

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## J. R. Simplot Company

### AgriBusiness

Trade Name: Sulfuric Acid 98%  
Registration No: None

M16030

#### SECTION 1

#### CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

Manufacturer or Formulator: J.R. Simplot Company  
P.O. Box 70013  
Boise, ID 83707

Product Name: Sulfuric Acid 98%  
Common Name: Sulfuric Acid, Oil of Vitriol  
Chemical Type: Inorganic Acid

Emergency Phone - Chemtrec: 1-800-424-9300

#### SECTION 2

#### COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name and Synonyms	C.A.S. No.	Chemical Formula	WT% Hazardous Non-hazardous	TLV	PEL
Sulfuric Acid	7664-93-9	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	98%	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8Hr TWA
Water	7732-18-5	H <sub>2</sub> O	2%	Not listed	Not listed

#### SECTION 3

#### HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause severe injury or death.  
**Inhalation:** Not normal route of entry.  
**Eye Contact:** May be slight to severe. Irritation, burns, corneal necrosis (loss of sight).  
**Skin Absorption:** May destroy the epidermis and penetrate some distance into the skin and subcutaneous tissues and cause necrosis. Ulceration of the skin.  
**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation or burns on skin. Prolonged contact may cause severe, deep burns to tissue; very corrosive effects. May cause dermatitis, ulceration.  
**Effects of Overdose:** LOCAL: Conjunctivitis, corneal necrosis, dermatitis, skin burns, ulceration. RESPIRATORY: Irritation of the nose and throat, laryngeal edema, bronchitis, pneumonia, pulmonary edema. GASTROINTESTINAL: Dental erosion, shock, anuria, burning in mouth, throat and abdomen; nausea, vomiting of blood and eroded tissue, perforation of gastrointestinal tract, albumin, blood and casts in urine.

#### SECTION 4

#### FIRST AID MEASURES

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures:** Treatment is symptomatic and no specific antidotes are known.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth with large amounts of water, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. If patient is conscious give milk mixed with egg whites or as much water as possible.  
**Inhalation:** Remove person from exposure area to fresh air and support breathing.  
**Eyes:** IMMEDIATELY flush eyes with fresh running water for 15-20 minutes.  
**Skin:** Give continuous flow of water to wash material off body. Remove contaminated clothing (under a shower if possible) and subject patient to deluge-type shower, if possible. Treat for shock. Prompt medical consultation is essential.

#### SECTION 5

#### FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Media:** Fires involving small amounts of combustibles may be smothered with suitable dry chemicals. Use water on combustibles in vicinity of this material but use care, as water applied directly to their acid results in evolution of heat and causes splattering.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Avoid any contact with acid. Wear full protective rubber clothing, gloves, boots, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Not flammable but highly reactive and can cause ignition by contact with combustible materials. Reacts violently with water and organics. May release explosive hydrogen gas inside storage tanks, drums, tank cars, and tank trucks. This is a very powerful acidic oxidizer which can ignite or even explode on contact with many materials; i.e., acetic acid, acetone cyanhydrin, (acetone + HNO<sub>3</sub>), (acetone + K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>), acetonitrile, acrolein, acrylonitrile, (acrylonitrile + H<sub>2</sub>O), (alcohols + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), allyl alcohol, allyl chloride, NH<sub>4</sub>OH, 2-amino ethanol, NH<sub>4</sub>triperchromate, aniline, (bromates + metals, BrF<sub>5</sub>, n-butylaldehyde, carbides, CoHC<sub>2</sub>, chlorates, (metals + chlorates), ClF<sub>3</sub>, chlorosulfonic acid, Cu<sub>3</sub>N, diisobutylene, (dimethyl benzylcarbinol + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), epichlorohydrin, ethylene cyanhydrin, ethylene diamine, ethylene glycol, ethylene imine, fulminates, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>, IF<sub>7</sub> (indene + HNO<sub>3</sub> + glycerides, p-nitroluene, perchlorates, HClO<sub>4</sub>, (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> + permanganates), pentasilver trihydroxydiamino phosphate, (l-phenyl-2-methyl propyl alcohol + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), P, P(OCN)<sub>3</sub>, picrates, potassium-tert-butoxide, KClO<sub>3</sub>, KMnO<sub>4</sub>, (KMnO<sub>4</sub> + KCl), KMnO<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O) beta-propiolactone, RbHC<sub>2</sub>, propylene oxide, pyridine, NA, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, NaOH, steel, styrene monomer, water, vinyl acetate, (HNO<sub>3</sub> + toluene).

