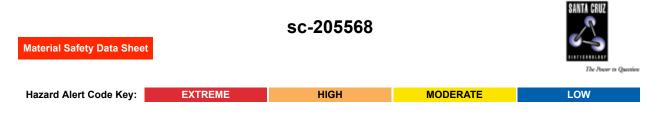
13-cis-Retinoic acid



Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME

13-cis-Retinoic acid

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

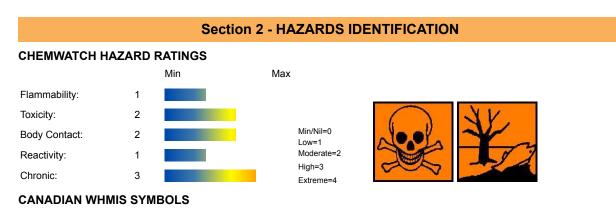


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SYNONYMS

C20-H28-O2, "retinoic acid, 13-cis-", "13-cis-retanoic acid", "13-cis-Vitamin A Acid", Accutane, Isotrex, "Neovitamin A acid", 13-RA, 13-cis-RA, RO-4-3780, Roaccutane, Teriosal, "dermatological agent"





EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Harmful if swallowed. May cause harm to the unborn child. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. 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.

Retinoid poisoning, as characterised by Vitamin A intoxication, may occur at high doses and is characterised by sedation, headache, irritability, papilloedema (oedema of the optic disk), and a generalised peeling of the skin. Although vitamin A is useful in preventing and treating chemical sensitivity, many chemically sensitive individuals, especially those who exhibit formaldehyde sensitivity, cannot tolerate it following oral administration.

Retinoids are frequently produced, in the organism, as a result of carotenoid metabolism.

Retinoids such as etretinate and isotretinoin, taken in therapeutic doses, may produce dryness of the mucous membranes, sometimes with erosion, involving the lips (cheilitis), mouth, conjunctiva (sometimes causing conjunctivitis), and nasal mucosa and epistaxis (rarely causing epistaxis). Other symptoms may include flare-up of acne, peeling of the palms, soles and fingertips, rhinorrhoea, nosebleed, gingival bleeding, nail fragility, easy sunburning, fever and mild headache. Ocular defects may include problems with night vision, and alterations in colour perception. Musculoskeletal effects include aching joints and backache. Neurological symptoms include fatigue, minor depression, and insomnia. Decreased libido and menstrual irregularities have been reported in etretinate therapies. Liver and kidney dysfunction has been suggested after abnormal laboratory tests and following the appearance of calcified tendons and ligaments in the ankles, pelvis, and knees; hepatitis has been reported in a significant number of patients (1.5%). Dryness of the skin may result in scaling, thinning, pruritus, exfoliation, and erythema. Thinning of the hair or alopecia may occur by the fourth week of etretinate treatment. Skeletal hyperostosis, benign intracranial hypertension, musculoskeletal pain, gastrointestinal effects and paronychia have also occurred. Serum levels of hepatic enzymes and triglyceride concentrations may be elevated.

Isotretinoin therapy has produced corneal opacities and premature epiphyseal closure. Such therapy has also been associated with skin infection and an inflammatory bowel syndrome.

EYE

This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

SKIN

- This material can cause inflammation of the skin oncontact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- 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

The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.

■ 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

■ Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems. Ample evidence exists, from results in experimentation, that developmental disorders are directly caused by human exposure to the material. Results in experiments suggest that this material may cause disorders in the development of the embryo or fetus, even when no signs of poisoning show in the mother.

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

There is limited evidence that, skin contact with this product is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

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.

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Exposure to the material for prolonged periods may cause physical defects in the developing embryo (teratogenesis).

Prolonged overdose of Vitamin A is associated with fatigue, irritability, loss of weight and appetite, mild fever, increased amounts of urine, enlarged liver and spleen, hair loss, bleeding lips, thickening of skin and yellow pigmentation. Bone and joint pain may occur, and growth may be permanently arrested in children.

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Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
isotretinoin	4759-48-2	>98

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

■ for poisons (where specific treatment regime is absent):

-----BASIC TREATMENT

· Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.

· Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.

Treat symptomatically.

Vitamin A is usually well absorbed from the gastro-intestinal tract Large doses are absorbed less effectively. Emulsification by bile salts and phospholipids facilitate absorption. Conjugation by glucuronic acid occurs in liver and metabolism proceeds in both liver and kidney leaving 30-50% of the dose for liver storage. It is bound to a globulin (retinol-binding protein) in the blood; metabolites are excreted in the urine and faeces.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

· Foam.

· Dry chemical powder.

FIRE FIGHTING

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

Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.

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

consider evacuation by 100 metres in all directions.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

 \cdot Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty.

• Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.

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

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

Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

· Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.

· Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.

- · 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
- Environmental hazard contain spillage.
- Moderate hazard.
- · CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- · 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.
- · Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- · Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	isotretinoin (Turpentine and selected monoterpenes)	20	111
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PERSONAL PROTECTION



RESPIRATOR

Particulate

Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE

- When handling very small quantities of the material eye protection may not be required.
- For laboratory, larger scale or bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs:
- · Chemical goggles
- · Face shield. Full face shield may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes

• Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

HANDS/FEET

• NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

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,

· 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.

