

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Propionic acid

Product Number : W292400

Brand : Aldrich

Index-No. : 607-089-00-0

CAS-No. : 79-09-4

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H226

Flammable liquid and vapor.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statements

P210

Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

P242

Use only non-sparking tools.

P243

Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P261

Avoid breathing mist or vapors.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P363

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

P370 + P378

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Rapidly absorbed through skin.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms

: Propanoic acid

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Propanyl acid  
Acid C3

Formula : C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular weight : 74.08 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 79-09-4  
EC-No. : 201-176-3  
Index-No. : 607-089-00-0

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>propionic acid</b>	Flam. Liq. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H226, H314, H318, H335 Concentration limits: >= 25 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 10 - < 25 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 10 - < 25 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319; >= 10 %: STOT SE 3, H335;	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### **Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### **5.4 Further information**

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up with liquid-absorbent and neutralising material (e.g. Chemizorb® H<sup>+</sup>, Merck Art. No. 101595). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

## Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### Storage conditions

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
propionic acid	79-09-4	TWA	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		TWA	10 ppm 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	15 ppm 45 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	10 ppm 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Acute local effects, Acute systemic effects	62 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects, Long-term systemic effects	31 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Workers	Skin contact	Long-term systemic effects	132mg/kg BW/d

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Compartment	Value
Soil	0.1258 mg/kg
Sea water	0.05 mg/l
Fresh water	0.5 mg/l
Sea sediment	0.186 mg/kg

Fresh water sediment	1.86 mg/kg
Sewage treatment plant	5 mg/l
Aquatic intermittent release	5 mg/l

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 898)

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 120 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

#### Body Protection

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

#### Respiratory protection

Recommended Filter type: Filter A (acc. to DIN 3181) for vapours of organic compounds

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented.

required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: liquid, clear Color: colorless
b) Odor	pungent
c) Odor Threshold	0.0003 ppm
d) pH	2.5 at 100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -24 - -23 °C (-11 - -9 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	141 °C 286 °F - lit.
g) Flash point	54 °C (129 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 12.1 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 2.9 %(V)
k) Vapor pressure	3.2 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F)
l) Vapor density	2.56 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Density	0.993 g/cm3 at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit. Relative density
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.29 - Bioaccumulation is not expected., (Lit.)
p) Autoignition temperature	440 °C (824 °F) at 1,013 hPa
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	none

### 9.2 Other safety information

Surface tension	27.21 mN/m at 15 °C (59 °F)
Dissociation constant	4.88
Relative vapor density	2.56 - (Air = 1.0)

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## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

Vapor/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Exothermic reaction with:

Oxidizing agents

Reducing agents

alkalines

Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:

Iron

Zinc

magnesium

Lead

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Heating.

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No data available

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 3,455.1 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 1 h - > 19.7 mg/l - vapor

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - female - 3,235 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive

Remarks: (ECHA)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage. - 24 h

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Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 479

Result: negative

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test

Species: Chinese hamster

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Intraperitoneal

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory Tract

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Mouse - female - Dermal - 90 Days - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 136.9 mg/kg

RTECS: UE5950000

May cause an asthmatic-like bronchitis., Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, Blood disorders, May cause irritation to eyes and respiratory passages to workers briefly exposed to high concentrations

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - > 10,000 mg/l - 96 h (DIN 38412) Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: calcium dipropionate
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 500 mg/l - 48 h (Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.2.) Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: calcium dipropionate
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - > 500 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201) Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: calcium dipropionate
Toxicity to bacteria	EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 60 mg/l - 17 h (DIN 38412) Remarks: (IUCLID)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Result: - Readily biodegradable.
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	1,420 mg/g Remarks: (IUCLID)
Theoretical oxygen demand	1,510 mg/g Remarks: (IUCLID)
Ratio BOD/ThBOD	69 - 78 % Remarks: (IUCLID)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

## 12.7 Other adverse effects

## Additional ecological information      Biological effects:

Harmful effect due to pH shift.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

## Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3463 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Propionic acid

Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 3463 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-C  
Proper shipping name: PROPIONIC ACID

IATA

UN number: 3463 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Propionic acid

## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

## SARA 302 Components

**SARA 302 Components** This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPO.

## SARA 313 Components

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This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**Further information**

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