

1. Identification

Product identifier	Acitretin	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1011007	
Chemical name	2,4,6,8-Nonatetraenoic acid, 9-(4-methoxy-2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-3,7-dimethyl-, (all-E)-2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid	
Synonym(s)	Etretin	
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 US	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Reproductive toxicity	Category 1
OSHA hazard(s)	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger	
Hazard statement	May damage fertility or the unborn child.	
Precautionary statement		
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.	
Response	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.	
Storage	Store locked up.	
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.	
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	Not classified.	
Supplemental information		
Hazard statement	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.	
Precautionary statement		
Prevention	Avoid release to the environment.	
Response	Collect spillage.	
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.	

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Hazardous components

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Acitretin	Etretin	55079-83-9	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Reproductive system effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treatment for acitretin overdose should be symptomatic and supportive and may include evacuating the stomach within 24 hours of ingestion and monitoring for increased intracranial pressure. (USP DI 2004)
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials. Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO ₂ .
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire-fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Use of a designated area is recommended for handling of potent materials.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Exposure guidelines	No exposure standards allocated.
Appropriate engineering controls	Airborne exposure should be controlled primarily by engineering controls such as general dilution ventilation, local exhaust ventilation, or process enclosure. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred to general exhaust because it can control the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion into the work area. An industrial hygiene survey involving air monitoring may be used to determine the effectiveness of engineering controls. Effectiveness of engineering controls intended for use with highly potent materials should be assessed by use of nontoxic surrogate materials. Avoid any open handling of this material, particularly for grinding, crushing, weighing, or other dust-generating or aerosol-generating procedures. Use a laboratory fume hood, vented enclosure, glovebox, or other effective containment.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	Safety glasses with sideshields are recommended. Face shields or goggles may be required if splash potential exists or if corrosive materials are present. Approved eye protection (e.g., bearing the ANSI Z87 or CSA stamp) is preferred. Maintain eyewash facilities in the work area.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Chemically compatible gloves. For handling solutions, ensure that the glove material is protective against the solvent being used. Use handling practices that minimize direct hand contact. Employees who are sensitive to natural rubber (latex) should use nitrile or other synthetic nonlatex gloves. Use of powdered latex gloves should be avoided due to the risk of latex allergy. To reduce the risk of contamination of skin and surfaces, wear two pairs of gloves. Remove the outer gloves after handling and cleanup of the material, and remove the inner gloves only after removing other personal protective equipment.
Other	For handling of laboratory scale quantities, a disposable lab coat or isolation gown over street clothes is recommended. Where significant quantities are handled, work clothing and booties may be necessary to prevent take-home contamination.
Respiratory protection	Where respirators are deemed necessary to reduce or control occupational exposures, use NIOSH-approved respiratory protection and have an effective respirator program in place (applicable U.S. regulation OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134).
Thermal hazards	Not available.
General hygiene considerations	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Greenish-yellow to yellow crystalline powder
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
Odor	Almost odorless
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	442.4 - 446 °F (228 - 230 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility in water	Practically insoluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	6.4
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Retinoid.
Molecular formula	C ₂₁ H ₂₆ O ₃
Molecular weight	326.43 g/mol
Solubility (other)	Slightly soluble in alcohol and in acetone.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	No reactivity hazards known.
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Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	None known.
Incompatible materials	Oxidizing agents and bases.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Inhalation	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Skin contact	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Eye contact	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics Chapped lips. Dry mucous membranes. Mouth irritation. Unusual thirst. Scaly fingertips, palms, and soles. Dry, itchy, or fragile skin. Increased tendency to sunburn. Increased sensitivity to pain or touch. Weak nails. Runny nose. Nosebleeds. Hair loss. Bone or joint pain. Painful or tight muscles. Headaches. Nausea. Vomiting. Night blindness. Depression or other mental disorders.

Cross sensitivity Persons sensitive to isotretinoin, tretinoin, vitamin A derivatives, or parabens may be sensitive to this material also.

Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Acitretin (CAS 55079-83-9)		
Acute		
<i>Other</i>		
LD50	Mouse	> 4000 mg/kg, 1 Days > 700 mg/kg, 10 Days > 700 mg/kg, 20 Days

Skin corrosion/irritation Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Respiratory sensitization Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Skin sensitization Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Germ cell mutagenicity Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Carcinogenicity Due to lack of data the classification is not possible. This material is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, NTP, or OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity May damage fertility or the unborn child. Alcohol induces the conversion of acitretin to etretinate which may persist in the body for two years or more and has been shown to increase the risk of major birth defects and fetal death in humans. Women using acitretin therapeutically are advised to avoid becoming pregnant for three years following discontinuation of therapy. Acitretin has caused embryotoxicity and teratogenicity in animals at doses similar to therapeutic doses in humans. Acetretin may reduce the contraceptive effect of progestin-only oral contraceptives.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Aspiration hazard Not classified.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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Acitretin (CAS 55079-83-9)		
<i>Acute</i>		
	EC50 Scenedesmus subspicatus	> 1.2 mg/l, 72 Hours
Crustacea	EC50 Daphnia magna	0.078 mg/l, 48 Hours
Aquatic		
<i>Acute</i>		
Fish	LC50 Rainbow Trout	> 100 mg/l, 96 Hours

Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
Bioaccumulative potential	Not available.
Mobility in soil	Not available.
Other adverse effects	Not available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
Local disposal regulations	Not available.
Hazardous waste code	Not available.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN3077
UN proper shipping name	Environmentally Hazardous Substance, solid, n.o.s. (Acitretin)
Transport hazard class(es)	9
Subsidiary class(es)	Not available.
Packing group	III

IATA

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Subsidiary class(es)	-
Packaging group	III

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code No information available.

DOT; IATA



15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations CERCLA/SARA Hazardous Substances - Not applicable.

One or more components are not listed on TSCA.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories Immediate Hazard - No
Delayed Hazard - Yes
Fire Hazard - No
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance No

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical No

Other federal regulations

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Not regulated.

US state regulations

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**Issue date** 12-10-2004**Revision date** 01-16-2015**Version #** 02**Further information** Not available.

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