

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : LUDOX® AS-40 colloidal silica

Product Number : 420840

Brand : Aldrich

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Restrictions on use : Not Available

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

No hazard pictogram, no signal word, no hazard statement(s), no precautionary statement(s) required.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture
CAS-No. : Not Assigned

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
silicon dioxide	7631-86-9*	>= 30 - <= 60	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.

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

In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2 GHS label elements) and/or in section 11

Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.

Notes to physician : No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

Hazardous combustion products : silicon oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Do not breathe vapours, aerosols.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, as indicated in Section 8.

Environmental precautions : No special precautionary measures necessary.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).
Take up with liquid-absorbent and neutralising material (e.g. Chemizorb® OH⁻, Merck Art. No. 101596). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2 GHS label elements

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Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.

Storage class : 12, Non Combustible Liquids

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

Packaging material : Suitable material: Poly Drum

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
silicon dioxide	7631-86-9	TWA (Dust)	20 Million particles per cubic foot (Silica)	OSHA Z-3
		TWA (Dust)	80 mg/m ³ / %SiO ₂ (Silica)	OSHA Z-3
		PEL (respirable)	0.05 mg/m ³	OSHA CARC
		TWA	6 mg/m ³ (Silica)	NIOSH REL

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : Not required; except in case of aerosol formation.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber
 Break through time : 480 min
 Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
 Protective index : Full contact
 Manufacturer : Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Material : Nitrile rubber
 Break through time : 480 min
 Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
 Protective index : Splash contact
 Manufacturer : Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Manufacturer	: data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
Remarks	: 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. 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.
Eye protection	: Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses
Hygiene measures	: Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: liquid
Colour	: colourless
Odour	: characteristic
Odour Threshold	: No data available
pH	: 9.0 - 10 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Melting point	: No data available
Boiling point/boiling range	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available

Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.1 - 1.3 g/cm ³ (59 °F / 15 °C)
Water solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 60.08 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: No data available
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

Possibility of hazardous reactions	: No data available
Conditions to avoid	: no information available
Incompatible materials	: Strong bases Strong oxidizing agents Amines Strong acids Acid anhydrides Peroxides Isocyanates Phenol Aniline
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Mixture

Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

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

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.

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: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (silicon dioxide)

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

11.2 Additional Information

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

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Components**silicon dioxide****Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 5,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 5.01 mg/l - aerosol

(OECD Test Guideline 436)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 5,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

in vivo assay - Guinea pig

Result: Not a skin sensitizer.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Species: Rat - male

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Carcinogenicity

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

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

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity****Product:**

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

Components:**silicon dioxide:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): > 5,000 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: static test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 203

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 5,000 mg/l
Test Type: static test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): > 173.1 mg/l
Test Type: static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
GLP: yes

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 68 mg/l
End point: mortality
Test Type: semi-static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211
GLP: yes

Toxicity to : EC50 (activated sludge): > 1,000 mg/l

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microorganisms

Exposure time: 3 h
Test Type: static test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209
GLP: yes

Persistence and degradability

Product:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

Components:

silicon dioxide:

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Product:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

Components:

silicon dioxide:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

Mobility in soil

Product:

Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Components:

silicon dioxide:

Additional ecological information : No ecological problems are to be expected when the product is handled and used with due care and attention.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : 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

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

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

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Chronic Health Hazard

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.

Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations**Massachusetts Right To Know**

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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**Full text of other abbreviations**

NIOSH REL : USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

OSHA CARC	: OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
OSHA Z-3	: USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
NIOSH REL / TWA	: Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
OSHA CARC / PEL	: Permissible exposure limit (PEL)
OSHA Z-3 / TWA	: 8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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