



ACETYL CHLORIDE

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Shipping Name: Acetyl Chloride
Other Names: Acetic acid chloride
Acetic chloride
Ethanoyl chloride



- WARNING!** • **POISON! BREATHING THE VAPORS CAN KILL YOU! SKIN AND EYE CONTACT CAUSES SEVERE BURNS AND BLINDNESS!**
- Firefighting gear (including SCBA) does not provide adequate protection. If exposure occurs, remove and isolate gear immediately and thoroughly decontaminate personnel
 - **DO NOT USE WATER DIRECTLY ON MATERIAL! REACTS VIOLENTLY WITH WATER TO FORM TOXIC HYDROGEN CHLORIDE AND ACETIC ACID!**

Hazards:

- Highly flammable
- Vapors are heavier than air and will collect and stay in low areas
- Container may BLEVE when exposed to fire
- Vapors may travel long distances to ignition sources and flashback
- Vapors in confined areas (e.g., tanks, sewers, buildings) may explode when exposed to fire
- Combustion products include toxic hydrogen chloride
- Corrosive to most metals particularly in the presence of moisture producing flammable hydrogen gas

Awareness and Operational Level Training Response:

- **Do not put yourself in danger by entering a contaminated area to rescue a victim**
- Stay upwind and uphill
- Determine the extent of the problem
- Isolate the area of release or fire and deny entry
- Remove all ignition sources
- For container exposed to fire evacuate the area in all directions because of the risk of BLEVE
- Evacuate the immediate area and downwind for a large release
- Notify local health and fire officials and pollution control agencies
- If material or contaminated runoff enters waterway, notify downstream users of potentially contaminated water

Description:

- Colorless to pale yellow fuming liquid
- Pungent, irritating odor
- Sinks in water and reacts violently with water
- Highly flammable
- Vapors are heavier than air and will collect and stay in low areas
- Produces large amounts of vapor

Operational Level Training Response:

RELEASE, NO FIRE:

- Stop the release if it can be done safely from a distance
- Prevent material and runoff from entering sewers and waterways if it can be done safely well ahead of the release
- Use large amounts of water well away from the material to disperse vapors - contain runoff
- Ventilate confined area if it can be done without placing personnel at risk

FIRE:

- Do not allow water to come in contact with material; if material is on fire, use dry chemical to extinguish; if water must be used, use in flooding quantities
- If material is not leaking, cool exposed containers with large quantities of water from unattended equipment or remove intact containers if it can be done safely
- If cooling streams are ineffective (venting sound increases in volume and pitch, tank discolors or shows any signs of deforming), withdraw immediately to a secure location

First Aid:

- **Do not put yourself in danger by entering a contaminated area to rescue a victim**
- Provide Basic Life Support/CPR as needed
- Decontaminate the victim as follows:
 - ◆ Inhalation - remove the victim to fresh air and give oxygen if available
 - ◆ Skin - remove and isolate contaminated clothing (including shoes) and wash skin with soap and large volumes of water for 15 minutes
 - ◆ Eye - rinse eyes with large volumes of water or saline for 15 minutes
 - ◆ Swallowed - do not make the victim vomit
- Seek medical attention
- For skin burns rinse with water and apply a clean dry dressing

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