

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Terephthalic acid  
**Cat No. :** A12527  
**CAS No** 100-21-0  
**Synonyms** 1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid  
**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.  
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##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

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Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**: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)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	
Combustible dust	Yes

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Warning

##### **Hazard Statements**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

Causes skin irritation  
Causes eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

#### Response

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

#### Skin

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse  
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### 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)

None identified

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	>95

## 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** No information available

**Flash Point** 260 °C / 500 °F

**Method -** Open cup

**Autoignition Temperature** 496 °C / 925 °F

### Explosion Limits

**Upper** No data available

**Lower** No data available

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### 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.

### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
1

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

**Storage.** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Terephthalic acid	TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			TWA: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**Engineering Measures** 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:** Particle filter.

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	No information available
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	> 300 °C / > 572 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	260 °C / 500 °F
<b>Method -</b>	Open cup
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	<0.01 mmHg @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available
<b>Solubility</b>	Insoluble in water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	496 °C / 925 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8 H6 O4
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	166.13

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard** None known, based on information available

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid** Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation.

**Incompatible Materials** Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

**Product Information** No acute toxicity information is available for this product

### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Terephthalic acid	>15 g/kg ( Rat )	>2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 > 2.02 mg/L ( Rat ) 2 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Terephthalic acid	Not listed	Not listed	EC50 = 800 mg/L 24 h	EC50: > 982 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Terephthalic acid	1.25

### 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** Not regulated  
**TDG** Not regulated  
**IATA** Not regulated  
**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

### 15. Regulatory information

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	X	ACTIVE	TP

#### **Legend:**

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TP - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a proposed TSCA Section 4 test rule

**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
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	X	-	202-830-0	X	X	X	X	X	KE-02190

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

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

##### **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

##### **SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

#### **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

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

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Terephthalic acid	X	X	X	-	-

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
 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** Not applicable

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)
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	-	-	-

### 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)
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	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)
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

## 16. Other information

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