



>>Entry Name: Acetic acid, 9CI, USAN

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Synonym(s): Ethanoic acid. Methanecarboxylic acid. FEMA 2006

CAS Registry Number: 64-19-7

Related CAS Registry Numbers(s): 71-50-1 758-12-3 1186-52-3

WC4800 WE3500 WE9900

H₃CCOOH

Molecular Formula: C₂H₄O₂

Molecular Weight: 60.052

Accurate Mass: 60.02113

Percentage Composition: C 40.00%; H 6.71%; O 53.28%

as Ac derivs. of the relevant alcohols. Salts are included in the *Dictionary of Inorganic Compounds*

Source/Synthesis: Metabolic intermed., bacterial oxidn. prod. of Ethanol [BGT97-X](#), known since ancient times as dil. soln. (vinegar). Major constituent of human and present in other primate vaginal secretions. Manuf. industrially by oxidn. of naphtha, Acetaldehyde [DFR74-T](#) or Butane [BGV93-D](#) or (since 1970) by the Monsanto process involving methanol carbonylation over an Rh or Ir catalyst, which now (1996) accounts for =60% of world production

Use/Importance: Industrial and lab. solv., used for preserving foods. Major petrochemical used in manuf. of cellulose acetate, vinyl acetate and other acetate esters and also 1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid [DSP80-V](#). Solv. in prodn. of 1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid [DSP80-V](#). Used as component of buffers; as masking agent for Al, La, Cr(III), Pb, Th; lead(IV) acetate used for photometric detn. of H₂O ($\lambda_{\max}$ 400 nm) in pure solvs. 34th in order of volume for USA in 1994 (production 1.91 million tons/year). Pharmaceutical aid

Physical Description: Liq. or cryst. with pungent vinegar odour

Melting Point: Mp 16.7°

Boiling Point: Bp₃₁ 30°. Bp 118°

Solubility: Misc. H₂O, EtOH, Et₂O; sol. most org. solvs.; insol. CS₂

Density: d₄²⁰ 1.049

pK_a Value: pK_a 4.76 (20°, H₂O) pK_a 4.78 (25°)

Refractive Index: n_D²⁰ 1.3718 n_D²⁵ 1.3696

Other Data: Vp 15.5 mmHg (25°). Molecular Fp depression 39, molecular Bp elevation 29.9. Dissolves elemental S

Hazard & Toxicity: Flammable, fl. p. 39°, autoignition temp. 463°. Reacts violently with some oxidants. Corrosive and irritating to all tissues. Exp. reprod. effects. OES: long-term 10 ppm; short-term 15 ppm

Aldrich: 31859-0

Fluka: 45730

Sigma: J6294

Supelco: 4-6928

>>Derivative: Me ester