

# • SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Methylene Blue solution  
Product Number : 03978  
Brand : Sigma  
CAS-No. : 61-73-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances  
Uses advised against : 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.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES  
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

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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.

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

CAS-No. : 61-73-4

### Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Methylene blue	61-73-4*	>= 0.5 - <= 1.5	TSC

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

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

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## 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 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

Notes to physician : No data available

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## 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	: Carbon oxides  Nitrogen oxides (NOx)  Sulphur oxides  Hydrogen chloride gas
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	: In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapours, aerosols. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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.

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.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.

Storage class : 12, Non Combustible Liquids

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

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

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: liquid
Color	: No data available
Odor	: No data available
Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point	: No data available
Boiling point/boiling range	: No data available

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Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Flammability (liquids)	: The product is not flammable.
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: Not applicable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Not applicable
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: soluble (68 °F / 20 °C)
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: Not applicable
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	: No data available
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

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## 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	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Mixture

##### Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - > 5,000 mg/kg  
(Calculation method)  
LD50 Oral - Rat - 1,180 mg/kg (Methylene blue)

Inhalation: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

Dermal: No data available

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

Histidine reversion (Ames) (Methylene blue)

Test Type: Mammal

(Methylene blue)

Test system: lymphocyte

Remarks: DNA damage

##### 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.

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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

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**

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer., Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Nausea, Dizziness, Headache (Methylene blue)

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

Hazardous properties cannot be excluded but are unlikely when the product is handled appropriately.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**Components**

**Methylene blue**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 1,180 mg/kg

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**

Histidine reversion (Ames)

Test Type: Mammal  
Test system: lymphocyte  
Remarks: DNA damage

**Carcinogenicity**  
No data available

**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

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

**Product:**

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

### Persistence and degradability

**Product:**

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

### **Components:**

**Methylene blue:**

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

**Product:**

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

### **Components:**

**Methylene blue:**

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

### Mobility in soil

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Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

**Components:**

**Methylene blue:**

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:**

**Methylene blue:**

Additional ecological information : No data available

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**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.

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**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 Road**

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.

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**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.

**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 SOCOMI 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**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**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:**

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.

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Full text of other abbreviations**

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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