

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Trimethyl phosphite

Product Number : 92730
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
CAS-No. : 121-45-9

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Restrictions on use : 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

Flammable liquids : Category 3

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4

Skin irritation : Category 2

Eye irritation : Category 2A

Skin sensitisation : Category 1

Germ cell mutagenicity : Category 2

Carcinogenicity : Category 2

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)

Other hazards

Reacts violently with water.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Warning

Hazard statements : H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233 Keep container tightly closed.
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapours.
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.
P272 Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed

out of the workplace.

P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.

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.

P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.

P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

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. : 121-45-9

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
trimethyl phosphite	121-45-9*	>= 90 - <= 100	-
Dimethyl phosphonate	868-85-9*	>= 1 - < 5	-

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* 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 2.2) 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	: Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Foam Water
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

May not get in touch with: Water

Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides Oxides of phosphorus
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. 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. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	: Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.
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 2.2.

- Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
- Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.
Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.
- Further information on storage conditions : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
- Materials to avoid : Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.
- Storage class : 3, Flammable liquids
- Recommended storage temperature : 36 - 46 °F / 2 - 8 °C
- Further information on storage stability : Store under inert gas.
Moisture sensitive.
- Packaging material : Suitable material: Mild Steel Drum, Amber Glass Bottle/Jar

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
trimethyl phosphite	121-45-9	TWA	2 ppm	ACGIH
		TWA	2 ppm 10 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL
		TWA	2 ppm	US WEEL
		STEL	5 ppm	US WEEL

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 B

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 : butyl-rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.7 mm
Protective index : Full contact
Manufacturer : Butoject® (KCL 898)

Material : butyl-rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.7 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : Butoject® (KCL 898)

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).
Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Flame retardant antistatic 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	: colourless
Odour	: unpleasant
Odour Threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point/ range	: -108 °F / -78 °C Method: lit.
Boiling point/boiling range	: 232 - 234 °F / 111 - 112 °C Method: lit.
Flash point	: 82 °F / 28 °C Method: closed cup
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	: 23 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C)
Relative vapour density	: 4.28 (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.052 g/mL (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: lit.
Water solubility	: No data available

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: log Pow: -0.67 Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: 482 °F / 250 °C
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
Molecular weight	: 124.08 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Vapour/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.
Reactivity	: Reacts violently with water.
Chemical stability	: sensitive to moisture
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: can decompose violently in contact with: Water Risk of explosion with: perchlorates Violent reactions possible with: Bases sulfur halogens dimethylsulfate organic halides acids
Conditions to avoid	: Thermal decomposition of this product in combination with trimethylol propane, trimethylol propane derived products or their corresponding alkane analogs may result in the production of bicyclic phosphates or phosphites. Bicyclic phosphates and phosphites are products that display acute neurotoxic properties such as characteristic convulsive seizures

Do not allow water to enter container.

Heating.

Moisture.

Incompatible materials : No data available

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

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 1,592 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

LD50 Oral - Rat - 1,600 mg/kg

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

Remarks: (RTECS)

Inhalation: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 2,600 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 2,600 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Irritations

(Draize Test)

Remarks: (RTECS)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Mammal

Result: Mild eye irritation

(Draize Test)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Dimethyl phosphonate)

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

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis.

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

After absorption:

Headache

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Dimethyl phosphonate:

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): > 100 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: static test Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.1.
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	: EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 24.8 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: static test Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.2.
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: EC50 (Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): >= 100 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.3.

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Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (Sludge Treatment): > 10,000 mg/l
Exposure time: 3 h
Test Type: Respiration inhibition
Method: ISO 8192

Persistence and degradability

Product:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

Components:

Dimethyl phosphonate:

Biodegradability : aerobic
Inoculum: activated sludge
Concentration: 20 mg/l
Result: Not readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 50 %
Exposure time: 28 d
Method: Directive 67/548/EEC Annex V, C.4.B.

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

trimethyl phosphite:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: -0.67
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

trimethyl phosphite:

Additional ecological information : Possible decomposition products in case of hydrolysis are:

phosphoric acid

Biological effects:

Harmful effect due to pH shift.

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 2329
Proper shipping name : Trimethyl phosphite
Class : 3
Packing group : III
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 366
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 355

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2329
Proper shipping name : TRIMETHYL PHOSPHITE

Class : 3
Packing group : III
Labels : 3
EmS Code : F-E, S-D
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 2329
Proper shipping name : Trimethyl phosphite

Class : 3

Packing group : III
Labels : Class 3 - Flammable liquids
ERG Code : 130
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

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 : Fire Hazard
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

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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 Dimethyl phosphonate, 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)
NIOSH REL	: USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
US WEEL	: USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)
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
US WEEL / TWA	: 8-hr TWA
US WEEL / STEL	: Short-Term TWA

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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