

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Mercury Standard for AAS

Product Number : 16482
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

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

Identified uses : Scientific research and development, Reagent for analysis
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

Corrosive to metals : Category 1

Skin corrosion : Category 1B

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Specific target organ
toxicity - repeated : Category 2 (Kidney)

exposure

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 3

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Category 3

Other hazards

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H373 May cause damage to organs (Kidney) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P234 Keep only in original container.
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapours.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response:
P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
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.
P314 Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
Storage:
P405 Store locked up.

P406 Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

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
nitric acid	7697-37-2*	$\geq 10 - < 20$	-
Mercury(II) nitrate	10045-94-0*	$\geq 0.1 - < 1$	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.
Show this 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.
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 : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation).
Call a physician immediately.
Do not attempt to neutralise.

Most important symptoms and effects, : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in

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both acute and delayed	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	: Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet. 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:
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For personal protection see 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 carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

Conditions for safe storage : No metal containers.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.

Storage class : 8B, Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

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
nitric acid	7697-37-2	TWA	2 ppm	ACGIH
		STEL	4 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	2 ppm 5 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL
		ST	4 ppm 10 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL
		TWA	2 ppm 5 mg/m ³	OSHA Z-1
		TWA	2 ppm 5 mg/m ³	OSHA P0
		STEL	4 ppm	OSHA P0

			10 mg/m3	
Mercury(II) nitrate	10045-94-0	TWA	0.025 mg/m3 (Mercury)	ACGIH
		TWA (Vapour)	0.05 mg/m3 (Mercury)	NIOSH REL
		C	0.1 mg/m3 (Mercury)	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

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).
Tightly fitting safety goggles
- 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 : liquid
- Colour : No data available
- Odour : No data available
- Odour Threshold : No data available
pH : No data available
- 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

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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	: No data available
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
Metal corrosion rate	: Corrosive to metals
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	: Violent reactions possible with: The generally known reaction partners of water.
Conditions to avoid	: no information available

Incompatible materials : Fluorine

Metals

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

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Mixture

Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

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

(Calculation method)

Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach.

Inhalation: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 21.15 mg/l - vapour (Calculation method)

Symptoms: Possible symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages: damage of respiratory tract

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

(Calculation method)

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Mixture causes serious eye damage.

Risk of blindness!

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

spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting
Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Components**nitric acid****Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 2.65 mg/l - vapour
(Expert judgement)

Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes severe burns.

Remarks: (IUCLID)

Remarks: Causes poorly healing wounds.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

Remarks: (IUCLID)

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

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

Mercury(II) nitrate

Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 5.1 mg/kg

(Expert judgement)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 0.051 mg/l - dust/mist

(Expert judgement)

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 5.1 mg/kg

(Expert judgement)

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

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

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Kidney

Aspiration hazard

No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

nitric acid:

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

Mercury(II) nitrate:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.172

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mg/l
Exposure time: 96.0 h

LC50 : 0.1 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h

M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity) : 10

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : LOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 0.0070 mg/l
Exposure time: 21 d
Test Type: mortality

LC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 0.0083 mg/l
Exposure time: 21 d

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity) : 10

Persistence and degradability

Components:

nitric acid:

Biodegradability : Remarks: The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Mercury(II) nitrate:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

nitric acid:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: -2.3
Method: OECD Test Guideline 107
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mercury(II) nitrate:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

Mobility in soil

Components:

Mercury(II) nitrate:

Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

nitric acid:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Additional ecological information : May be harmful to aquatic organisms due to the shift of the pH.

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 2031
Proper shipping name : Nitric acid (12%)
Class : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 855
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 851

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2031
Proper shipping name : NITRIC ACID

Class : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : 8
EmS Code : F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 2031
Proper shipping name : Nitric acid
(12%)
Class : 8

Packing group : II
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances
ERG Code : 157
Marine pollutant : no
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

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

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
nitric acid	7697-37-2	1000	

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
nitric acid	7697-37-2	1000	

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component TPQ (lbs)
nitric acid	7697-37-2	1000

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Chronic Health Hazard

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

nitric acid	7697-37-2	>= 10 - < 20 %
Mercury(II) nitrate	10045-94-0	>= 0.1 - < 1 %

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

water	7732-18-5
nitric acid	7697-37-2

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Pennsylvania Right To Know

nitric acid	7697-37-2
Mercury(II) nitrate	10045-94-0

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
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Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
Mercury(II) nitrate	10045-94-0

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

water	7732-18-5
Mercury(II) nitrate	10045-94-0

California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Mercury(II) nitrate, which is/are known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. **International Regulations**

Rotterdam Convention (Prior Informed Consent) : Mercury(II) nitrate

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
OSHA P0	: USA. Table Z-1-A Limits for Air Contaminants (1989 vacated values)
OSHA Z-1	: USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / TWA	: 8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / STEL	: Short-term exposure limit
NIOSH REL / TWA	: Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
NIOSH REL / ST	: STEL - 15-minute TWA exposure that should not be exceeded at any time during a workday
NIOSH REL / C	: Ceiling value not be exceeded at any time.
OSHA P0 / TWA	: 8-hour time weighted average
OSHA P0 / STEL	: Short-term exposure limit
OSHA Z-1 / 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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