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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Retinol

Product Number : R7632

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

**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)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317

Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 4), H413

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)

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 statement(s)

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P272

Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
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.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
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.
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	: Axerophthol Vitamin A1 Vitamin A alcohol all-trans-3,7-Dimethyl-9-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-2,4,6,8-nonatetraen-1-ol Vitamin A
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Formula	: C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O
Molecular weight	: 286.45 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 68-26-8
EC-No.	: 200-683-7

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Retinol</b>		
	Eye Irrit. 2A; Skin Sens. 1; Repr. 1B; Aquatic Chronic 4; H317, H319, H360, H413	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. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### 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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## 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**  
No data available

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## 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. 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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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling**  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.  
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  
  
Air and moisture sensitive. Store under inert gas.
- 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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## 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.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, 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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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: crystalline                              |
| b) Odour  | No data available                              |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                              |
| d) pH   | No data available                              |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 61 - 63 °C (142 - 145 °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-                    | No data available                              |

octanol/water

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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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## 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

Oxidizing agents

### 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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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irritating to eyes. - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

in vivo assay - Guinea pig

Result: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Ames test

S. typhimurium

Result: negative

Mutagenicity (micronucleus test)

Mouse - male

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.
- ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
- 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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

#### **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

#### **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

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## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

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| Toxicity to fish                                    | static test LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - > 10,000 mg/l - 96 h (DIN 38412)                |
| Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates | static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 100 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)       |
| Toxicity to bacteria                                | Respiration inhibition EC50 - Sludge Treatment - > 1,000 mg/l - 180 min (OECD Test Guideline 209) |

### **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**

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

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.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

#### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

#### IATA

Not dangerous goods

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## 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

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Retinol	68-26-8	1993-04-24

#### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Retinol	68-26-8	1993-04-24

#### California Prop. 65 Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.	68-26-8	2007-09-28
Retinol		

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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

Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
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.
Repr.	Reproductive toxicity
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitisation

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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