1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: Propionic acid

Product Number: 402907
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Supplier: Sigma-Aldrich
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Preparation Information: Sigma-Aldrich Corporation
Product Safety - Americas Region
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Combustible Liquid, Target Organ Effect, Corrosive

Target Organs
Central nervous system, Blood, Liver, Kidney

Other hazards which do not result in classification
Rapidly absorbed through skin.

GHS Classification
Flammable liquids (Category 3)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)
Skin corrosion (Category 1B)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram
![Flammable and Corrosive]

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)
- H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.
- H303 May be harmful if swallowed.
- H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
- P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
- P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
HMIS Classification

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

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 3
Fire: 2
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

Eyes Causes eye burns.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms:
- Propanoic acid
- Propanyl acid
- Acid C3

Formula: \( \text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_2 \)
Molecular Weight: 74.08 g/mol

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4. 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.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability
Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for firefighters
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.
Hazardous combustion products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Further information
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, 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.

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.

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).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe storage
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.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

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Personal protective equipment

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).

Hand 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.

Immersion protection
Material: butyl-rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm
Break through time: > 480 min
Material tested: Butoject® (Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

Splash protection
Material: Nature latex/chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm
Break through time: 41 min

Material tested: Lapren® (Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, 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 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.

Eye 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 and 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.

Hygiene measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

Conditions to avoid
Heat, flames and sparks.

Materials to avoid
Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50
LD50 Oral - rat - 3,500 - 4,200 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50
Dermal LD50
no data available

Other information on acute toxicity
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 - Severe skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - rabbit - Severe eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization
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

Teratogenicity
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)  
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)  
no data available

Aspiration hazard  
no data available

Potential health effects

Inhalation  
May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Ingestion  
May be harmful if swallowed.

Skin  
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

Eyes  
Causes eye burns.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

May cause an asthmatic-like bronchitis., Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, Blood disorders

Synergistic effects  
no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: UE595000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish  
LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 51.0 - 73.2 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates  
EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 21.0 - 24.6 mg/l - 48 h

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability  
aerobic  
Result: 95 % - Readily biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential  
no data available

Mobility in soil  
no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment  
no data available

Other adverse effects

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

Harmful to aquatic life.

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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: 3463  
- Class: 8 (3)  
- Proper shipping name: Propionic acid  
- Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs  
- Marine pollutant: No  
- Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**
- UN number: 3463  
- Class: 8 (3)  
- Proper shipping name: PROPIONIC ACID  
- Marine pollutant: No

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

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**OSHA Hazards**
- Combustible Liquid, Target Organ Effect, Corrosive

**SARA 302 Components**
- SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**
- SARA 313: 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**

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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.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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