#### SECTION 6

#### ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Environmental Precautions:** No information available; however, Sulfuric Acid has a reportable quantity of 1000 lbs. and, in the event of an accidental release, should be kept out of all watercourses and bodies of water. Do not contaminate any watercourse or body of water by direct application, cleaning of equipment or disposal.

**Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled:**

Treat with extreme caution. Zone off contaminated area. Dike area with sand or earth. Acid may be neutralized with soda ash or lime. Neutralization or dilution of strong Sulfuric Acid will **ALWAYS** be accompanied by a very strong chemical reaction with release of heat and possible splattering of the acid. Organic or combustible materials such as sawdust or rags should never be used to soak up spills. Wear full protective clothing (acid protective slicker suit).



**SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions to be taken in handling and storing:**  
 When diluting always add acid to water slowly, never the reverse. Protect against physical damage and water. Wear full protective rubber clothing and rubber gloves and boots, acid hood, and full face shield when loading or unloading tank trucks or railway cars. If exposure is low, acid gas canister may be satisfactory or a self-contained breathing apparatus in the pressure demand mode or a supplied air respirator. Consult the respirator manufacturer to determine the appropriate type of equipment for a given application. In any event always wear eye protection.

**SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Ventilation Protection:** Maintain adequate ventilation at all locations where acid is handled. Store in the open or in well ventilated buildings or sheds.  
**Respiratory Protection:** Depends on type of exposure, can range from none to full protection. Self-contained breathing apparatus, or positive pressure hose mask, or air-line supplied with clean compressed air. Check with respirator manufacturer to determine the appropriate type of equipment for a given application.  
**Protective Clothing:** When loading or unloading trucks or cleaning out tanks or towers, wear acid resistant slicker suit, rubber clothing with rubber hood or broad soft hat, rubber apron, rubber gloves, rubber boots, and full face shield.  
**Suit Material Performance:** (suggested by E.P.A.--user should determine by specific use)  
 Butyl ..... Poor Butyl/Neoprene ..... Good  
 CPE ..... Excellent Chlorobutyl ..... Good  
 Neoprene ..... Good  
**Eye Protection:** Chemical splash-proof goggles and full face shield.  
**Other:** Safety shower and eyewash fountain checked daily in area.

**SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Boiling Point:</b>	530°F	<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Complete (Exothermic)
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.84 @ 60°F	<b>% Volatiles (by volume):</b>	100% @ 644°F
<b>pH:</b>	Less than 1.0	<b>Reaction with Water:</b>	VIOLENT
<b>Appearance:</b>	Clear, colorless to cloudy.	<b>Vapor Pressure, mm Hg:</b>	1 @ 294°F
<b>Extinguishing Media:</b>	Dry chemicals or carbon dioxide	<b>Melting Point:</b>	-31° to 51°F
<b>Flashpoint:</b>	Non-flammable. It may cause ignition on contact with combustible liquids or solids.		

**SECTION 10 HANDLING AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

**Stability (Normal Conditions):** Stable  
**Conditions to Avoid:** High temperature, organic materials, powdered metals, and other combustible materials.  
**Incompatibility (Material to Avoid):** Water and most common metals, organic materials, carbides, chlorates, fulminates, nitrates, picrates, powdered metals, other combustible materials and strong oxidizing agents. Attacks many metals, releasing hydrogen. Acetic acid, acetone cyanohydrin, acetone and nitric acid and styrene monomer, vinyl acetate, nitric acid and toluene.  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Hydrogen gas and hazardous fumes of SO<sub>x</sub>.  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION**

**Acute Oral Toxicity:** LD<sub>50</sub> (rat) is greater than 5,000 mg/kg (ppm); not acutely toxic by oral exposure. (TFI Product Testing Results, OECD Guideline 425)  
**Acute Inhalation Toxicity:** LC<sub>50</sub> (rat, guinea pig) is 18-420 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; highly toxic by inhalation. (TFI Product Testing Results)  
**Acute Aquatic Toxicity:** Fish 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> is 42-500 mg/L (ppm); daphnia 24-hour EC<sub>50</sub>: 29-88 mg/L; algae 10 mg/L. Slightly toxic to aquatic organisms. (TFI Product Testing Results)

**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

None listed.

**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Disposal Procedures:** If possible, avoid pouring or spraying water directly onto strong Sulfuric Acid. This ALWAYS results in a violent chemical reaction. It is always best to slowly pour the acid into water during disposal operations to avoid the violent reaction and splattering of acid. If water must be sprayed into the acid for dilution, flushing, etc., it should always be done from a distance with proper protective gear.

