

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : MERPOL® HCS surfactant

Product Number : 421308
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

Skin irritation : Category 2

Eye irritation : Category 2A

Reproductive toxicity : Category 2

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 1

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Category 3

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Warning

Hazard statements : H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response:
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P391 Collect spillage.
Storage:
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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
C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO)	68131-39-5*	$\geq 50 - < 70$	-
(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol	107-41-5*	$\geq 10 - < 20$	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : Show this 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. 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.
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	: Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Mixture with combustible ingredients. Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.
Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapours, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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	: Do not let product enter drains.

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 with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2 GHS label elements

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.

Storage class : 10, Combustible liquids

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol	107-41-5	TWA (Vapour)	25 ppm	ACGIH
		STEL (Vapour)	50 ppm	ACGIH
		STEL (Inhalable fraction, Aerosol only)	10 mg/m ³	ACGIH
		C	25 ppm 125 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when vapours/aerosols 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.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type ABEK

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.

Hand protection

Remarks : required

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : viscous liquid

Colour : colourless, to, yellow

Odour : No data available

Odour Threshold : No data available

pH : 6 - 8

Melting point : No data available

Boiling point/boiling range : 212 °F / 100 °C
Method: lit.

Flash point : No data available

Evaporation rate : No data available

Flammability (solid, gas) : No data available

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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	: 1.03 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: lit.
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	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: none
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 oxidizing agents

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

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Mixture

Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - > 5,000 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

Symptoms: Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

Symptoms: Possible symptoms:, mucosal irritations

Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Remarks: Mixture causes skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Mixture causes serious 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.

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 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

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

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Components

C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO)

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 5,000 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 6 h - > 0.1 mg/l
(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - 2,000 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: Not a skin sensitizer.
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: in vitro assay

Test system: Chinese hamster cells

Result: negative

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Species: Mouse - male and female

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

No data available

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

(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rabbit - 3,200 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:General anesthetic.

Behavioral:Muscle weakness.

Liver:Other changes.

(RTECS)

Inhalation: No data available

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 7,892 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritating to skin. - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye irritation.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Result: negative

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

No data available

Reproductive toxicity

Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Acute inhalation toxicity - mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Aspiration hazard

No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO):

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): > 2 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)): 0.14 mg/l End point: Immobilization Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: static test Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): 0.75 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Remarks: (ECHA)
M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity)	: 1
Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (Lepomis macrochirus): 0.16 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 10 d Test Type: flow-through test Analytical monitoring: yes
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 0.77 mg/l End point: reproduction rate Exposure time: 21 d Test Type: flow-through test Method: US-EPA
Toxicity to microorganisms	: EC50 (Pseudomonas putida): > 10,000 mg/l Exposure time: 16.9 h Test Type: static test GLP: yes Remarks: (ECHA)

(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol:

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish)): 8,510 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: flow-through test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 5,410 mg/l
 End point: Immobilization
 Exposure time: 48 h
 Test Type: static test
 Analytical monitoring: yes
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 429 mg/l
 Exposure time: 72 h
 Test Type: static test
 Analytical monitoring: yes
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
 GLP: yes

NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 429 mg/l
 Exposure time: 72 h
 Test Type: static test
 Analytical monitoring: yes
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
 GLP: yes

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (Photobacterium phosphoreum): 3,070 mg/l
 Exposure time: 5 min
 Remarks: (IUCLID)

Persistence and degradability

Components:

C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO):

Biodegradability : aerobic
 Inoculum: activated sludge, non-adapted
 Concentration: 10 mg/l
 Result: Readily biodegradable.
 Biodegradation: 72 %
 Exposure time: 28 d
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 301B
 GLP: yes

(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol:

Biodegradability : aerobic
 Inoculum: activated sludge
 Result: Readily biodegradable.
 Biodegradation: 81 %
 Exposure time: 28 d
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 301F
 GLP: yes

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO):

Bioaccumulation : Species: Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)
Exposure time: 24 h
Concentration: 12700 mg/l

(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 0.58
Method: (calculated)
Remarks: (Lit.)
Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol:

Additional ecological information : Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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

UN/ID No. : UN 3082
Proper shipping name : Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s. (C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO))
Class : 9
Packing group : III
Labels : Class 9 - Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles
Packing instruction (cargo : 964

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aircraft)
Packing instruction : 964
(passenger aircraft)

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 3082
Proper shipping name : ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE,
LIQUID, N.O.S.
(C12-C15alcohol Ethoxylate (7EO))
Class : 9
Packing group : III
Labels : 9
EmS Code : F-A, S-F
Marine pollutant : yes

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 : EHS-Mark required (ADR 2.2.9.1.10, IMDG code 2.10.3) for single packagings and combination packagings containing inner packagings with Dangerous Goods > 5L for liquids or > 5kg for solids. Packages smaller than or equal to 5 kg / L , not dangerous goods of Class 9

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country 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 : Acute Health Hazard
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.

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

water	7732-18-5
(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol	107-41-5

Pennsylvania Right To Know

(±)-2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol	107-41-5
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Maine Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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Washington Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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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

ACGIH	: USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	: USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
ACGIH / TWA	: 8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / STEL	: Short-term exposure limit
NIOSH REL / C	: Ceiling value not be exceeded at any time.

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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