

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Peracetic Acid 5%



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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** Peracetic Acid 5%  
**SYNONYMS:** Peroxyacetic Acid, Acetyl Hydroperoxide  
**GENERAL USE:** Used as an oxidizing agent for a variety of organic reactions.

### MANUFACTURER

FMC CORPORATION  
FMC Peroxygens  
1735 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 299-6000 (General Information)

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(303) 595-9048 (Medical - U.S. - Call Collect)  
For leak, fire, spill, or accident emergencies, call:  
(800) 424-9300 (CHEMTREC - U.S.A. & Canada)

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

- Colorless liquid with a sharp, pungent, vinegar like odor.
- Oxidizer: Stabilized peracetic acid, an ingredient in this product, decomposes under fire conditions to release oxygen that intensifies the fire. Use water to keep fire-exposed containers closed.
- Severely irritating to skin and eyes.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:** Liquid and mist are corrosive (causing burns); direct contact could cause irreversible damage to eyes including blindness and/or irreversible destruction of skin tissue. Vapor/mist will irritate nose, throat and lungs but will usually subside when exposure ceases.

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### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS#	Wt. %	EC No.	EC Class
Peroxyacetic Acid	79-21-0	5 - 6	201-186-8	O, C; R7-10-34; S1/2-3/7-14-36/37/39-45-61
Hydrogen Peroxide	7722-84-1	21 - 23	231-765-0	Xn, R22-4; S1/2-3-17-26-28-36/37/39-45
Acetic Acid	64-19-7	10 - 11	200-580-7	R10-34-35-36/38; S1/2-23-26-45
Water	7732-18-5	63 - 65	231-791-2	Not classified

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**EYES:** Immediately flush with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting the upper and lower eyelids intermittently. See a medical doctor or ophthalmologist immediately.

**SKIN:** Immediately flush with plenty of water while removing contaminated clothing and/or shoes, and thoroughly wash with soap and water. Obtain immediate medical attention. Contact a medical doctor if necessary.

**INGESTION:** Rinse mouth with water. Dilute by giving 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. See a medical doctor immediately.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing discomfort occurs and persists, see a medical doctor. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration and see a medical doctor immediately.

**NOTES TO MEDICAL DOCTOR:** This product can be corrosive to skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Consideration should be given to careful endoscopy as stomach or esophageal burns, perforations or strictures may occur. Careful gastric lavage with an endotracheal tube in place should be considered. Observation may be warranted. Treatment is controlled removal of exposure followed by symptomatic and supportive care.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool. Extinguish fire using agents suitable for nearby fires.

**FIRE / EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Oxygen that can initiate or promote combustion.

**FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Use flooding quantities of water only. Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool. Fight fire from protected location or maximum distance. Chemical type extinguishers are not effective with peracetic acid or hydrogen peroxide, which are ingredients in this product. Use proper personal protective equipment and positive pressure self contained breathing apparatus.

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS:** Not available

**SENSITIVITY TO IMPACT:** Not available

**SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE:** Not available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**RELEASE NOTES:** Approach release from upwind. Stop or control leak using special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Control run off and isolate discharged material for proper disposal. Do not allow undiluted material to enter storm or sanitary sewer systems.

Combustible materials exposed to hydrogen peroxide, an ingredient in this product, should be immediately submerged in, or rinsed with, large amounts of water to ensure that all hydrogen peroxide is removed. Residual hydrogen peroxide that is allowed to dry (upon evaporation hydrogen peroxide can concentrate) on organic materials such as paper, fabrics, cotton, leather, wood or other combustibles can cause the material to ignite and result in a fire.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING:** Transfer product from drums to process in closed system (hermetically) and if not possible use effective local exhaust ventilation. Empty drum as thoroughly as possible. Triple rinse before disposal. Avoid contamination; impurities accelerate decomposition. Never return product to original container. Use airless spray to minimize mist generation.

**STORAGE:** Do not store near reducing agents, fuels or other non-compatible materials. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area. For quality purposes, avoid temperatures above 86° F. Higher temperatures will accelerate decomposition resulting in a loss of assay. Do not store in direct sunlight, or near sources of ignition or heat. Do not double stack. Use first in, first out storage system. Containers must be vented. Expected shelf life - 1 year.