**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

<b>Proper shipping name:</b>	RQ Sulfuric Acid (with more than 51 percent acid), 8, UN1830, P.G. II	<b>D.O.T. Number:</b>	UN1830
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	8	<b>Haz Waste No:</b>	D002
<b>Reportable Quantity (RQ):</b>	1000 lbs. - Sulfuric Acid	<b>EPA Regist No:</b>	None
<b>Labels Required:</b>	Corrosive	<b>Packaging Group:</b>	II
<b>Placard:</b>	Corrosive		
<b>C.A.S. Number:</b>	7664-93-9		

Refer to 49 CFR 172.101 Hazardous Materials Table for further provisions, packaging authorizations and quantity limitations.



**SECTION 15**

**REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Carcinogenicity: by IARC?: Yes ( ) No (X) by NTP?: Yes ( ) No (X)**

IARC evaluates occupational exposures to strong, inorganic-acid mists containing Sulfuric Acid in "Group 1", as having carcinogenic potential. However, SULFURIC ACID ITSELF WAS NOT CLASSIFIED AS A GROUP I CARCINOGEN.

This product contains sulfuric acid, CAS No. 7664-93-9, which is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

**SECTION 16**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>Flash Point (Test Method):</b>	Not applicable	<b>Flammable Limits</b>	<b>LOWER</b>	<b>UPPER</b>
<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>	Not applicable	(% BY VOLUME)	N/A	N/A

**Hazard Rating (N.F.P.A.):** Health: 3 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 2 Specific: Use no water  
This N.F.P.A. rating is a recommendation by the manufacturer using the guidelines or published evaluations prepared by the National Fire Protection Association (N.F.P.A.).

**FIREFIGHTING TECHNIQUE**

Concentrated vapors of Sulfuric Acid are extremely irritating to the respiratory tract and may cause breathing difficulty. Prevent human exposure to fire, smoke, fumes, or products of combustion. Evacuate nonessential personnel from the fire area. Maintain a safe distance from the fire and storage area because excessive heat may cause tank to rupture. Wear full face, self-contained breathing apparatus and impervious clothing (such as gloves, hood, suits, and rubber boots). Use water spray, dry chemical, foam, carbon dioxide, or halogenated extinguishing agents. If the tank is not leaking, keep cooled using a fog spray nozzle to minimize the reactivity of the water and acid. Under no circumstance should water or other liquid be introduced into acid tanks. Take care not to ignite hydrogen gas which can accumulate inside metal tanks containing acid.

**SPECIAL HANDLING**

Make sure all personnel involved in the spill cleanup follow good industrial hygiene practices.

A small spill can be handled routinely. Use adequate ventilation or wear an air-supplied respirator to prevent inhalation contact. Wear suitable protective clothing to prevent skin and eye contact. Use the following procedures:

- Any leak occurring in pipelines or equipment should be considered an acid leak and treated with extreme caution until the leak is proven not to be an acid leak.
- All contaminated areas should be immediately zoned off to avoid personnel exposure to the acid spray or stream.
- Adjust all appropriate valves to isolate the system and stop further leakage.
- Soda ash or lime should be spread around to neutralize any remaining acidity on the surface of the ground or concrete pad. The contaminated area should be covered with sand or gravel, and acidity neutralized with soda ash or lime.
- Sulfuric Acid leaks, spills or drainings must not come in contact with any acid soluble sulfide wastes (such as in sewers). because of danger of evolving hydrogen sulfide gas.
- Large spills should be handled according to the predetermined plan. Part of this plan should include Section V, FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES.

**CORROSIVITY TO MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION**

Weaker strengths of Sulfuric Acid, particularly concentrations below 60° Baume, are highly corrosive to most metals with evolution of hydrogen gas.

**STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The following safety facilities should be readily accessible in all areas where Sulfuric Acid is handled or stored.

**SAFETY SHOWERS**--with quick opening valves which stay open. Water should be supplied through insulated lines to prevent freeze-ups in cold weather.

**EYEWASH FOUNTAIN**--or other means of washing the eyes with a gentle flow of tap water.

Sulfuric Acid may be safely stored in properly designed bulk storage tanks.

**DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MATERIAL**

Sulfuric Acid that cannot be used or chemically reprocessed should be disposed of in such a manner that will not adversely affect the environment.

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