</b>     | 3 |
| <b>Fire</b>       | 0 |
| <b>Reactivity</b> | 0 |
| <b>Personal</b>   | J |

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

| Component            | Weight % | CAS #   | EINECS# / ELINCS# | Formula                                        | Molecular Weight |
|----------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Trichloroacetic Acid | >99      | 76-03-9 | 200-927-2         | C <sub>2</sub> HCl <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 163.39 g/mol     |

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eyes</b>       | Immediately rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention immediately.                                                                 |
| <b>Inhalation</b> | Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. |
| <b>Skin</b>       | Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap. Get medical attention immediately.            |
| <b>Ingestion</b>  | <b>Do Not Induce Vomiting!</b> Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water. Get medical attention immediately.      |

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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

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| <b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>                 | Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool unopened containers with water.                      |
| <b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b> | Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing, including eye protection and boots.          |
| <b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>                    | Emits toxic fumes (carbon oxides, hydrogen chloride gas) under fire conditions. (See also Stability and Reactivity section). |

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| <b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b> | See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment.                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Environmental precautions</b>                                           | Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to federal/national or local reporting requirements.                                                                  |
| <b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>               | Sweep up and place in a suitable container for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste and cleanup materials in accordance with regulations. |

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid formation of dusts.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Recommended storage temperature: 2-8°C. Store under nitrogen. Keep away from incompatible materials (see section 10 for incompatibilities).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Occupational exposure controls:

| Component            | Exposure Limits                | Basis | Entity |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Trichloroacetic Acid | 1 ppm<br>6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | TLV   | ACGIH  |
|                      | 1 ppm<br>7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>   | REL   | NIOSH  |

TWA: Time Weighted Average over 8 hours of work.

TLV: Threshold Limit Value over 8 hours of work.

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit during x minutes.

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

WEEL: Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels

CEIL: Ceiling

### Personal Protection

|                   |                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eyes</b>       | Wear chemical safety glasses or goggles.                                                                    |
| <b>Inhalation</b> | Provide local exhaust, preferably mechanical. If exposure levels are excessive, use an approved respirator. |
| <b>Skin</b>       | Wear nitrile or rubber gloves, apron or lab coat.                                                           |
| <b>Other</b>      | Not Available                                                                                               |

### Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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|                                             |                                                                  |
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| Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)    | White flakes.                                                    |
| Odor                                        | Pungent.                                                         |
| Odor threshold                              | Not Available                                                    |
| pH                                          | 1 at 81.7 g/l at 25°C (77°F)                                     |
| Melting point/freezing point                | 54-58°C (129-136°F)                                              |
| Initial boiling point and boiling range     | 195.5°C (383.9°F)                                                |
| Flash point                                 | Not Flammable                                                    |
| Evaporation rate                            | Not Available                                                    |
| Flammability (solid, gas)                   | Not Flammable                                                    |
| Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit | Not Explosive                                                    |
| Vapor pressure                              | Not Available                                                    |
| Vapor density                               | Not Available                                                    |
| Density                                     | Not Available                                                    |
| Solubility (ies)                            | Easily soluble in cold water, hot water, diethyl ether, acetone. |
| Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water      | Not Available                                                    |
| Auto-ignition temperature                   | Not Available                                                    |
| Decomposition temperature                   | Not Available                                                    |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chemical Stability</b>                 | Stable                                         |
| <b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b> | Will not occur.                                |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid</b>                | Moisture, excessive heat.                      |
| <b>Incompatible Materials</b>             | Strong oxidizing agents, strong bases, amines. |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>   | Carbon oxides, hydrogen chloride gas.          |

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Acute Toxicity

*Trichloroacetic Acid*

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Skin</b>        | Not Available                              |
| <b>Eyes</b>        | Rabbit Result: Severe eye irritation - 5 s |
| <b>Respiratory</b> | Not Available                              |
| <b>Ingestion</b>   | LD50 Oral - rat - 3,320 mg/kg              |

### Carcinogenicity

|              |                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>IARC</b>  | 3-Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Trichloroacetic acid).                                                      |
| <b>ACGIH</b> | A3: Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans (Trichloroacetic acid).                                                     |
| <b>NTP</b>   | No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.     |
| <b>OSHA</b>  | No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA. |

## Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Skin</b>        | Irritation, redness, itchiness.                                    |
| <b>Eyes</b>        | Irritation, redness, watering eyes, itchiness.                     |
| <b>Respiratory</b> | Burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, spasm. |
| <b>Ingestion</b>   | Irritation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.                            |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chronic Toxicity</b>               | May cause cancer.                                         |
| <b>Teratogenicity</b>                 | May cause adverse reproductive effects and birth defects. |
| <b>Mutagenicity</b>                   | May affect genetic material.                              |
| <b>Embryotoxicity</b>                 | Not Available                                             |
| <b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity</b> | Not Available                                             |
| <b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>          | Not Available                                             |
| <b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b> | Not Available                                             |

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity

#### *Trichloroacetic Acid*

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>   | LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 2,000 mg/l - 96.0 h |
| <b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b> | EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1,460 - 2,000 mg/l - 48 h     |
| <b>Terrestrial</b>          | Not Available                                                     |

|                                      |                                                               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Persistence and Degradability</b> | Zahn-Wellens Test<br>Result: 5 % - Not readily biodegradable. |
| <b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>     | Not Available                                                 |
| <b>Mobility in Soil</b>              | Not Available                                                 |
| <b>PBT and vPvB Assessment</b>       | Not Available                                                 |
| <b>Other Adverse Effects</b>         | Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.         |

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| <b>Waste Product or Residues</b> | Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product or residue. |
| <b>Product Containers</b>        | Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.  |

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| US DOT           | UN1839, Trichloroacetic acid, 8, pg II |
| TDG              | UN1839, TRICHLOROACETIC ACID, 8, PG II |
| IMDG             | UN1839, TRICHLOROACETIC ACID, 8, PG II |
| Marine Pollutant | No                                     |
| IATA/ICAO        | UN1839, Trichloroacetic acid, 8, pg II |

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| TSCA Inventory Status     | All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory. |
| DSCL (EEC)                | All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory. |
| California Proposition 65 | Not Listed                                        |
| SARA 302                  | Not Listed                                        |
| SARA 304                  | Not Listed                                        |
| SARA 311                  | Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard        |
| SARA 312                  | Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard        |
| SARA 313                  | Not Listed                                        |
| WHMIS Canada              | Class E: Corrosive material.                      |

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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| Revision   | Date       |
|------------|------------|
| Revision 1 | 10-08-2012 |
| Revision 2 | 05/20/2015 |
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