SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier **Ascorbic Acid**

Other means of identification

Catalog number 1043003

CAS number 50-81-7

Synonyms Vitamin C

Chemical name L-Ascorbic acid

Recommended use Specified quality tests and assay use only.

Recommended restrictions Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name U. S. Pharmacopeia

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards Not classified.

Health hazards Not classified.

Environmental hazards Not classified.

OSHA defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements

Hazard symbol None.

Signal word None.

Hazard statement Not available.

Precautionary statement

Prevention Not available.

Response Not available.

Storage Not available.

Disposal Not available.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC) This product is supplied in a small quantity which does not constitute a combustible dust hazard. The physical properties of this material indicate that in large quantities accumulated dust may be hazardous.

Supplemental information None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Ascorbic Acid	Vitamin C	50-81-7	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Eye contact	Flush eyes with water as a precaution. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	None known.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treat symptomatically.
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Explosion hazard: Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. No special environmental precautions required.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Combustible dust clouds may be created where operations produce fine material (dust). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

Exposure limit values

Industrial Use

Material	Type	Value
Ascorbic Acid (CAS 50-81-7)	TWA	10 mg/m3

Biological limit values No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls	For laboratory operations, use good technique and limit open handling. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
Other	Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
Respiratory protection	Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Chose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
Color	White. Light yellow.
Odor	Odorless. Almost odorless.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	Not available.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Freely soluble.
Solubility (other)	Chloroform: Insoluble. Petroleum ether: Insoluble. Benzene: Insoluble. Alcohol: Sparingly soluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	-2.15
Auto-ignition temperature	1220 °F (660 °C)
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Carboxylic acid derivative.

Dust explosion properties

Kst	122 bar.m/s
Minimum ignition energy (MIE) - dust cloud	25 mJ
Molecular formula	C6H8O6
Molecular weight	176.12
pH in aqueous solution	2 Solution: 5%
Specific gravity	1.65
Surface tension	40 mN/m

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong bases. Metals.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Health injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
Eye contact	Health injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
Ingestion	Health injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Gastrointestinal disturbances.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Ascorbic Acid (CAS 50-81-7)		
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	3367 mg/kg
	Rat	11900 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Local effects

Eye irritation
Result: Negative.
Species: Rabbit
Skin irritation
Result: Negative.
Species: Rabbit

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Germ cell mutagenicity	Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.
Carcinogenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

50000 ppm Carcinogenicity
Result: Negative.
Species: Mouse
Test Duration: 103 weeks

Carcinogenicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

50000 ppm Carcinogenicity
Result: Negative.
Species: Rat
Test Duration: 103 weeks

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductivity

1000 mg/kg Reproductivity
Result: No evidence of fetotoxicity or increased birth defects.
Species: Mouse
1000 mg/kg Reproductivity
Result: No evidence of fetotoxicity or increased birth defects.
Species: Rat

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Aspiration hazard Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential

Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow

-2.15

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

General information It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is not known to be a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

Immediate Hazard - No
Delayed Hazard - No
Fire Hazard - Yes
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Further information Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, for safe handling.

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