

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sulfuric Acid (Optima™)

**Cat No. :** A468-1; A468-2; A468-250; A468-500

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

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

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

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
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.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

May be corrosive to metals  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Keep only in original container

**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)**

WARNING. Cancer - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	90 - 98
Water	7732-18-5	2 - 10

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and 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

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
<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

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

### 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> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 2	<b>Physical hazards</b> W
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe the mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from water or moist air. Corrosives area. Incompatible Materials. Water. Organic materials. Strong acids. Strong bases. Metals. Alcohols. Cyanides. Sulfides.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines**

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Sulfuric acid	TWA: 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 15 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: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and 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.

**Recommended Filter type:**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143. Acid gases filter. Type E. Yellow. conforming to EN14387.

**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>	Not applicable
<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>Specific Gravity</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

<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.
<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.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sulfuric acid	2140 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	LC50 = 0.375 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h
Water	-	-	-

**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	Known	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*

*NTP: (National Toxicity Program)*

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*Known - Known Carcinogen*

*Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen*

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

*A1 - Known Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Animal Carcinogen*

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

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

*Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens*

*A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen*

*A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen*

*A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen*

*A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen*

*A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen*

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	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>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sulfuric acid	-	LC50: > 500 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	-	EC50: 29 mg/L/24h

**Persistence and Degradability** No information available

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** No information available.

## 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

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	X	ACTIVE	-
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

**TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)** Not applicable

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	X	-	231-639-5	X	X	X	X	X	KE-32570
Water	7732-18-5	X	-	231-791-2	X	X		X	X	KE-35400

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

### U.S. Federal Regulations

#### SARA 313

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	90 - 98	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

#### CWA (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 contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

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

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sulfuric acid	X	X	X	X	X
Water	-	-	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

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Water	7732-18-5	-	-	-

**REACH links**

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?**

Not applicable

**Other International Regulations**

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Sulfuric acid	7664-93-9	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34
Water	7732-18-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable



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## 16. Other information

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