SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Pyrocatechol

Product Number : C9510
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 604-016-00-4
CAS-No. : 120-80-9

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
Address : 3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765
Fax : +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Skin sensitization (Category 1), H317
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 2), H401

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)
- H301 + H311: Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin.
- H315: Causes skin irritation.
- H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H318: Causes serious eye damage.
- H341: Suspected of causing genetic defects.
- H350: May cause cancer.
- H401: Toxic 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.
- P264: Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
- P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P272: Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
- P273: Avoid release to the environment.
- P274: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
- P302 + P313 + P312: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
- 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.
- P308 + P313: IF EXPOSED OR CONCERNED: Get medical advice/ attention.
- P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
- P362: Take off contaminated clothing and wash 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

Rapidly absorbed through skin.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms:
- 1,2-Benzenediol
- Catechol
- 1,2-Dihydroxybenzene

Formula: C₆H₆O₂
Molecular weight: 110.11 g/mol  
CAS-No.: 120-80-9  
EC-No.: 204-427-5  
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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**
If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

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
SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) 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
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
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. 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 carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling
Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

Hygiene measures
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.
For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage conditions**
Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Store under inert gas. Air and light sensitive.

**Storage class**
Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1C: Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

### 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**

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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 EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: 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

- Splash contact
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Body Protection

- protective clothing

Respiratory protection

- Recommended Filter type: Filter type P3
- The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.
- 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.
SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance
   Form: powder
   Color: brown

b) Odor
   No data available

c) Odor Threshold
   No data available

d) pH
   No data available

e) Melting point/freezing point
   Melting point/range: 100 - 103 °C (212 - 217 °F) - lit.

f) Initial boiling point and boiling range
   245 °C 473 °F - lit.

g) Flash point
   127 °C (261 °F) - closed cup

h) Evaporation rate
   No data available

i) Flammability (solid, gas)
   No data available

j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
   Lower explosion limit: 1.97 % (V)

k) Vapor pressure
   13 hPa at 118.3 °C (244.9 °F)
   1 hPa at 75 °C (167 °F)

l) Vapor density
   No data available

m) Density
   1.34 g/cm3 at 15 °C (59 °F)
   Relative density
   No data available

n) Water solubility
   No data available

o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
   log Pow: 0.88 at 25 °C (77 °F) - Bioaccumulation is not expected.

p) Autoignition temperature
   510 °C (950 °F)

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
No data available
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:
- Oxidizing agents
- nitric acid (conc.)
- can decompose violently in contact with:
- Exothermic reaction with:
- Bases
- Acid anhydrides
- alkali compounds

10.4 Conditions to avoid
Strong heating.

10.5 Incompatible materials
No data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 300 mg/kg
Remarks: (ECHA)
Inhalation: No data available
LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - 600 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 402)
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Irritating to skin. - 24 h
(Draize Test)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Causes serious eye damage. - 24 - 72 h
(Draize Test)
Remarks: (ECHA)
**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
Freund's complete adjuvant test - Guinea pig
Result: positive
Remarks: (ECHA)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
Suspected of causing genetic defects.
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: Salmonella typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Result: negative
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: positive

Test Type: comet assay
Species: Rat
Application Route: Oral
Result: positive
Remarks: (ECHA)

**Carcinogenicity**
Presumed to have carcinogenic potential for humans
IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Pyrocatechol)
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: UX1050000
Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.
Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish
flow-through test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 9.22 mg/l - 96 h
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
semi-static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1.09 mg/l - 48 h
(OECD Test Guideline 202)

Toxicity to algae
ErC50 - Chlorella vulgaris (Fresh water algae) - 22 mg/l - 96 h
(OECD Test Guideline 201)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability
aerobic - Exposure time 14 d
Result: 96 % - Readily biodegradable.
(OECD Test Guideline 301C)

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

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.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
UN number: 2811  Class: 6.1  Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Toxic solids, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol)
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**
UN number: 2811     Class: 6.1     Packing group: III     EMS-No: F-A, S-A
Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Pyrocatechol)

**IATA**
UN number: 2811     Class: 6.1     Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol)

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

**SARA 302 Components**
This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 313 Components**
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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**SARA 311/312 Hazards**
Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**
, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.Pyrocatechol

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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 and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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