

• SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Retinol
Product Number : 95144
Brand : Sigma
CAS-No. : 68-26-8

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.
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UNITED STATES
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

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

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Eye irritation : Category 2A

Skin sensitisation : Category 1
Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Category 4

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H413 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P261 Avoid breathing dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response:
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Storage:
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 68-26-8

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
retinol	68-26-8*	>= 90 - <= 100	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Show this 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. Consult a physician.
- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
- 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
- Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.
- Notes to physician : No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

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Suitable extinguishing media	: Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible. Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.
Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	: Do not let product enter drains.
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 carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.
Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling	:	Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Further information on storage conditions	:	Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.
Storage class	:	6.1C, Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects
Recommended storage temperature	:	-4 °F / -20 °C
Further information on storage stability	:	Air and moisture sensitive. Light sensitive. Store under inert gas.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts 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.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P3

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.

Hand protection	
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Full contact
Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Splash contact
Manufacturer	: KCL 741 Dermatril® L
Remarks	: 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).
Eye protection	: Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses
Skin and body protection	: protective clothing
Hygiene measures	: Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: powder, Powder with lumps
Color	: No data available
Odor	: No data available
Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point/ range	: 142 - 145 °F / 61 - 63 °C
	133 - 142 °F / 56 - 61 °C

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Boiling point/boiling range : 248 °F / 120 °C (600 hPa)

Flash point : No data available

Evaporation rate : No data available

Burning rate : No data available

Upper explosion limit /
Upper flammability limit : No data available

Lower explosion limit /
Lower flammability limit : No data available

Vapor pressure : No data available

Relative vapour density : No data available

Relative density : 1.1 (68 °F / 20 °C)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 109

Density : 1.1 g/cm³ (68 °F / 20 °C)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 109

Solubility(ies)
Water solubility : 0.00001 g/l practically insoluble (68 °F / 20 °C)
Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.6
GLP: yes

Partition coefficient: n-
octanol/water : log Pow: 5.7 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Method: (experimental)
(Lit.) Potential bioaccumulation

Autoignition temperature : No data available

Decomposition
temperature : No data available

Viscosity, dynamic : No data available

Viscosity, kinematic : No data available

Flow time : No data available

Explosive properties : Not classified as explosive.

Oxidizing properties : none

Molecular weight : 286.45 g/mol

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Particle characteristics
Particle size : No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

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

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Violent reactions possible with:
Strong oxidizing agents

Conditions to avoid : no information available

Incompatible materials : No data available

Hazardous decomposition products : In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 9,560 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
Inhalation: No data available
Dermal: No data available
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit
Result: negative - 4 h
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Irritation to eyes, reversing within 7 days - 24 h
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig
Result: positive
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test
Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

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Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component 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 component 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

May damage the unborn child.

May damage fertility.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: VH6750000

Congenital abnormalities may occur after exposure to high concentrations during pregnancy., hypervitaminosis A, yellow pigmentation, Irritability, loss of appetite, Gastrointestinal disturbance, Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking., Acute vitamin A intoxication may occur with exposure to high concentrations., sedation, Headache, exfoliative lesions

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

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

retinol:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): 316.23 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: static test
Analytical monitoring: yes

Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
GLP: yes

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 100 mg/l
End point: Immobilization
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: static test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)):
152.94 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Test Type: static test
Method: DIN 38412

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (activated sludge): > 1,000 mg/l
Exposure time: 3 h
Test Type: static test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209
GLP: yes

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Persistence and degradability

Components:

retinol:

Biodegradability : aerobic
Inoculum: activated sludge
Concentration: 24 mg/l
Result: Readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 80 - 90 %
Exposure time: 28 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301B
GLP: yes

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

retinol:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 5.7 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Method: (experimental)
Remarks: (Lit.)
Potential bioaccumulation

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

retinol:

Additional ecological information : Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : 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

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR Road

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Acute Health Hazard
Chronic Health Hazard

SARA 313 : 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.

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including retinol, which is/are known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and

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Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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