

## 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 : 4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenoxyacetic acid

Product Number : 55730  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 68858-21-9

**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)**

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
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 : Warning

Hazard statement(s)  
H315 : Causes skin irritation.

|                            |                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| H319                       | Causes serious eye irritation.                                                                                                   |
| H335                       | May cause respiratory irritation.                                                                                                |
| Precautionary statement(s) |                                                                                                                                  |
| P261                       | Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.                                                                           |
| P264                       | Wash skin thoroughly after handling.                                                                                             |
| P271                       | Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.                                                                                  |
| P280                       | Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.                                                                         |
| P302 + P352                | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.                                                                                  |
| P304 + P340 + P312         | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.       |
| P305 + P351 + P338         | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P332 + P313                | If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.                                                                        |
| P337 + P313                | If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.                                                                       |
| P362                       | Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.                                                                            |
| P403 + P233                | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.                                                                 |
| 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 - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

|                  |                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Formula          | : C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> |
| Molecular weight | : 182.17 g/mol                                  |
| CAS-No.          | : 68858-21-9                                    |

| Component                                  | Classification                                            | Concentration |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenoxyacetic acid</b> |                                                           |               |
|                                            | Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H315, H319, H335 | <= 100 %      |

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

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**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**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

Carbon oxides  
Combustible.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

No data available

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

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**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**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**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for

combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Recommended storage temperature -20 °C

Store under inert gas.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 11: Combustible Solids

## **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**

### **Components with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

## **8.2 Exposure controls**

### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

### **Personal protective equipment**

#### **Eye/face protection**

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### **Skin protection**

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### **Body Protection**

Impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### **Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### **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: solid                                      |
| b) Odour                                        | No data available                                |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                                |
| d) pH                                           | No data available                                |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 112 - 114 °C (234 - 237 °F) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                                |
| g) Flash point                                  | No data available                                |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                                |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                                |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                                |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available                                |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available                                |
| m) Relative density                             | No data available                                |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available                                |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                                |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | No data available                                |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available                                |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available                                |
| 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

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

#### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

No data available

#### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No data available

#### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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### **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

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

##### **Acute toxicity**

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

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

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

##### **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

##### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

##### **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**

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

May cause respiratory irritation.

Acute oral toxicity - Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

Acute inhalation toxicity - mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

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

##### **Aspiration hazard**

##### **Additional Information**

RTECS: Not available

Quantitative data on the toxicity of this product are not available.

Further data:

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

### **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

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

### **12.6 Other adverse effects**

We have no quantitative data concerning the ecological effects of this product.

Further information on ecology

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

#### **Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### **Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

### **IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

### **IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

### **SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

### **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**

No SARA Hazards

### 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

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