

# Safety Data Sheet

## Stearic Acid



### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Stearic Acid

**Recommended Use:** Science education applications

**Synonyms:** Octadecanoic Acid; Cetylacetic Acid

**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150

**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)

**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

**GHS Classification:**

**Other Safety Precautions:** Not a dangerous substance according to GHS classification criteria.  
No known OSHA hazards.

**Acute Toxicity Oral Contains** 100 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>%</u>
Stearic Acid	57-11-4	100

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures**

**Inhalation:** In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.

**Eyes:** In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use dry chemical, CO2 or appropriate foam.

**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.

**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** Avoid Dusting. May become explosive when dispersed in air.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide

### Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

**Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:** Exposure to the spilled material may be irritating or harmful. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Additional precautions may be necessary based on special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred. Also consider the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Poses little or no immediate hazard Ventilate the contaminated area. Persons not wearing appropriate protective equipment should be excluded from area of spill until clean-up has been completed. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up.

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Prevent the spread of any spill to minimize harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum. Dike with suitable absorbent material like granulated clay. Gather and store in a sealed container pending a waste disposal evaluation. Contain the discharged material.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.  
**Storage:** Do not breathe dust/vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Retained residue may make empty containers hazardous; use caution.  
**Storage Code:** Green - general chemical storage

## Section 8 Protection Information

Chemical Name	ACGIH		OSHA PEL	
	(TWA)	(STEL)	(TWA)	(STEL)
No data available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Control Parameters

**Engineering Measures:** No exposure limits exist for the constituents of this product. General room ventilation might be required to maintain operator comfort under normal conditions of use.  
**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.  
**Respiratory Protection:** No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator if levels above the exposure limits are possible.  
**Eye Protection:** Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.  
**Skin Protection:** Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work. Where use can result in skin contact, practice good personal hygiene. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly.

**Gloves:** Nitrile

## Section 9 Physical Data

<b>Formula:</b> C18H36O2	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b> 1 mmHg at 173.7 °C
<b>Molecular Weight:</b> 284.49	<b>Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):</b> N/A
<b>Appearance:</b> Solid	<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b> 9.8
<b>Odor:</b> No data available	<b>Specific Gravity:</b> 0.87
<b>Odor Threshold:</b> No data available	<b>Solubility in Water:</b> Practically Insoluble
<b>pH:</b> No data available	<b>Log Pow (calculated):</b> No data available
<b>Melting Point:</b> No data available	<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b> No data available 395 C
<b>Boiling Point:</b> 361 C	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Flash Point:</b> No data available 113 C	<b>Viscosity:</b> No data available
<b>Flammable Limits in Air:</b> N/A	<b>Percent Volatile by Volume:</b> 0% (21°C)

## Section 10 Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available  
**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** None known.  
**Incompatible Materials:** Caustics (bases), Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11 Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation, ingestion, eye or skin contact.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** Respiratory disorders  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

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## Acute Toxicity:

<b>Chemical Name</b> Stearic Acid	<b>CAS Number</b> 57-11-4	<b>Oral LD50</b> Oral LD50 Rat > 2000 mg/kg	<b>Dermal LD50</b> Dermal LD50 Rabbit > 5000 mg/kg	<b>Inhalation LC50</b> Not determined
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## Carcinogenicity:

<b>Chemical Name</b> No data available	<b>CAS Number</b> 57-11-4	<b>IARC</b> Not listed	<b>NTP</b> Not listed	<b>OSHA</b> Not listed
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## Chronic Effects:

<b>Mutagenicity:</b>	No evidence of a mutagenic effect.
<b>Teratogenicity:</b>	No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).
<b>Sensitization:</b>	No evidence of a sensitization effect.
<b>Reproductive:</b>	No evidence of negative reproductive effects.
<b>Target Organ Effects:</b>	
<b>Acute:</b>	See Section 2
<b>Chronic:</b>	N/A

## Section 12

### Ecological Data

<b>Overview:</b>	This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology.
<b>Mobility:</b>	No data
<b>Persistence:</b>	No data
<b>Bioaccumulation:</b>	No data
<b>Degradability:</b>	No data
<b>Other Adverse Effects:</b>	No data

<b>Chemical Name</b> N/A	<b>CAS Number</b> 57-11-4	<b>Eco Toxicity</b>
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## Section 13

### Disposal Information

<b>Disposal Methods:</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.
<b>Waste Disposal Code(s):</b>	Not Determined

## Section 14

### Transport Information

<b>Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:</b> N/A	<b>Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:</b> Not regulated for air transport by IATA.
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## Section 15

### Regulatory Information

<b>TSCA Status:</b>	All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.					
<b>Chemical Name</b>	<b>CAS Number</b>	<b>§ 313 Name</b>	<b>§ 304 RQ</b>	<b>CERCLA RQ</b>	<b>§ 302 TPQ</b>	<b>CAA 112(2) TQ</b>
No data available	57-11-4	No	No	No	No	No

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### Additional Information

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## Glossary

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ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health