

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Polyphosphoric acid

**Cat No. :** L14856

**CAS-No** 8017-16-1  
**Synonyms** Phospholeum; Superphosphoric acid.; Tetraphosphoric acid

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for 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)

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
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**

May be corrosive to metals  
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 only in original container

**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

**Spills**

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Storage**

Store locked up  
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner  
 Store in a dry place

**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 %
Polyphosphoric acid	8017-16-1	81.5-86
Orthophosphoric acid	7664-38-2	<8

### 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 before re-use. Call a physician immediately.

**Inhalation**

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.

**Ingestion** Do not induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

**Most important symptoms and effects** Causes burns by all exposure routes. 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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** No information available

**Flash Point** No information available  
**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** No information available

**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

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Oxides of phosphorus Phosphorus trihydride (phosphine) Hydrogen

### 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**  
0

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not ingest.

**Storage** Corrosives area. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Orthophosphoric acid	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 1000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**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** Long sleeved clothing.

**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.

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

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Viscous liquid Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	1 @ 20°C 1 g/l aq.sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	550 °C / 1022 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	3.4 (Air = 1.0)
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	2.050
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	No information available

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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

**Stability** Hygroscopic.

**Conditions to Avoid** Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.

**Incompatible Materials** Water, Strong bases, Alcohols, Metals, Powdered metals

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Oxides of phosphorus, Phosphorus trihydride (phosphine), Hydrogen

**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  
**Oral LD50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.  
**Dermal LD50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.  
**Vapor LC50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Orthophosphoric acid	2600 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 2740 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	850 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 1 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** Causes burns by all exposure routes

**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
Polyphosphoric acid	8017-16-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Orthophosphoric acid	7664-38-2	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** 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

Do not empty into drains. Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea

Orthophosphoric acid	Not listed	98 - 106 mg/L LC50 96 h	Not listed	> 100 mg/L EC50 = 48 h
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**Persistence and Degradability** Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

### 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

**UN-No** UN3264  
**Proper Shipping Name** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S.  
**Proper technical name** Polyphosphoric acid, Orthophosphoric acid  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

#### TDG

**UN-No** UN3264  
**Proper Shipping Name** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

#### IATA

**UN-No** UN3264  
**Proper Shipping Name** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

#### IMDG/IMO

**UN-No** UN3264  
**Proper Shipping Name** CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

### 15. Regulatory information

All of the components in the product are on the following Inventory lists: X = listed

#### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Polyphosphoric acid	X	X	-	232-417-0	-		X	X	X	X	X
Orthophosphoric acid	X	X	-	231-633-2	-		X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

**TSCA 12(b)** Not applicable  
**SARA 313** Not applicable  
**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Orthophosphoric acid	X	5000 lb	-	-

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

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

**CERCLA** Not applicable

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Orthophosphoric acid	5000 lb	-

**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
Orthophosphoric acid	X	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

## 16. Other information

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**End of SDS**