

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Pyrocatechol

Product Number : 50550
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

Restrictions on use : 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.
SPRUCE ST 3050
63103 St. Louis

Telephone : (314) 771-5765
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800 424 9300 (CHEMTREC) 24/7
+1 703 527 3887 (CHEMTREC) 24/7

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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

Hazards for the product as supplied

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Acute toxicity (Oral)	: Category 3
Acute toxicity (Dermal)	: Category 3
Skin irritation	: Category 2
Serious eye damage	: Category 1
Skin sensitisation	: Category 1
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Category 2
Carcinogenicity	: Category 1B
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard	: Category 2

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : 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 statements : **Prevention:**
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.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352 + 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.
P361 + P364 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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 : Substance

CAS-No. : 120-80-9

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9*	>= 80 - <= 100	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

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.
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.
Call a physician immediately.

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

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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.
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	: Combustible.

Vapours 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.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides
Specific extinguishing	: No data available

methods

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:
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.
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 carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.
Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2 GHS label elements

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

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.
Dry.
Keep in a well-ventilated place.
Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.

Storage class : 6.1C, Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic

compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

Recommended storage temperature : 59 - 77 °F / 15 - 25 °C

Further information on storage stability : Light sensitive.
Store under argon.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9	TWA	5 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	5 mg/m3	OSHA P0
		STEL	20 ppm	OSHA P0
		TWA	5 ppm 20 mg/m3	NIOSH REL

Biological occupational exposure limits

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Biological specimen	Sampling time	Permissible concentration	Basis
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9	Methemoglobin	In blood	During or at the end of the shift	5 % Hb	ACGIH BEI

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : 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.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P3

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and

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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 : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : 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).

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 : flakes

Colour : brown

Odour : No data available

Odour Threshold : No data available
pH : No data available

Melting point/ range : 219 - 223 °F / 104 - 106 °C

Boiling point/boiling range : 473.9 °F / 245.5 °C (1,013 hPa)

Flash point : 261 °F / 127 °C
Method: closed cup

Evaporation rate : No data available

Burning rate : No data available

Self-ignition : 950 °F / 510 °C

Upper explosion limit /
Upper flammability limit : No data available

Lower explosion limit /
Lower flammability limit : Lower explosion limit
1.97 %(V)

Vapour pressure : 13 hPa (244.9 °F / 118.3 °C)
1 hPa (167 °F / 75 °C)

Relative vapour density : No data available

Relative density : No data available

Density : 1.34 g/cm³ (59 °F / 15 °C)

Water solubility : No data available

Partition coefficient: n-
octanol/water : log Pow: 0.88 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 117
Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Autoignition temperature : 950 °F / 510 °C

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

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Molecular weight : 110.11 g/mol

Particle characteristics
Particle size : No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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.

Chemical stability : The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

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

Conditions to avoid : Strong heating.

Incompatible materials : No data available

Hazardous decomposition products : For Hazardous combustion 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)

Remarks: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

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 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

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

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity****Components:****Pyrocatechol:**

Toxicity to fish	:	LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 9.22 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: flow-through test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 1.09 mg/l End point: Immobilization Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: semi-static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 202 GLP: yes
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	ErC50 (Chlorella vulgaris (Fresh water algae)): 22 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Persistence and degradability**Components:****Pyrocatechol:**

Biodegradability	:	aerobic Inoculum: activated sludge, non-adapted Concentration: 100 mg/l Result: Readily biodegradable. Biodegradation: 96 %
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Exposure time: 14 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301C

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Pyrocatechol:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 0.88 (77 °F / 25 °C)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 117
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

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).

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 2811
Proper shipping name : Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol)
Class : 6.1
Packing group : III
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 677

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Packing instruction : 670
(passenger aircraft)

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2811
Proper shipping name : TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.
(Pyrocatechol)
Class : 6.1
Packing group : III
Labels : 6.1
EmS Code : F-A, S-A
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 2811
Proper shipping name : Toxic solids, organic, n.o.s.
(Pyrocatechol)
Class : 6.1

Packing group : III
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances
ERG Code : 154
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)
Pyrocatechol	120-80-9	100	100

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

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

Pyrocatechol 120-80-9 >= 90 - <= 100 %

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).

The following chemical(s) are listed as HAP under the U.S. Clean Air Act, Section 112 (40 CFR 61):

Pyrocatechol 120-80-9 >= 90 - <= 100 %

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. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater 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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Pennsylvania 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

California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Pyrocatechol, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. **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)
ACGIH BEI	: ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
NIOSH REL	: USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA P0	: USA. Table Z-1-A Limits for Air Contaminants (1989 vacated values)
ACGIH / TWA	: 8-hour, time-weighted average
NIOSH REL / TWA	: Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
OSHA P0 / TWA	: 8-hour time weighted average
OSHA P0 / STEL	: Short-term exposure limit

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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