

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Isovaleric acid  
**Cat No. :** A18642  
**CAS No** 503-74-2  
**Synonyms** 3-Methylbutyric 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

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

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### **Classification**

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

Flammable liquids	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
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**

Combustible liquid  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
Keep cool

**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

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**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 %
Isopentanoic acid	503-74-2	<=100

### 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. Call a physician immediately.

<b>Inhalation</b>	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Remove from exposure, lie down. 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. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: 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. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	70 °C / 158 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	440 °C / 824 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	6.80%
<b>Lower</b>	1.60%
<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. Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### 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

**Health**  
3

**Flammability**  
2

**Instability**  
0

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

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

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Storage.</b>	Corrosives area. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Incompatible Materials. Bases. Reducing Agent. Oxidizing agent.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	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.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear
<b>Odor</b>	Characteristic
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	3 30% aq.sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-35 °C / -31 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	176 °C / 348.8 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	70 °C / 158 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	6.80%
<b>Lower</b>	1.60%
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	0.5 hPa @ 20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	0.926
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	440 °C / 824 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 300°C
<b>Viscosity</b>	2.4 mPa.s at 20 °C
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C5 H10 O2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	102.13

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Bases, Reducing Agent, Oxidizing agent
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Isopentanoic acid	>2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	3560 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

<b>Irritation</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Isopentanoic acid	503-74-2	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** Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: 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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

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

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Persistence is unlikely
<b>Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation</b>	No information available.
<b>Mobility</b>	Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Isopentanoic acid	1.16

### 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

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2922
<b>Technical Name</b>	Isopentanoic acid
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	6.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

#### TDG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN2922
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	6.1
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

#### IATA

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3265
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

#### IMDG/IMO

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3265
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### 15. Regulatory information

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Isopentanoic acid	503-74-2	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

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

#### International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
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Isopentanoic acid	503-74-2	X	-	207-975-3	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23545
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**U.S. Federal Regulations**

<b>SARA 313</b>	Not applicable
<b>SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories</b>	See section 2 for more information
<b>CWA (Clean Water Act)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Clean Air Act</b>	Not applicable
<b>OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b>	Not applicable
<b>CERCLA</b>	Not applicable
<b>California Proposition 65</b>	This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

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

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

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>	This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.
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**Other International Regulations**

<b>Mexico - Grade</b>	Moderate risk, Grade 2
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**16. Other information**

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**End of SDS**