· Rubber gloves (nitrile or low-protein, powder-free latex). Employees allergic to latex gloves should use nitrile gloves in preference.

 \cdot Double gloving should be considered.

· PVC gloves.

· Protective shoe covers.

· Head covering.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

· polychloroprene

· nitrile rubber

· butyl rubber

· fluorocaoutchouc

· polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

OTHER

· For guantities up to 500 grams a laboratory coat may be suitable.

· For quantities up to 1 kilogram a disposable laboratory coat or coverall of low permeability is recommended. Coveralls should be buttoned at collar and cuffs.

· For quantities over 1 kilogram and manufacturing operations, wear disposable coverall of low permeability and disposable shoe covers.

For manufacturing operations, air-supplied full body suits may be required for the provision of advanced respiratory protection.

· Eye wash unit.

· Ensure there is ready access to an emergency shower.

· For Emergencies: Vinyl suit.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Enclosed local exhaust ventilation is required at points of dust, fume or vapor generation.

HEPA terminated local exhaust ventilation should be considered at point of generation of dust, fumes or vapors.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid. Does not mix with water.			
State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	300.48
Melting Range (°F)	345.2	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Immiscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable
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)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

APPEARANCE

White powder; does not mix with water.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

· Presence of incompatible materials.

· Product is considered stable.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

The very feature which confers the important properties on carotenoids (antioxidants) also makes

them unstable. The structures break down with attack by free radicals, such as singlet molecular oxygen and other reactive species. The common degradation pathways are isomerisation, oxidation and fragmentation of the, carotenoid molecules. Heat, light and acids promote isomerisation of the trans-form of carotenoids to the cis-form. Light, enzymes, pro-oxidant metals and co-oxidation with unsaturated lipids, on

the other hand, induce oxidation. Pyrolysis occurs under intense heat with expulsion of low molecular weight molecules.

The fact that carotenoid pigments are made up of a system of conjugated double bonds makes them vulnerable to heat. When intense heat is applied, the tine(?) structures are cleaved and molecular reactions occur, involving the double bonds. Two types of thermal degradation products are formed: a volatile fraction of low molecular weight molecules which is vapourised, and a non-volatile fraction from the larger fragments of the carotene molecules after cleaving off the volatile fraction. the volatile fraction may include 2,6-dimethylnapthalene, toluene, m-xylene.

During carotene oxidation a catalytic agent is formed which causes accelerated deterioration. A strong smell of ionine develops upon the auto-oxidation (the end-rings of the carotene molecule split off).

Segregate from alcohol, water.

Avoid strong acids.

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

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

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

IRRITATION

Nil Reported

ISOTRETINOIN

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

ISOTRETINOIN:

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

TOXICITY Intraperitoneal (rat) LD50: 901 mg/kg

Oral (mouse) LD50: 3389 mg/kg

Intraperitoneal (mouse) LD50: 138 mg/kg

Oral (rabbit) LD50: 1960 mg/kg

• Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

Exposure to the material for prolonged periods may cause physical defects in the developing embryo (teratogenesis).

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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
isotretinoin	HIGH		LOW	LOW

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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: G Hazard class or Division: 9 Identification Numbers: UN3077 PG: III Label Codes: 9 Special provisions: 8, 146, 335, B54, IB8, IP3, N20, T1, TP33 Packaging: Exceptions: 155 Packaging: Non- bulk: 213 Packaging: Exceptions: 155 Quantity limitations: No limit Passenger aircraft/rail: Quantity Limitations: Cargo No limit Vessel stowage: Location: A aircraft only: Vessel stowage: Other: None Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s Air Transport IATA: ICAO/IATA Class: 9 ICAO/IATA Subrisk: None UN/ID Number: 3077 Packing Group: III Special provisions: A97 Cargo Only Packing Instructions: 911 Maximum Qty/Pack: 400 kg Passenger and Cargo Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions: 911 Maximum Qty/Pack: 400 kg Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions: Y911 Maximum Qty/Pack: 30 kg G Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS ISOTRETINOIN) Maritime Transport IMDG: IMDG Class: 9 IMDG Subrisk: None UN Number: 3077 Packing Group: III EMS Number: F-A, S-F Special provisions: 179 274 335 909 Limited Quantities: 5 kg Marine Pollutant: Yes

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

isotretinoin (CAS: 4759-48-2) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains isotretinoin)

"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)","US - California Air Toxics ""Hot Spots"" List (Assembly Bill 2588) Substances for which production, use or other presence must be reported","US - California Proposition 65 - Priority List for the Development of MADLs for Chemicals Causing Reproductive Toxicity","US - California Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity","US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern List","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Skin contact may produce health damage*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.
- Possible skin sensitiser*.
- * (limited evidence).

ND

Substance CAS Suggested codes isotretinoin 4759- 48- 2

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