**IUPAC Task Group on Atmospheric Chemical Kinetic Data Evaluation – Data Sheet CGI\_23**

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**CH2OO + CF3C(O)OH → products**

## Rate coefficient data

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| *k*/cm3 molecule-1 s-1 | Temp./K | Reference | Technique/Comments |
| *Absolute Rate Coefficients* |  |  |  |
| (3.4 ± 0.3)  10-10 | 294 | Chhantyal-Pun et al., 2017 | PLP-CRDS (a) |
| 3.8  10-18 *T*2 exp[(1620 ± 180)/*T*] + 2.5  10-10 | 240-340 |  |  |

##### Comments

1. CH2OO (formaldehyde oxide) was produced by the reaction of CH2I + O2. CH2I was generated by 248-nm laser photolysis of diiodomethane, CH2I2. Time-resolved direct detection of CH2OO by CRDS at 355 nm in the temperature range 240 – 340 K. The measured decay constant of CH2OO, which was linearly dependent on (excess) concentrations of trifluoroacetic acid (up to 3.6  1014 molecule cm-3), was used to determine the rate coefficient. The uncertainty limits are 95% from an unweighted linear fit to decay lifetime plots. The rate coefficients were independent of pressure over the range 13 – 130 mbar and H/D substitution had no effect on *k* at all temperatures in the range studied.

##### Preferred Values

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| **Parameter** | **Value** | **T/K** |
|  |  |  |
| *k* /cm3 molecule-1 s-1 | 3.3  10-10 | 298 |
| *k* /cm3 molecule-1 s-1 | 3.8  10-18 *T*2 exp(1620/*T*) + 2.5  10-10 | 240-340 |
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*Reliability*

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|  log *k* | ± 0.2 | 298 |
|  *E*/*R* | ± 500 | 240-340 |

1. *Comments on Preferred Values*

The reaction of CH2OO with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) at 294 K is extremely rapid, as found for reaction with carboxylic acids (see IUPAC data sheets CGI\_10 and CGI\_11). The rate coefficient decreases with increasing temperature in the range 240-340 K, and exceeds the estimates for collision-limited values. This suggests rate enhancement by capture mechanisms, attributable to the large permanent dipole moments of the two reactants.  However, the observed temperature dependence is steeper than predicted by a simple dipole capture model with computed dipole moments. A different model involving competitive stabilization of a pre-reactive complex, binding the two reactants by two H-bonds, is proposed to explain the temperature dependence. This model was used in computational studies to describe the temperature dependence of CH2OO + HCOOH reaction (Long et al., 2009), which predicts a T-dependence of the form:

The recommended parameters for CH2OO + CF3COOH are based on a fit of the experimental data reported by Chhantyal-Pun et al. (2017), using this model.

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