

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

Product name : Propionic acid

Product Number : 402907  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 607-089-00-0

CAS-No. : 79-09-4

**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 3), H226  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
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 : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226 : Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H314 : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H318 : Causes serious eye damage.  
H335 : May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

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.
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/ 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.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
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

Rapidly absorbed through skin.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Propanoic acid  
Propanyl acid  
Acid C<sub>3</sub>

Formula : C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular weight : 74.08 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 79-09-4  
EC-No. : 201-176-3  
Index-No. : 607-089-00-0

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Propionic acid</b>	Flam. Liq. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H226, H314, H318, H335	<= 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

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. 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. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**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

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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**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**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. 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.

**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.

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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.

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): Flammable 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**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Propionic acid	79-09-4	TWA	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
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		Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Eye irritation Skin irritation		
		TWA	10.000000 ppm 30.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	15.000000 ppm 45.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	10 ppm 30 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	15 ppm 45 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	10 ppm 30 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

## 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: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 41 min

Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, 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, 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.

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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: liquid, clear<br>Colour: colourless                           |
| b) Odour  | No data available   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available   |
| d) pH   | 2.5 at 100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)                                     |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -24 °C (-11 °F) - lit.                         |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 141 °C (286 °F) - lit.  |
| g) Flash point                                  | 54 °C (129 °F) - closed cup   |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available   |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 12.1 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 2.9 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 3.2 hPa (2.4 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)                                 |
| l) Vapour density                               | 2.56 - (Air = 1.0)  |
| m) Relative density                             | 0.993 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)   |
| n) Water solubility                             | soluble   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 0.25   |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | 440 °C (824 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 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

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Surface tension         | 27.21 mN/m at 15 °C (59 °F) |
| Dissociation constant   | 4.88                        |
| Relative vapour density | 2.56 - (Air = 1.0)          |

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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

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong 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

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 3,455.1 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 20 mg/l

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - female - 3,235 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

LD50 Intravenous - Mouse - 625 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold.

LD50 Parenteral - Rat - 3,500 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

reverse mutation assay

S. typhimurium

Result: negative

OECD Test Guideline 474

Hamster - male and female

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.

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**

Repeated dose toxicity  
Mouse - female - LOAEL : 136.9 mg/kg - OECD Test Guideline 411

RTECS: UE595000

May cause an asthmatic-like bronchitis., Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, Blood disorders, May cause irritation to eyes and respiratory passages to workers briefly exposed to high concentrations

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 20 d  
Result: 93 % - Readily biodegradable

**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**

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.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 3463      Class: 8 (3)      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Propionic acid  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 3463      Class: 8 (3)  
 Proper shipping name: PROPIONIC ACID

Packing group: II

EMS-No: F-E, S-C

**IATA**

UN number: 3463      Class: 8 (3)  
 Proper shipping name: Propionic acid

Packing group: II

**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
Propionic acid	79-09-4	2007-03-01

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Propionic acid	79-09-4	2007-03-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Propionic acid	79-09-4	2007-03-01

**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.

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

Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	3
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	2
Physical Hazard	0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	2
Reactivity Hazard:	0



**Further information**

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