# SUCCINIC ACID

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

CAS NO. 110-15-6 EINECS NO. 203-740-4

FORMULA HOOCCH2CH2COOH

MOL WT. 118.09 H.S. CODE 2917.19

TOXICITY Oral rat LD50: 2260 mg/kg

SYNONYMS Butanedionic acid; Amber acid; Butanedioic acid;

Dihydrofumaric acid; asuccin; 1,2-ethanedicarboxylic acid; wormwood; wormwood acid;

katasuccin; Asuccin; Bernsteinsaure (German); Kyselina Jantarova (Czech);

RAW MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Succinic Acid (Butanedioic Acid) is a dicarboxylic acid of four carbon atoms. It occurs naturally in plant and animal tissues. It plays a significant role in intermediary metabolism (Krebs cycle) in the body. Krebs cycle (also called citric acid cycle; tricarboxylic acid cycle) is a sequence process of enzymatic reaction which a two-carbon acetyl unit is oxidized to carbon dioxide and water to provide energy in the form of high-energy phosphate bonds. Succinic acid is a colourless crystalline solid with a melting point of 185-187 C; soluble in water; slightly dissolved in ethanol, ether, acetone and glycerine; not dissolved in benzene, carbon sulfide, carbon tetrachloride and oil ether. The common method of synthesis of succinic acid is the catalytic hydrogenation of maleic acid or its anhydride. Carboxylic acid can yield acyl halides, anhydrides, esters, amides, and nitriles for the application of drug, agriculture, and food products, and other industrial uses.

## PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL STATE Odorless white crystals

MELTING POINT 187 - 189 C
BOILING POINT 235 C
SPECIFIC GRAVITY 1.552

SOLUBILITY IN WATER moderately soluble

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VAPOR DENSITY 3.04 AUTOIGNITION 630 C

NFPA RATINGS Health: 2; Flammability: 1; Reactivity: 0

REFRACTIVE INDEX 1.405 FLASH POINT 206 C

STABILITY Stable under ordinary conditions

## **APPLICATIONS**

Flavoring agent for food and beverages; Producing five heterocyclic compounds, Intermediate for dyes, perfumes, lacquers, photographic chemicals, alkyd resins, plasticizer, Metal treatment chemical, vehicle water cooling systems and coatings. Medicines of sedative, antispasmer, antiplegm, antiphogistic, anrhoter, contraception and cancer-curing.

## SALES SPECIFICATION

APPEARANCE	Colorless to white crystalline power
PURITY	99.50% min
FUMARIC & MALEIC ACID	0.1% max
MOISTURE	0.5% max

MELTING POINT	185 - 189 C
CHLORIDE (CI)	0.002% max
IRON (Fe )	0.002% max
SULFATE (SO4)	0.002% max
ARSENIC (As)	3ppm max
HEAVY METAL (As Pb )	10ppm max
TRANSPORTATION	

PACKING

25kgs in bag

HAZARD CLASS UN NO.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DICARBOXYLIC ACID

Dicarboxylic acid is a compound containing two carboxylic acid, -COOH, groups. Straight chain examples are shown in table. The general formula is  $HOOC(CH_2)_nCOOH$ , where oxalic acid's n is 0, n=1 for malonic acid, n=2 for succinic acid, n=3 for glutaric acid, and etc. In substitutive nomenclature, their names are formed by adding -dioic' as a suffix to the name of the parent compound. They can yield two kinds of salts, as they contain two carboxyl groups in its molecules. The range of carbon chain lengths is from 2, but the longer than C 24 is very rare. The term long chain refers to C 12 up to C 24 commonly. Carboxylic acids have industrial application directly or indirectly through acid halides, esters, salts, and anhydride forms, polymerization, and etc. Dicarboxylic acids can yield two kinds of salts or esters, as they contain two carboxyl groups in one molecule. It is useful in a variety of industrial applications include;

- Plasticizer for polymers
- Biodegradable solvents and lubricants
- **Engineering plastics**
- Epoxy curing agent
- Adhesive and powder coating
- Corrosion inhibitor
- Perfumery and pharmaceutical
- Electrolyte

There are almost infinite esters obtained from carboxylic acids. Esters are formed by removal of water from an acid and an alcohol. Carboxylic acid esters are used as in a variety of direct and indirect applications. Lower chain esters are used as flavouring base materials, plasticizers, solvent carriers and coupling agents. Higher chain compounds are used as components in metalworking fluids, surfactants, lubricants, detergents, oiling agents, emulsifiers, wetting agents textile treatments and emollients, They are also used as intermediates for the manufacture of a variety of target compounds. The almost infinite esters provide a wide range of viscosity, specific gravity, vapor pressure, boiling point, and other physical and chemical properties for the proper application selections.