

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 05/28/2022**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Trichloroacetic acid

Product Number : T4885

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 607-004-00-7

CAS-No. : 76-03-9

**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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**1.4 Emergency telephone**

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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 corrosion (Category 1A), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (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)	
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P260	Do not breathe dust.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
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.
P391	Collect spillage.
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

Vesicant.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: TCA
Formula	: C <sub>2</sub> HCl <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	: 163.39 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 76-03-9
EC-No.	: 200-927-2
Index-No.	: 607-004-00-7

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Trichloroacetic acid</b>	Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H314, H318, H400, H410 Concentration limits: >= 1 %: STOT SE 3, H335;	<= 100 %

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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

Hydrogen chloride gas

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

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: Avoid inhalation of dusts. 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 dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

**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**

Store under nitrogen.

Tightly closed. Dry.

**Storage stability**

Recommended storage temperature

2 - 8 °C

**Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 8B: Non-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**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Trichloroacetic acid	76-03-9	TWA	0.5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans		

		TWA	1 ppm 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	1 ppm 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

## 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 EN374 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: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

Acid-resistant protective clothing

#### 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.

#### 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: Crystalline powder, Chunks Color: off-white
b) Odor	stinging
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	1 at 81.7 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 54 - 58 °C (129 - 136 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	196 °C 385 °F - lit.
g) Flash point	> 113 °C (> 235 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable. - Flammability (solids)
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	1 hPa at 51 °C (124 °F)
l) Vapor density	5.64 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Density	1.62 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit.
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	81.7 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.33 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature	does not ignite
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	27.8 mN/m at 80.2 °C (176.4 °F)
Relative vapor density	5.64 - (Air = 1.0)

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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.  
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.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

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

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of explosion with:  
silver salt  
Exothermic reaction with:  
alkalines  
alkali hydroxides  
Amines  
Strong oxidizing agents  
sulfoxides  
dimethyl sulfoxide  
with  
Copper

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture. Heat.  
Strong heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Metals

### 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 - 3,320 mg/kg  
Remarks: (IUCLID)  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available  
No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit  
Result: Corrosive  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Test system: Human lymphocytes

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Test system: Human lymphocytes

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: positive

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: Positive results were obtained in some in vitro tests.

Test Type: In vivo micronucleus test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Intraperitoneal injection

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**

No data available

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

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: AJ7875000

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.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence



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

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability      Result: 59 % - Not readily biodegradable.  
Remarks: (External MSDS)

**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**

No data available

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**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. 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.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****DOT (US)**

UN number: 1839    Class: 8      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Trichloroacetic acid  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1839    Class: 8      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: TRICHLOROACETIC ACID, SOLID  
Marine pollutant : yes

**IATA**

UN number: 1839    Class: 8      Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Trichloroacetic 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, Chronic Health Hazard

### **Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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

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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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