**COMMENTS:** VENTILATION: Provide mechanical local exhaust ventilation to prevent release of mist into the work area. If ventilation is inadequate or not available use acid gas cartridge or canister with full face-piece.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE LIMITS

Chemical Name	ACGIH	OSHA	Supplier
Hydrogen Peroxide	1 ppm (TWA)	1 ppm (PEL)	
Acetic Acid	15 ppm (STEL)	10 ppm (PEL)	

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Provide mechanical local exhaust ventilation to prevent release of mist into the work area. If release is expected use respiratory protection. Ventilate all transport vehicles prior to unloading.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**EYES AND FACE:** Use cup type chemical goggles. Full face shield may be used.

**RESPIRATORY:** For normal use as directed, respiratory protection is not required. However, if exposures are anticipated to be above the limits as indicated in the "Exposure Limit" table, an approved full-face acid/gas cartridge or canister respirator should be used. If concentrations are unknown (e.g., significant spill or other emergencies), or if they are anticipated to be above 5 ppm for hydrogen peroxide or 50 ppm for acetic acid, the use of a full-face airline supplied respirator or self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is recommended.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Rubber or neoprene footwear. Rubber or neoprene aprons or full protective clothing. Hydrogen peroxide is an ingredient in this product; completely submerge hydrogen peroxide contaminated clothing or other materials in water prior to drying. Residual hydrogen peroxide, if allowed to dry on materials such as paper, fabrics, cotton, leather, wood or other combustibles can cause the material to ignite and result in a fire.

**GLOVES:** Rubber or neoprene gloves. Thoroughly wash the outside of gloves with soap and water prior to removal. Inspect regularly for leaks.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>ODOR:</b>	Sharp, pungent, vinegar like odor
<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	Colorless liquid
<b>AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:</b>	270 °C (518 °F)
<b>BOILING POINT:</b>	About 99°C (210°F)
<b>COEFFICIENT OF OIL / WATER:</b>	Not available
<b>DENSITY / WEIGHT PER VOLUME:</b>	9.17 lbs./gal

<b>EVAPORATION RATE:</b>	Above 1 (Butyl Acetate = 1)
<b>FLASH POINT:</b>	Approximately 83 °C (181 °F) (CC)
<b>MELTING POINT:</b>	-25.9°C (-14.6°F)
<b>ODOR THRESHOLD:</b>	Not available
<b>OXIDIZING PROPERTIES:</b>	Oxidizer
<b>pH:</b>	Less than 1
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER:</b>	(% by wt. @ 25°C / 77°F): 100
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY:</b>	(H <sub>2</sub> O=1): 1.10 @ 20°C
<b>VAPOR DENSITY:</b>	Not available (Air = 1)
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE:</b>	22 mm Hg @ 25°C

**COMMENTS:**

pH (1% solution) @ 25°C: 2-3

Self Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT) &gt; 55°C (55 gallon drum)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>CONDITIONS TO AVOID:</b>	Open flames, elevated temperatures, any source of heat, combustibles such as paper and wood and contamination. For quality purposes, avoid temperatures above 86°F. Higher temperatures will accelerate decomposition resulting in a loss of assay.
<b>STABILITY:</b>	Stable (Expected shelf life - 1 year)
<b>POLYMERIZATION:</b>	Will not occur
<b>INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:</b>	Dirt, alkali, reducing agents, organics and heavy metals such as iron, copper, chromium, aluminum, cobalt and caustic.
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b>	Acetic acid and oxygen that supports combustion.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**EYE EFFECTS:** Severely irritating [FMC Study I95-2036]**SKIN EFFECTS:** Severely irritating [FMC Study I95-2036]**DERMAL LD<sub>50</sub>:** No data available for the product.

