

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Lactic acid

Product Number : W261106

Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 50-21-5

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture 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)**

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

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)

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Precautionary statement(s)

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection.

P280 Wear protective gloves.

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

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 or doctor/ physician.

P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

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

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : DL-Lactic acid  
2-Hydroxypropionic acid

Formula :  $C_3H_6O_3$

Molecular weight : 90.08 g/mol

#### Hazardous components

| Component          |           | Classification                           | Concentration       |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Lactic acid</b> |           |                                          |                     |
| CAS-No.            | 50-21-5   | Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1;<br>H315, H318 | >= 90 - <= 100<br>% |
| EC-No.             | 200-018-0 |                                          |                     |

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### 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

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

### 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

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### 5.4 Further information

No data available

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

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

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. 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 inhalation of vapour or mist.  
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): Combustible liquids

### 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

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). 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**

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**

Do not let product enter drains.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

|                                                 |                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: viscous<br>Colour: colourless                                           |
| b) Odour                                        | odourless                                                                     |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                                                             |
| d) pH                                           | No data available                                                             |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/freezing point: < -80 °C (< -112 °F) at ca.1,013 hPa (760 mmHg) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 122 °C (252 °F) at 20 hPa (15 mmHg) - lit.                                    |
| g) Flash point                                  | 113 °C (235 °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                             | 1.209 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)                                      |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available                                                             |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                                                             |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | 400 °C (752 °F) at 1,011.4 - 1,018.9 hPa (758.6 - 764.2 mmHg)                 |
| 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**

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Surface tension | 70.7 mN/m at 20 °C (68 °F) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|

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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

Avoid moisture.

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents Strong oxidizing agents

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

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

No data available

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

### 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

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: OD2800000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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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

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

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Lactic acid

Water

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50-21-5

7732-18-5

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### New Jersey Right To Know Components

Lactic acid

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**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Eye Dam.    | Serious eye damage         |
| H315        | Causes skin irritation.    |
| H318        | Causes serious eye damage. |
| Skin Irrit. | Skin irritation            |

**HMIS Rating**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Health hazard:         | 2 |
| Chronic Health Hazard: |   |
| Flammability:          | 1 |
| Physical Hazard        | 0 |

**NFPA Rating**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Health hazard:     | 2 |
| Fire Hazard:       | 1 |
| Reactivity Hazard: | 0 |

**Further information**

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