

## 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 : Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid

Product Number : 158534  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 1493-13-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

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

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Hazard statement(s)	
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P234	Keep only in original container.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
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.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Triflic acid
Formula	: CHF <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
Molecular weight	: 150.08 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 1493-13-6
EC-No.	: 216-087-5

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>trifluoromethanesulphonic acid</b>		
	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 3; H290, H302,	<= 100 %

	H314, H318, H335, H402	
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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). Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit. 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

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

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

Foam Water

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

Carbon oxides

Sulfur oxides

Hydrogen fluoride

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Risk of dust explosion.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

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**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. 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. 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.

### **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**

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

No metal containers.

Tightly closed.

Handle and store under inert gas. Hygroscopic. May darken on storage

Storage class (TRGS 510): 8A: Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

### **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**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### **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

required

### Body Protection

Acid-resistant protective clothing

### Respiratory protection

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.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: liquid Color: light yellow
b) Odor	pungent
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	0.11
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point: -40 °C (-40 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	162 °C 324 °F - lit.
g) Flash point	> 166.7 °C (> 332.1 °F) - Pensky-Martens closed cup - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.9
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	3.2 hPa at 25 °C (77 °F)
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	1,600 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 105 - soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: < 0.3 at 25 °C (77 °F) - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available

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| q) Decomposition temperature | No data available  |
| r) Viscosity                 | 1.227 - 1.251 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 40 °C (104 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 - 1.864 - 1.881 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 - |
| s) Explosive properties      | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties      | No data available  |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

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

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
Strong oxidizing agents  
bases  
Exothermic reaction with:  
Water

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.  
Strong heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Metals, Strong oxidizing agents

### 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 - 1,605.3 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit  
Result: Corrosive  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

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**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: Did not cause sensitization on laboratory animals.  
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

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**

May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 1,000 mg/kg

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> (rainbow trout) - > 100 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - <i>Daphnia magna</i> (Water flea) - > 100 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> - 48 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

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Toxicity to bacteria static test EC50 - activated sludge - > 1,000 mg/l - 3 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 209)

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 28 d  
Result: 0 % - Not readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301D)

No data available

No data available

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

## No data available

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

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. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3265    Class: 8    Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. (trifluoromethanesulphonic acid)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

UN number: 3265    Class: 8    Packing group: II    EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.  
(trifluoromethanesulphonic acid)

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

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

### SARA 313 Components

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

Acute Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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