# Lead Acetate Trihydrate



#### SYNONYMS

C4-H6-O4-Pb.3H2O, (CH3COO)2Pb.3H2O, "lead acetate (II), trihydrate", "acetic acid, lead (+2) salt trihydrate", "sugar of Lead", "lead acetate trihydrate", "lead diacetate trihydrate", "plumbous acetate"

# Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

		Min	Max
Flammability:	1		
Toxicity:	2		
Body Contact:	2		Min/Nil=0 Low=1
Reactivity:	1		Moderate=2
Chronic:	3		High=3 Extreme=4

## **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS**



## RISK

Danger of cumulative effects. May cause CANCER. May cause harm to the unborn child. Possible risk of impaired fertility. Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed. Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

## POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### SWALLOWED

• Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

#### EYE

• Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result.

#### SKIN

• The material is not thought to be a skin irritant (as classified using animal models). Abrasive damage however, may result from prolonged exposures.

Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

• Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

#### INHALED

■ Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normalhandling, may be harmful.

■ The material is not thought to produce respiratory irritation (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless inhalation of dusts, or fume, especially for prolonged periods, may produce respiratory discomfort and occasionally, distress.

■ Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

#### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

■ Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

This material can cause serious damage if one is exposed to it for long periods. It can be assumed that it contains a substance which can produce severe defects.

Ample evidence exists that developmental disorders are directlycaused by human exposure to the material.

Ample evidence from experiments exists that there is a suspicionthis material directly reduces fertility.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.

Lead, in large amounts, can affect the blood, nervous system, heart, glands, immune system and digestive system. Anemia may occur.

Lead can cross the placenta, and cause miscarriage, stillbirths and birth defects. Exposure before birth can cause mental retardation, behavioral disorders and infant death.

Lead can accumulate in the skeleton for a very long time.

# Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
lead acetate	6080-56-4	>99

# **Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

# SWALLOWED

· IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY. · Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:

#### EYE

• If this product comes in contact with the eyes: • Wash out immediately with fresh running water. • Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.

#### SKIN

■ If skin contact occurs: · Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear · Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

#### INHALED

· If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. · Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.

#### NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

· Gastric acids solubilize lead and its salts and lead absorption occurs in the small bowel.

· Particles of less than 1um diameter are substantially absorbed by the alveoli following inhalation.

# **Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not Available
Specific Gravity (water=1):	2.55
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available

#### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

· Water spray or fog.

· Foam.

#### FIRE FIGHTING

· Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

 $\cdot$  Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.

When any large container (including road and rail tankers) is involved in a fire,

consider evacuation by 800 metres in all directions.

# GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- $\cdot$  Combustible.
- $\cdot$  Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.
- · Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.
- · On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO).
- · May emit acrid smoke. May emit corrosive fumes.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), metal oxides, other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes.

## FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses: Chemical goggles. Gloves: Respirator: Particulate

# Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

## MINOR SPILLS

- · Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.
- · Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- $\cdot$  Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- · Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- · Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- · Place in suitable containers for disposal.
- MAJOR SPILLS
- · Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- · Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

# Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### **PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING**

· Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.

· Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

· Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.

· In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

## **RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS**

- Glass container.
- · Lined metal can, Lined metal pail/drum
- · Plastic pail.
- For low viscosity materials
- $\cdot$  Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
- $\cdot$  Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.

#### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- · Store in original containers.
- · Keep containers securely sealed.

# Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

## **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
US - Idaho - Acceptable Maximum Peak Concentrations	lead acetate (Lead and its inorganic compounds (Z37.11-1969))		0.2						
Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits	lead acetate (* Lead elemental lead, inorganic and organic compounds of lead, as Pb Elemental lead, inorganic and organic compounds of lead, as Pb except tetraethyl lead)		0.05						Skin (organic compounds)

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# PERSONAL PROTECTION



#### RESPIRATOR

Particulate

Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE

· Safety glasses with side shields

· Chemical goggles.

#### HANDS/FEET

Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- · frequency and duration of contact,
- $\cdot$  chemical resistance of glove material,
- · glove thickness and

· dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

• When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

· When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

· Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

#### OTHER

• Employees working with confirmed human carcinogens should be provided with, and be required to wear, clean, full body protective clothing (smocks, coveralls, or long-sleeved shirt and pants), shoe covers and gloves prior to entering the regulated area.

• Employees engaged in handling operations involving carcinogens should be provided with, and required to wear and use half-face filter-type respirators with filters for dusts, mists and fumes, or air purifying canisters or cartridges. A respirator affording higher levels of protection may be substituted.

• Emergency deluge showers and eyewash fountains, supplied with potable water, should be located near, within sight of, and on the same level with locations where direct exposure is likely.

Prior to each exit from an area containing confirmed human carcinogens, employees should be required to remove and leave protective clothing and equipment at the point of exit and at the last exit of the day, to place used clothing and equipment in impervious containers at the point of exit for purposes of decontamination or disposal. The contents of such impervious containers must be identified with suitable labels.

For maintenance and decontamination activities, authorized employees entering the area should be provided with and required to wear clean, impervious garments, including gloves, boots and continuous-air supplied hood.

