

## Technical Bulletin

# ETHYLENEDIAMINE (EDA)

## 1,2-ethanediamine

**ETHYLENEDIAMINE (1,2-ethanediamine)** is the lowest molecular weight ethyleneamine. It contains two primary nitrogens. EDA is a single-component product that is clear and colorless, with an ammonia-like odor.



### APPLICATIONS

- Bleach activators
- Chelating agents
- Corrosion inhibitors
- Elastomeric fibers
- Fungicides
- Lube oil and fuel additives
- Mineral processing aids
- Pharmaceuticals
- Plastic lubricants
- Polyamide resins
- Rubber processing additives
- Textile additives
- Urethane chemicals

### SALES SPECIFICATIONS

<u>Property</u>	<u>Specifications</u>	<u>Test Method*</u>
Assay, EDA, wt. %	99.5 min.	ST-35.217
Color, Pt-Co	15 max.	ST-30.12
Water, wt. %	0.5 max.	ST-35.217

\*Methods of Test are available from Huntsman Corporation upon request.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Regulatory Information

DOT Classification	Ethylenediamine
HMIS Code	3-2-0
WHMIS Classification	B3, D1B, D2B, E
CAS Number	107-15-3

#### Chemical Control Laws

Canada, DSL	Listed
United States, TSCA	Listed

#### Typical Physical Properties

Amine value, mg KOH/g	1855
Boiling point, 760 mm Hg, °C (°F)	115 (239)
Coefficient of expansion, 1/°C, 20°C	0.00106
Density, g/ml, 20°C	0.9
Dielectric constant, 25°C and 1 kHz	13.5
Electrical conductivity, µmhos/cm, 24°C	5.2
Flash point, °C (°F)	43 (110)
Freezing point, °C (°F)	11 (52)

Heat of formation, kcal/mol	- 14.9
Heat of vaporization, BTU/lb	279.8
Heat of combustion, BTU/lb	13371
Ionization constants, K <sub>b</sub> 1	8.0E-5
Ionization constants, K <sub>b</sub> 2, 25°C	9.0E-8
Kinematic viscosity, cSt, 25°C	1.8
Kinematic viscosity, cSt, 40°C	1.5
Molecular weight, Linear component	60.10
Molecular weight, Typical product	60.1
Nitrogen content, %	46.6
pH	12
Refractive index, 25°C	1.454
Specific gravity, 20/20°C	0.902
Specific heat, cal/g °C, 20°C	0.611
Surface tension, dynes/cm, 20°C	42.0
Thermal conductivity, cal/cm-sec-°C, 20°C	0.000614
Vapor pressure, mmHg, 20°C	10
Viscosity, cSt, 20°C	1.7
Water solubility (%)	> 10

**TOXICITY AND SAFETY**

Because of the fragility of eye tissue, almost any eye contact with any ethyleneamine may cause irreparable damage, even blindness. A single, short exposure to ethyleneamines, may cause severe skin burns, while a single, prolonged exposure may result in the material being absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. Exposures have caused allergic skin reactions in some individuals. Single dose oral toxicity of ethyleneamines is low. The oral LD<sub>50</sub> for rats is in the range of 1000 to 4500 mg/kg for the ethyleneamines.

The principal hazards that arise in working with ethylenediamine (EDA) are those associated with similar organic amines; namely, a corrosive action on skin and eyes. Precautions should be taken to prevent contact with these parts of the body such as by use of protective clothing and chemical goggles. If contact occurs, immediately flush the exposed area with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Eye exposures should be examined by a physician. Contaminated clothing should be laundered before reuse. If ingestion occurs, do not induce vomiting. Have the individual drink a large amount of water (or milk, if it is readily available) and transport them to a medical facility immediately.

**HANDLING AND STORAGE**

In order to maintain the high degree of purity with which ethylenediamine (EDA) is manufactured and shipped, the following storage and handling considerations are recommended:

**Dry Inert Gas Blanket**

This product should be stored under a dry inert gas blanket, such as nitrogen, to minimize contamination resulting from contact with air and water.

**Materials of Construction**

If slight coloration of the ethyleneamine is acceptable, storage tanks may be made of carbon steel or black iron, provided they are free of rust and mill scale. However, if the amine is stored in such tanks, color may develop due to iron contamination. If iron contamination cannot be tolerated, tanks constructed of types 304 or 316 stainless steel should be used. (Note: Because they are quickly corroded by amines, do not use copper, copper alloys, brass, or bronze in tanks or lines.) Recommended storage construction for EDA is stainless steel.

**Storage Temperature**

Ethylenediamine (EDA) has a freezing point of 11.1°C. To avoid freezing, the product should be maintained above this temperature. Storage temperature should not exceed 37°C.

**Spills or Leaks**

Small spills should be covered with inorganic absorbents and disposed of properly. Organic absorbents have been known to ignite when contaminated with amines in closed containers. Certain cellulosic materials used for spill cleanup such as wood chips or sawdust have shown reactivity with ethyleneamines and should be avoided. Disposal should be in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Ethyleneamine leaks will frequently be identified by the odor (ammoniacal) or by the formation of a white, solid, waxy substance (amine carbamates). Inorganic absorbents or water may be used to clean up the amine waste.

**AVAILABILITY**

Ethylenediamine (EDA) is available in bulk and in 55-gallon drums of 180 Kg net weight. Samples are available by contacting our sample department at 1-800-662-0924.

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