

# 4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid

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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Product form : Substance  
 Substance name : 4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid  
 CAS No : 338-03-4  
 Product code : 2129-3-05  
 Formula : C5H7F3O3  
 Synonyms : 3-Trifluoromethyl-3-hydroxybutyric acid  
 Other means of identification : MFCD00039531

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : Laboratory chemicals  
 Manufacture of substances  
 Scientific research and development

#### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

SynQuest Laboratories, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 309  
 Alachua, FL 32615 - United States of America  
 T (386) 462-0788 - F (386) 462-7097  
[info@synquestlabs.com](mailto:info@synquestlabs.com) - [www.synquestlabs.com](http://www.synquestlabs.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : (844) 523-4086 (3E Company - Account 10069)

### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### Classification (GHS-US)

Skin Corr. 1B H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
 Eye Dam. 1 H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
 STOT SE 3 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



Signal word (GHS-US) :

Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-US) :

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statements (GHS-US) :

P260 - Do not breathe dust, fumes, mist, spray, vapors  
 P264 - Wash skin thoroughly after handling  
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 P301+P330+P331 - If swallowed: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
 P303+P361+P353 - If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
 P304+P340 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
 P305+P351+P338 - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician  
 P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label)  
 P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 P405 - Store locked up  
 P501 - Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

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### 2.3. Other hazards

No additional information available

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

Substance type : Mono-constituent

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-US)
4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-3-methylbutyric acid (Main constituent)	(CAS No) 338-03-4	<= 100	Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT SE 3, H335

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### 3.2. Mixture

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- First-aid measures general : In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). Move the affected personnel away from the contaminated area.
- First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash with plenty of soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth out with water. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- Symptoms/injuries : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.
- Symptoms/injuries after inhalation : Material is destructive to tissue of the mucuous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Cough, shortness of breath, headache, nausea.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Alcohol resistant foam. Carbon dioxide. Dry powder. Water spray. Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fire hazard : Thermal decomposition generates: Carbon oxides. Hydrogen fluoride.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting instructions : In case of fire: Evacuate area.
- Protection during firefighting : Wear gas tight chemically protective clothing in combination with self contained breathing apparatus. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures : Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Ensure adequate air ventilation. Do not breathe dust. Do not breathe gas, fumes, vapor or spray.

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures : Only qualified personnel equipped with suitable protective equipment may intervene.

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

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### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- For containment : Stop leak if safe to do so. Dike for recovery or absorb with appropriate material.
- Methods for cleaning up : Minimize generation of dust. Take up large spills with pump or vacuum and finish with dry chemical absorbent. Use explosion-proof equipment. Take up small spills with dry chemical absorbent. Sweep or shovel spills into appropriate container for disposal. Ventilate area.
- Other information : For disposal of solid materials or residues refer to section 13 : "Disposal considerations".

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

No additional information available

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

- Precautions for safe handling : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Do not breathe dust, fumes, mist, spray, vapors. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Hygiene measures : Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

- Technical measures : Comply with applicable regulations.
- Storage conditions : Keep container closed when not in use. Hygroscopic. Keep contents under inert gas.
- Incompatible materials : Refer to Section 10 on Incompatible Materials.
- Storage area : Store in dry, cool, well-ventilated area.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Exposure controls

- Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure.
- Hand protection : Protective gloves. 29 CFR 1910.138: Hand Protection.
- Eye protection : Chemical goggles or safety glasses. Face shield. 29 CFR 1910.133: Eye and Face Protection.
- Skin and body protection : Wear suitable protective clothing.
- Respiratory protection : In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. 29 CFR 1910.134: Respiratory Protection.
- Other information : Safety shoes. 29 CFR 1910.136: Foot Protection.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- Physical state : Solid
- Appearance : Low melting solid.
- Color : No data available
- Odor : No data available
- Odor threshold : No data available
- pH : No data available
- Melting point : 39 - 41 °C
- Freezing point : No data available
- Boiling point : 87 - 90 °C (@ 760 mm Hg)
- Flash point : No data available
- Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1) : No data available
- Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available
- Explosion limits : No data available
- Explosive properties : No data available
- Oxidizing properties : No data available

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Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Molecular mass	: 172.1025 g/mol
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

Refractive index	: 1.388 (@ 20 °C)
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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

No additional information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

The product is stable at normal handling and storage conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No additional information available

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire, see Section 5.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	: Not classified
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: May cause respiratory irritation.
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: Material is destructive to tissue of the mucuous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Cough, shortness of breath, headache, nausea.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

No additional information available

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

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### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

- Waste treatment methods : Remove to an authorized incinerator equipped with an afterburner and a flue gas scrubber.
- Waste disposal recommendations : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
- Additional information : Recycle the material as far as possible.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN3261 Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s., 8, III

UN-No.(DOT) : UN3261

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.

