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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Lactic Acid, 20% (w/v)

Product Number 4272

Other Identifying Product Numbers 4272-16, 4272-2.5

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company Ricca Chemical Company

Address 412 West Fork Drive

Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hours)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300

CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 1	H314	P260,P264,P280,P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353,P363,P304+P340, P310,P321,P305+P351+P338,P405, P501
Serious Eye Damage / Eye Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280,P305+P351+P338,P310

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

NOTE: Hazard statements may be combined on labels to improve clarity and readability.

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

Precautionary Statements:

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Prevention

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P260	Do not breathe fumes or mist.
P264	Wash hands, arms, and face thoroughly after handling.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

Response

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
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 or 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 or doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P405	Store locked up.

Disposal

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P501	Dispose of contents/container to suitable waste stream in accordance with local, state, federal, and international regulations.

2.3. Hazards not Otherwise Classified

No other hazards identified.

2.4. Ingredients of Unknown Acute Toxicity

This product does not contain any ingredients of unknown acute toxicity.

SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Mixture

Chemical Name (IUPAC)	Common Name and Synonyms	CAS Number	Weight%
water	Water	7732-18-5	81.34
2-hydroxypropanoic acid	Lactic Acid; Milk Acid	50-21-5	18.66

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SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. Description of Necessary Measures

- Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva.
- Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Dilute with water or milk. Vomiting may occur spontaneously but do not induce. Call a physician immediately.
- Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
- Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. May cause irritation, redness, and pain.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage Warning! Corrosive liquid. May be harmful. Avoid ingestion or contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. If ingested, dilute with large quantity of water and call a physician. Do not induce vomiting. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. For eyes, get medical attention. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva. SKIN CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness, and pain.

4.3. Immediate Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a poison center or doctor. Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Dilute with water or milk. Vomiting may occur spontaneously but do not induce. Call a physician immediately.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture in a Fire

Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Dilute with water, neutralize with soda ash or weak caustic solution, and then flush to sewer with plenty of water, if local regulations allow.

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SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Time Weighted Averages (TWA)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Ceiling Limits

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

No limits found.

8.2. Engineering Controls

No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate.

Skin Protection: Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles.

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SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State:	liquid
Color:	Clear, colorless to slightly yellow
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	Approximately 0°C
Boiling Point/Range:	Approximately 100°C - 122
Flammability:	Data not available.
Flammability/Explosive Limits:	Data not available.
Flash Point:	Not flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Data not available.
Decomposition Temperature:	Data not available.
pH:	Data not available.
Kinematic Viscosity:	Data not available.
Solubility:	miscible
Vapor Pressure:	Data not available.
Evaporation Rate:	Data not available.
Relative Density:	1.04
Relative Vapor Density:	Data not available.
Particle Characteristics:	Data not available.
Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water, log	Data not available.

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Hydrofluoric Acid, Nitric Acid plus Hydrofluoric Acid, Oxidizing agents, Iodides, Albumin.

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

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SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	Oral LD50 Rat 3543 mg/kg (Source: NLM_CIP)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	Dermal LD50 Rabbit >2000 mg/kg (Source: ECHA_API)

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	Inhalation LC50 Rat >7.94 mg/L 4 h (no deaths occurred, aerosol, Source: EPA_HPVS)

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
		No data found.

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
		No data found.

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
		No data found.

11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

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SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
	No data found.	None	None	

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1 Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Sizes: 10 L, 500 mL

UN Number: UN3265

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (Lactic Acid)

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):





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14.2 Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Sizes: 10 L, 500 mL

UN Number: UN3265

Proper Shipping Name: Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (Lactic Acid)

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Sizes: 10 L, 500 mL

UN Number: UN3265

Proper Shipping Name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (lactic acid)

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: III

Hazard Label(s):



SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

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15.01. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.02. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	RQ
No data found.		

15.03. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.04. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List
No data found.		

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.07. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
No data found.		

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15.09. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	DSL	Present
Water	7732-18-5	DSL	Present

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	Present (ACTIVE)
Water	7732-18-5	Present [XU] (ACTIVE)

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Number
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	EINECS	200-018-0
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

15.12. China - Inventory of Existing chemical Substances (IECSC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	Present [28383]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

15.13. Korea - Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI/KECL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-21802]
Water	7732-18-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-35400]

15.14. Japan - Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory (ENCS)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	MITI No.
Lactic Acid	50-21-5	(2)-1369
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

SECTION 16: Other Information

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16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 2
Flammability: 0
Reactivity 0
Special Hazard:



16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
2026-05-22

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