• Prior to removing protective garments the employee should undergo decontamination and be required to shower upon removal of the garments and hood.

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

· Employees exposed to confirmed human carcinogens should be authorized to do so by the employer, and work in a regulated area.

• Work should be undertaken in an isolated system such as a "glove-box". Employees should wash their hands and arms upon completion of the assigned task and before engaging in other activities not associated with the isolated system.

· Within regulated areas, the carcinogen should be stored in sealed containers, or enclosed in a closed system, including piping systems, with any sample ports or openings closed while the carcinogens are contained within.

· Open-vessel systems are prohibited.

• Each operation should be provided with continuous local exhaust ventilation so that air movement is always from ordinary work areas to the operation.

• Exhaust air should not be discharged to regulated areas, non-regulated areas or the external environment unless decontaminated. Clean make-up air should be introduced in sufficient volume to maintain correct operation of the local exhaust system.

For maintenance and decontamination activities, authorized employees entering the area should be provided with and required to wear clean, impervious garments, including gloves, boots and continuous-air supplied hood. Prior to removing protective garments the employee should undergo decontamination and be required to shower upon removal of the garments and hood.

• Except for outdoor systems, regulated areas should be maintained under negative pressure (with respect to non-regulated areas).

· Local exhaust ventilation requires make-up air be supplied in equal volumes to replaced air.

 $\cdot$  Laboratory hoods must be designed and maintained so as to draw air inward at an average linear face velocity of 150 feet/ min. with a minimum of 125 feet/ min. Design and construction of the fume hood requires that insertion of any portion of the employees body, other than hands and arms, be disallowed.

# Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid. Mixes with water.			
State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	379.35
Melting Range (°F)	-H35.6O, 75	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	392 (Decomposes)	Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not Available	pH (1% solution)	Not available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	2.55
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

#### APPEARANCE

White-Grey or colourless crystals/powder. Slight acetic acid odour. Slowly effloresces. Takes up carbon dioxide from the air and becomes incompletely soluble. Soluble in water, slightly soluble in alcohol, freely soluble in glycerol. Aqueous solutions of lead acetate dissolve lead monoxide.

# Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

#### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

· Presence of incompatible materials.

· Product is considered stable.

#### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

Avoid reaction with soluble sulfates, citrates, tartrates, chlorides, carbonates, alkalies, tannin, phosphates, resorcinol, salicylic acid, phenol, chloral hydrate, sulfites, vegetable infusions, tinctures, and potassium bromate

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

# Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

LEAD ACETATE

## TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

LEAD ACETATE:

■ unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY IRRITATION

Intraperitoneal (mouse) LD50: 174 mg/kg Nil Reported

■ Tenth Annual Report on Carcinogens: Substance anticipated to be Carcinogen [National Toxicology Program: U.S. Dep. of Health & Human Services 2002].

## CARCINOGEN

LEAD COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Recognized Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
LEAD COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
Lead and lead compounds (inhalation)	US Air Toxics Hot Spots TSD for Describing Available Cancer Potency Factors	IARC Class	2B
Lead and lead compounds (oral)	US Air Toxics Hot Spots TSD for Describing Available Cancer Potency Factors	IARC Class	

# Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Avoid release to the environment.

Refer to special instructions/ safety data sheets.

#### Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
lead acetate			LOW	

# **Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions**

A. General Product Information

Toxicity characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D008 (waste code E) if this substance, in a solid waste, produces an extract containing greater than 5 mg/L of lead.

## Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- · Reduction
- · Reuse
- Recycling

· Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

· Recycle wherever possible.

· Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.

# **Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

DOT: Symbols: None Hazard class or Division: 6.1 Identification Numbers: UN1616 PG: III Label Codes: 6.1 Special provisions: IB8, IP3, T1, TP33 Packaging: Exceptions: 153 Packaging: Non- bulk: 213 Packaging: Exceptions: 153 Quantity limitations: 100 kg Passenger aircraft/rail: Quantity Limitations: Cargo 200 kg Vessel stowage: Location: A aircraft only: Vessel stowage: Other: None S.M.P.: YES Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names: Lead acetate

#### Air Transport IATA:

ICAO/IATA Class: 6.1 ICAO/IATA Subrisk: None UN/ID Number: 1616 Packing Group: III Special provisions: None Cargo Only Packing Instructions: 619 Maximum Qty/Pack: 200 kg Passenger and Cargo Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions: 619 Maximum Qty/Pack: 100 kg Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions: Y619 Maximum Qty/Pack: 10 kg Shipping Name: LEAD ACETATE **Maritime Transport IMDG:** IMDG Class: 6.1 IMDG Subrisk: P UN Number: 1616 Packing Group: III

EMS Number: F-A, S-A Special provisions: None Limited Quantities: 5 kg Marine Pollutant: Yes Shipping Name: LEAD ACETATE

# Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

## lead acetate (CAS: 6080-56-4) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)","US - California Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for Carcinogens","US CWA (Clean Water Act) - Reportable Quantities of Designated Hazardous Substances","US Department of Transportation (DOT) List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities - Hazardous Substances Other Than Radionuclides","US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)"

# **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

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