17% Peracetic Acid: &gt; 200 mg/kg (rabbit) [FMC Study I83-721]

**ORAL LD<sub>50</sub>:** 1,922 mg/kg (rat) [FMC Study I97-2236]

**INHALATION LC<sub>50</sub>:** No data available for the product.

100% Peracetic Acid: 204 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (66 ppm) (4 h) (rat) [FMC Study I96-2138]

5% Peracetic Acid: 4,080 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (4157 ppm) (4 h) (rat) [FMC Study I96-2138]

**TARGET ORGANS:** Eyes, skin, nose, throat, lungs

**ACUTE EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE:** Liquid may cause severe burns and irreversible tissue damage to eyes, including blindness. Product contains peracetic acid. Inhalation of peracetic acid vapors causes lacrimation and irritation of the mucous membranes, eyes and nasal passages.

**CHRONIC EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE:** No data available for the product. Product contains hydrogen peroxide. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has concluded that there is inadequate evidence for carcinogenicity of hydrogen peroxide in humans, but limited evidence in experimental animals (Group 3 - not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans). The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) has concluded that hydrogen peroxide is a 'Confirmed Animal Carcinogen with Unknown Relevance to Humans' (A3).

**CARCINOGENICITY:**

Chemical Name	IARC	NTP	OSHA	Other
Hydrogen Peroxide	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	(ACGIH) Listed (A3, Animal Carcinogen)

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> = 1.6 mg/L (Rainbow trout) [FMC I95-2023]

96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> = 1.1 mg/L (Bluegill sunfish) [FMC I95-2029]

48-hour EC<sub>50</sub> = 0.73 mg/L (Daphnia magna) [FMC I95-2021]

120-hour EC<sub>50</sub> = 0.18 mg/L (Selenastrum, green algae) [FMC I95-2027]

**CHEMICAL FATE INFORMATION:** No data available for the product. Peracetic acid is completely miscible with water. Aqueous solutions of peracetic acid hydrolyze to acetic acid and hydrogen peroxide.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL METHOD:** Discharge as a hazardous waste into a suitable treatment system in accordance with local, state and federal governmental agencies.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

<b>PROPER SHIPPING NAME:</b>	Hydrogen Peroxide and Peroxyacetic Acid Mixtures, Stabilized with Acids, Water and not more than 6% Peroxyacetic Acid
<b>PRIMARY HAZARD CLASS / DIVISION:</b>	5.1 (Oxidizer)
<b>HAZARD CLASS, SUBSIDIARY:</b>	8 (Corrosive)
<b>UN/NA NUMBER:</b>	UN 3149
<b>PACKING GROUP:</b>	II
<b>LABEL(S):</b>	5.1 Oxidizer and Subsidiary Risk: 8 (Corrosive)
<b>PLACARD(S):</b>	Bulk: 5.1 Oxidizer
<b>MARKING(S):</b>	Hydrogen Peroxide and Peroxyacetic Acid Mixtures, Stabilized with Acids, Water and not more than 6% Peroxyacetic Acid, UN 3149
<b>REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ):</b>	Not applicable
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</b>	49 STCC Number: Not required - no rail shipments Material is shipped in 5 gal. (45 lb.), 30 gal. (250 lb.) and 55 gal. (495 lb.) vented linear (not cross linked) polyethylene drums and IBCs. Do not ship on wooden pallets.

### INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG)

<b>PROPER SHIPPING NAME:</b>	Hydrogen Peroxide and Peroxyacetic Acid Mixtures, Stabilized with Acids, Water and not more than 6% Peroxyacetic Acid
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### INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) / INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)

<b>PROPER SHIPPING NAME:</b>	Hydrogen Peroxide and Peroxyacetic Acid Mixtures, Stabilized with Acids, Water and not more than 6% Peroxyacetic Acid
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**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Dike any spills. Protect against damage. Use proper personal protective equipment and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus when handling spills or leaks.

