Acrylic Acid, Glacial
2-Propenoic Acid, Acroleic Acid,
Vinyl Formic Acid
CH₂=CHCOH

General Description
Glacial acrylic acid is a clear, colorless liquid with a characteristic acrid odor. It is miscible
with water, alcohols and ethers. Acrylic acid will undergo the typical reactions of a carboxylic
acid, as well as reactions of the double bond similar to those of the acrylate esters. It lends
itself to polymer preparation as well as use as a chemical intermediate. Acrylate esters, both
mono- and multifunctional, are generally prepared from acrylic acid.

Typical Properties
Molecular Weight 72.06
Relative Evaporation Rate nBuAc=1 0.3
Vapor Pressure at 20°C, mmHg 3
Density at 20°C lb/gal 8.75
Specific Gravity at 20/20°C 1.0519
Viscosity at 25°C, cP 1.232
Surface Tension
   (dynes/cm at 20°C) 28.5
   (dynes/cm at 25°C) -
Boiling Point, °C at 760 mm Hg 141.0
Melting Point, °C 13
Solubility at 20°C
   % wt in water Complete
   % wt water in Complete
Closed Cup Flash Point, °F 122
SARA 313 (2) -
Hazardous Air Pollutants (3) -

Classification/Registry Numbers
CAS Number 79-10-7
EINECS -
1. Typical properties; not to be construed as specifications. For details on analytical methods used in determining typical
   properties, contact your Dow representative.
2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III, Section 313.
3. Hazardous Air Pollutants listed under Title III of the Clean Air Act.

Applications
Acrylic acid is used in the production of coatings, elastomers, adhesives, thickeners, super-
absorbents, acrylic esters, and fiber sizing. Sodium acrylate (the sodium salt
of glacial acrylic acid) is copolymerized with acrylamide to make an anionic copolymer
(a-PAA), which is used as a flocculant in water treatment.
Safety and Handling Considerations

To obtain a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS or SDS) or a Safe Handling Guide for acrylic acid, please contact us at the appropriate phone number for the location listed on the last page of this Technical Data Sheet or send your request via Email using the Contact Us form on www.dowacrylates.com.

Request Acrylic Acid Safety and Handling Guide, Form Number 745-00006 or the European Acrylic Acid Safety and Handling Guide, Form Number 745-00008.

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