Transport hazard class(es) (DOT) : 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136

Hazard labels (DOT) : 8 - Corrosive



Packing group (DOT) : III - Minor Danger

DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 213

DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 240

DOT Symbols : G - Identifies PSN requiring a technical name

DOT Special Provisions (49 CFR 172.102) : IB8 - Authorized IBCs: Metal (11A, 11B, 11N, 21A, 21B, 21N, 31A, 31B and 31N); Rigid plastics (11H1, 11H2, 21H1, 21H2, 31H1 and 31H2); Composite (11HZ1, 11HZ2, 21HZ1, 21HZ2, 31HZ1 and 31HZ2); Fiberboard (11G); Wooden (11C, 11D and 11F); Flexible (13H1, 13H2, 13H3, 13H4, 13H5, 13L1, 13L2, 13L3, 13L4, 13M1 or 13M2).  
IP3 - Flexible IBCs must be sift-proof and water-resistant or must be fitted with a sift-proof and water-resistant liner.

T1 - 1.5 178.274(d)(2) Normal..... 178.275(d)(2)

TP33 - The portable tank instruction assigned for this substance applies for granular and powdered solids and for solids which are filled and discharged at temperatures above their melting point which are cooled and transported as a solid mass. Solid substances transported or offered for transport above their melting point are authorized for transportation in portable tanks conforming to the provisions of portable tank instruction T4 for solid substances of packing group III or T7 for solid substances of packing group II, unless a tank with more stringent requirements for minimum shell thickness, maximum allowable working pressure, pressure-relief devices or bottom outlets are assigned in which case the more stringent tank instruction and special provisions shall apply. Filling limits must be in accordance with portable tank special provision TP3. Solids meeting the definition of an elevated temperature material must be transported in accordance with the applicable requirements of this subchapter.

DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 154

DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27) : 25 kg

DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75) : 100 kg

DOT Vessel Stowage Location : A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.

Other information : No supplementary information available.

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### TDG

No additional information available

### Transport by sea

UN-No. (IMDG) : 3261  
Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.  
Class (IMDG) : 8 - Corrosive substances  
Packing group (IMDG) : III - substances presenting low danger

### Air transport

UN-No. (IATA) : 3261  
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.  
Class (IATA) : 8 - Corrosives  
Packing group (IATA) : III - Minor Danger

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

All components of this product are listed, or excluded from listing, on the United States Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory except for:

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This product or mixture does not contain a toxic chemical or chemicals in excess of the applicable de minimis concentration as specified in 40 CFR §372.38(a) subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

No additional information available

#### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

#### National regulations

No additional information available

### 15.3. US State regulations

California Proposition 65 - This product does not contain any substances known to the state of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive harm

## SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-phrases:

Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1
Skin Corr. 1B	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1B
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318	Causes serious eye damage
H335	May cause respiratory irritation

NFPA health hazard

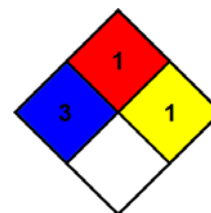
: 3 - Short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury even though prompt medical attention was given.

NFPA fire hazard

: 1 - Must be preheated before ignition can occur.

NFPA reactivity

: 1 - Normally stable, but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures or may react with water with some release of energy, but not violently.



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### HMIS III Rating

- Health : 2 Moderate Hazard - Temporary or minor injury may occur
- Flammability : 1 Slight Hazard - Materials that must be preheated before ignition will occur. Includes liquids, solids and semi solids having a flash point above 200 F. (Class IIIB)
- Physical : 1 Slight Hazard - Materials that are normally stable but can become unstable (self-react) at high temperatures and pressures. Materials may react non-violently with water or undergo hazardous polymerization in the absence of inhibitors.

SDS US (GHS HazCom 2012)

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