When shipped via vessel, container requires subsidiary placarding in addition to main hazard class placards.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****UNITED STATES****SARA TITLE III (SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT)****SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355, APPENDIX A):**

Listed (Peracetic Acid), Planning Threshold = 500 lbs., Listed

**SECTION 311 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370):**

Fire Hazard, Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

**SECTION 312 THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY (40 CFR 370):**

The Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) for this product, if treated as a mixture, is 10,000 lbs; however, this product contains the following ingredients with a TPQ of less than 10,000 lbs.:  
500 lb

**SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS (40 CFR 372):**

Peracetic acid

**CERCLA (COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT)****CERCLA DESIGNATION & REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (RQ) (40 CFR 302.4):**

5% Peracetic Acid (Unlisted), RQ = 100 lbs., Corrosivity, Reactivity  
Listed

Chemical Name

RQ

Acetic Acid

5,000 lb

Category D

**TSCA (TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT)****TSCA INVENTORY STATUS (40 CFR 710):**

Listed

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)****RCRA IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE (40 CFR 261):**

Waste Number: D001 (ignitability), D002 (corrosivity)

**CANADA****WHMIS (WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM):**

Product Identification Number: 9183  
 Hazard Classification / Division: Class D, Div. 2, Subdiv. B. (Toxic), Class E (Corrosive), Class C (Oxidizer)  
 Ingredient Disclosure List: Listed

## INTERNATIONAL LISTINGS

Peroxyacetic acid:  
 Australia (AICS): Listed  
 China: Listed  
 Japan (ENCS): (2)-689  
 Philippines (PICCS): Listed

Hydrogen peroxide:  
 China: Listed  
 Japan (ENCS): (1)-419  
 Korea: KE-20204  
 Philippines (PICCS): Listed

Acetic acid:  
 Australia (AICS): Listed  
 China: Listed  
 Japan (ENCS): (2)-688  
 Korea: KE-00013

## HAZARD, RISK AND SAFETY PHRASE DESCRIPTIONS:

### Peroxyacetic acid:

EC Symbols:	O	(Oxidizer)
	C	(Corrosive)
EC Risk Phrases:	R7	(May cause fire)
	R10	(Flammable)
	R34	(Causes burns)
EC Safety Phrases:	S1/2	(Keep locked up and out of reach of children.)
	S3/7	(Keep in a cool place and keep container tightly closed)
	S14	(Keep away from: see Incompatible Materials in Section 10 above)
	S36/37/39	(Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.)
	S45	(In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately - show the label where possible.)
	S61	(Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheets.)

### Hydrogen Peroxide, (Index #008-003-00-9):

EC Symbols:	Xn	(Harmful)
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EC Risk Phrases: R22 (Harmful if swallowed.)  
 R41 (Risk of serious damage to eyes.)

EC Safety Phrases: S1/2 (Keep locked up and out of reach of children.)  
 S3 (Keep in a cool place.)  
 S17 (Keep away from combustible material.)  
 S26 (In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice)  
 S28 (After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap.)  
 S36/37/39 (Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.)  
 S45 (In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately - show the label where possible.)

Acetic acid:

EC Symbols: C (Corrosive)  
 Xi (Irritant)

EC Risk Phrases: R10 (Flammable)  
 R35/34 (Causes severe burns / causes burns)  
 R36/38 (Irritating to eyes and skin.)

EC Safety Phrases: S1/2 (Keep locked up and out of reach of children.)  
 S23 (Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapor, or spray)  
 S26 (In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice)  
 S45 (In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately - show the label where possible.)

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**HMIS

Health	3
Flammability	1
Physical Hazard	2
Personal Protection (PPE)	H

Protection = H (Safety goggles, gloves, apron and a vapor respirator)

HMIS = Hazardous Materials Identification System

Degree of Hazard Code:

4 = Severe

3 = Serious

2 = Moderate  
 1 = Slight  
 0 = Minimal

**NFPA**

Health	3
Flammability	1
Reactivity	2
Special	OX

SPECIAL = OX (Oxidizer)

NFPA = National Fire Protection Association

Degree of Hazard Code:

4 = Extreme  
 3 = High  
 2 = Moderate  
 1 = Slight  
 0 = Insignificant

**REVISION SUMMARY:**

This MSDS replaces Revision #17, dated April 30, 2006.

Changes in information are as follows:

Section 3 (Composition / Information on Ingredients)

Section 15 (Regulatory Information)

Section 16 (Other Information)

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