

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Dimethylmercury

Product Number : 328081
Brand : Aldrich
Index-No. : 080-007-00-3

CAS-No. : 593-74-8

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 2), H300
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2), H373
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

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 statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H300 + H310 + H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.
H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
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.
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P262	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
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.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
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.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P391	Collect spillage.
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 - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Methylmercury
Formula	: C ₂ H ₆ Hg
Molecular weight	: 230.66 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 593-74-8
EC-No.	: 209-805-3
Index-No.	: 080-007-00-3

Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
Dimethylmercury		
	Flam. Liq. 2; Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 1; Carc. 2; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H225, H300 + H310 + H330, H351, H373, H410	90 - 100 %

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

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. Move out of dangerous area.

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. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. 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

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

No data available

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

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. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

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

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
	Remarks	See Table Z-2		
Dimethylmercury	593-74-8	TWA	0.01 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.30-1969		
		CEIL	0.04 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-2
		Z37.30-1969		
		TWA	0.01 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Peripheral Nervous System impairment Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		STEL	0.03 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Peripheral Nervous System impairment Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	0.01 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		ST	0.03 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		PEL	0.01 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		STEL	0.03 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		C	0.04 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

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

Skin protection

Highly resistant laminate gloves under a long-cuffed neoprene or nitrile glove. 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

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective 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

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) Appearance | Form: liquid
Colour: colourless |
| b) Odour | No data available |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | No data available |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | Melting point/range: -43 °C (-45 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 93 - 94 °C (199 - 201 °F) - lit. |
| g) Flash point | 5 °C (41 °F) - closed cup |
| 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 | 2.961 g/cm ³ at 25 °C (77 °F) |
| n) Water solubility | No data available |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: 5 |
| 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

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

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Mercury/mercury oxides.

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

No data available

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Dimethylmercury)

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

No data available

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

RTECS: OW3010000

In contrast to inorganic mercury compounds, alkyl mercury compounds rapidly pass through the placenta and blood brain barrier. The peripheral and central nervous systems and the kidney are major target organs. Methylmercury poisoning symptoms result primarily from damage to the nervous system. The symptoms are primarily characterized by loss of sensation in the hands and feet and in areas around the mouth, diminution of vision resulting in tunnel vision, ataxia, dysarthria, and hearing loss. Severe poisoning produces blindness, coma and death. There is a latent period of weeks to months before development of the poisoning symptoms. Mercury shows a specificity to damage small nerve cells in the cerebellum and visual cortex. Methylmercury causes degeneration and necrosis of neurons in the focal areas of the cerebral cortex, especially within the visual areas of the occipital cortex and the granular layer of the cerebellum. It has been found that methylmercury inhibits protein synthesis in the brain before symptoms of poisoning appear and that recovery of protein synthesis does not occur in granular cells as it does recover in other neuronal cell types. Consumption by pregnant women has caused serious neurological disorders in their offspring resulting in mental retardation with cerebral palsy. Acute exposure to nonlethal levels of methylmercury results in severely depressed lymphocyte response to T-cell mitogens thus depressing polyclonal activation of lymphocytes by T-cell mitogens and antibody responses to sepcific antigenic stimulation.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

No data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

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 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN number: 3383

Class: 6.1 (3)

Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Toxic by inhalation liquid, flammable, n.o.s. (Dimethylmercury)

Poison Inhalation Hazard: Hazard zone A

IMDG

UN number: 3383

Class: 6.1 (3)

Packing group: I

EMS-No: F-E, S-D

Proper shipping name: TOXIC BY INHALATION LIQUID, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Dimethylmercury)

IATA

UN number: 3383 Class: 6.1 (3)

Proper shipping name: Toxic by inhalation liquid, flammable, n.o.s. (Dimethylmercury)

IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

IATA Cargo: Not permitted for transport

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

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Dimethylmercury	593-74-8	2010-08-02

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Dimethylmercury	593-74-8	2010-08-02

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Dimethylmercury	593-74-8	2010-08-02

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Dimethylmercury	593-74-8	2010-08-02

California Prop. 65 ComponentsWARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
Dimethylmercury

CAS-No.	Revision Date
593-74-8	2013-12-20

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.
Dimethylmercury

CAS-No.	Revision Date
593-74-8	2013-12-20

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H300 + H310 + H330	Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.

HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	4
Chronic Health Hazard:	*

Flammability:	3
Physical Hazard	0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	4
Fire Hazard:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

Further information

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