

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Ethidium bromide  
Product Number : E8751  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 612-278-00-6  
CAS-No. : 1239-45-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances  
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES  
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 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 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 1), H330  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341

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 Statements

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H330

Fatal if inhaled.

H341

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Precautionary Statements

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

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

P260

Do not breathe dust.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P284

Wear respiratory protection.

P301 + P312 + P330

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

P304 + P340 + P310

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P308 + P313

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

P403 + P233

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

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

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : EtBr  
3,8-Diamino-5-ethyl-6-phenylphenanthridinium bromide  
Homidium bromide

Formula : C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>  
Molecular weight : 394.31 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 1239-45-8  
EC-No. : 214-984-6  
Index-No. : 612-278-00-6

Component	Classification	Concentration
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<b>Ethidium bromide</b>		
	Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 1; Muta. 2; H302, H330, H341	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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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. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) 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  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
Hydrogen bromide gas  
Combustible.

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**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **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.

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## **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**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands 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.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

### **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**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands 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). Safety glasses

##### **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](http://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

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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: Self-contained breathing apparatus (EN 133)

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.

required when dusts are generated. 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.

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### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: powder Color: dark red
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	4 - 7 at 25 °C (77 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 260 - 262 °C (500 - 504 °F) - dec.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	( )Not applicable
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	1.01 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F)
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
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

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

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

Violent reactions possible with:  
Oxidizing agents

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

LD50 Subcutaneous - Mouse - 110 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Remarks: No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Result: positive

Remarks: (National Toxicology Program)

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient 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 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: SF7950000

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

After absorption:

We have no description of any toxic symptoms.

The following applies to aromatic amines in general: systemic effect: methaemoglobinaemia with headache, cardiac dysrhythmia, drop in blood pressure, dyspnoea, and spasms, principal symptom: cyanosis (blue discolouration of the blood).

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

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**SECTION 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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

## 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## 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.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 2811 Class: 6.1 Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Toxic solids, organic, n.o.s. (Ethidium bromide)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 2811 Class: 6.1 Packing group: I EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Ethidium bromide)

### IATA

UN number: 2811 Class: 6.1 Packing group: I  
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Ethidium bromide)  
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

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

### 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.

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### SECTION 16: Other information

#### Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. 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](http://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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