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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Nitric Acid, 52% (w/w)

Product Number R5352000

Other Identifying Product Numbers R5352000-500C

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
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation (Vapors)	Category 3	H331	P261,P271,P304+P340,P311, P321,P403+P233,P405,P501
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
Corrosive to Metals	Category 1	H290	P234,P390,P406

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
H290	May be corrosive to metals
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H331	Toxic if inhaled

Precautionary Statements:

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Prevention

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P260	Do not breathe fumes or mist.
P264	Wash hands, arms, and face thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
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.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
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

51.4 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute oral and dermal toxicity.

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SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Mixture

Chemical Name (IUPAC)	Common Name and Synonyms	CAS Number	Weight%
nitric acid	Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	51.36
water	Water	7732-18-5	48.64

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, redness, pain, and tearing.

Ingestion: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water. 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. Causes severe burns. Contact will discolor skin yellow-brown depending on exposure which will wear off after a period of time.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Toxic if inhaled Corrosive Liquid. May be fatal if swallowed. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Avoid breathing vapor. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water and call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. Potential symptoms of overexposure are irritation of the eyes, mucous membranes and skin, dental erosion, bronchitis, pneumonitis, delayed pulmonary edema. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing. SKIN CONTACT: Causes severe burns. Contact will discolor skin yellow-brown depending on exposure which will wear off after a period of time.

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. Do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water. Call a physician immediately.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use water or water spray.

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

Not combustible, but substance is an oxidizer and its heat of reaction with reducing agents or combustibles may cause ignition. Can react with metals to release flammable hydrogen gas. May react explosively with combustible organic or readily oxidizable materials such as: alcohols, turpentine, charcoal, organic refuse, metal powder, hydrogen sulfide, etc.

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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

Cover the spill with Sodium Carbonate or a soda ash-slaked lime mixture (50:50). Mix and add water to form slurry. Decant the liquid to the drain with excess water. Treat the solid residue as normal refuse. Wash site with soda ash solution. Always dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Keep out of direct sunlight and away from heat, water, and incompatible materials.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	2 ppm TWA; 5 mg/m3 TWA

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)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	4 ppm STEL

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	2 ppm TWA

8.2. Engineering Controls

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limit.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: If the TLV is exceeded, a full-face chemical cartridge respirator may be worn up to 50 times the TLV or the maximum use concentration specified by the respirator supplier, whichever is less.

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:	Colorless to light yellow
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	Data not available.
Boiling Point/Range:	Approximately 100°C
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:	< 1
Kinematic Viscosity:	Data not available.
Solubility:	miscible
Vapor Pressure:	Data not available.
Evaporation Rate:	Data not available.
Relative Density:	1.33
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

Keep only in original packaging. Strong bases, metallic powders, Carbides, Hydrogen Sulfide, Turpentine and combustible organics.

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:

No information found.

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

No information found.

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Inhalation acute toxicity estimate (ATE, vapor): 6.2695 mg/L, 4 h(calculated)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Inhalation LC50 Rat 3.22 mg/L 4 h (Source: WHMIS)

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Group 1 (Carcinogenic to Humans) - Monograph 100F [2012]; Monograph 54 [1992] As Acid mists, strong inorganic

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. Toxic if inhaled.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

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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: 500 mL

UN Number: UN2031

Proper Shipping Name: Nitric Acid Solution

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



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

Sizes: 500 mL

UN Number: UN2031

Proper Shipping Name: Nitric Acid Solution

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

Hazard Label(s):



14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Sizes: 500 mL

UN Number: UN2031

Proper Shipping Name: NITRIC ACID SOLUTION

Hazard Class: 8

Packing Group: II

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	TPQ
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	1000 lb TPQ	1000 lb EPCRA RQ

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Regulatory Information
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Emission Reporting	1.0 % de minimis concentration

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Extraordinarily hazardous

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Environmental hazard

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	sn 1356

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
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	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
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	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
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	EINECS	231-714-2
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Present [35578]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	Annex 1	Present [KE-25911]
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.
Nitric Acid	7697-37-2	(1)-394
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

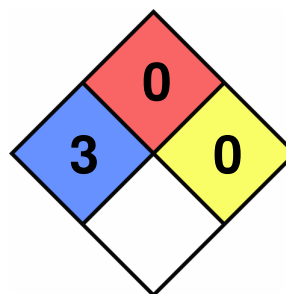
SECTION 16: Other Information

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16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity 0
Special Hazard:



16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
2026-05-25

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