

# • SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Gentian violet

Product Number : 48770

Brand : Sigma

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

### 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

Fax : +1 800 325-5052

### 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

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Germ cell mutagenicity : Category 2

Carcinogenicity : Category 1B

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 1

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Category 1

### Other hazards

None known.

### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.  
H350 May cause cancer.  
H410 Very toxic 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.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
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.  
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.  
P391 Collect spillage.

#### **Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

#### **Disposal:**

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

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Substance / Mixture : Mixture  
CAS-No. : Not Assigned

### Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Crystal violet	548-62-9*	$\geq 90 - \leq 100$	-
4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone	90-94-8*	$\geq 1 - < 5$	-

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.  
Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

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## 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. Immediately 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

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## SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Water  
Foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry powder

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Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible.  Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.
Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides  Nitrogen oxides (NOx)  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	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

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

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

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 : 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 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 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.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : powder

Color	: dark green
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
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
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 1.190 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (68 °F / 20 °C)
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

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Explosive properties : No data available  
Oxidizing properties : No data available  
Molecular weight : 407.99 g/mol  
Particle characteristics  
Particle size : No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : 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 : 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

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Mixture

##### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 420 mg/kg  
(Calculation method)

Inhalation: No data available

Symptoms: Possible symptoms:, mucosal irritations

Dermal: No data available

No data available

##### Skin corrosion/irritation

Remarks: No data available

##### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: No data available

Remarks: Mixture causes serious eye damage.

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

#### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Crystal violet)

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NTP: RAHC - Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone)

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

#### **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**

prolonged or repeated exposure can cause:, Nausea, Headache, Vomiting

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

#### **Components**

##### **Crystal violet**

##### **Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 420 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

##### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

##### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage.

Remarks: (HSDB)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

Remarks: (National Toxicology Program)

**Carcinogenicity**

Suspected of causing cancer.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure****Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone****Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Remarks: No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.

In vitro tests showed mutagenic effects

**Carcinogenicity**

This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be probably carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

Possible human carcinogen

**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

**Components:**

**Crystal violet:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.13 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Remarks: The value / statement given is based on a (Q)SAR approach

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 0.24 - < 0.5 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Test Type: static test  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202  
GLP: yes

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 0.2 - < 0.8 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Test Type: static test  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
GLP: yes

M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity) : 1

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity) : 1

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (Bacteria): 10 - 100 mg/l  
Remarks: (External MSDS)

## Ecotoxicology Assessment

Acute aquatic toxicity : Very toxic to aquatic life.

Chronic aquatic toxicity : Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### 4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone:

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

## Persistence and degradability

### Product:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

### Components:

#### Crystal violet:

Biodegradability : aerobic  
Inoculum: activated sludge  
Result: Not readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 3.6 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301F

BOD/ThOD : 0.12 %

### 4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

## Bioaccumulative potential

### Product:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

### Components:

#### Crystal violet:

Partition coefficient: n- : log Pow: 1.172 (77 °F / 25 °C)  
octanol/water : Method: OECD Test Guideline 107  
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

### 4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

## Mobility in soil

### Product:

Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

**Components:**

**4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone:**

Stability in soil : Remarks: No data available

**Other adverse effects**

**Components:**

**4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone:**

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**

UN/ID No. : UN 3077  
Proper shipping name : Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Crystal violet)  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III  
Labels : Class 9 - Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 956  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 956

**IMDG-Code**

UN number : UN 3077  
Proper shipping name : ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Crystal violet)  
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.

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## National Regulations

### 49 CFR Road

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.

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

4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone	90-94-8	>= 1 - < 5 %
none		

## US State Regulations

### Massachusetts Right To Know

4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone	90-94-8
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### Pennsylvania Right To Know

4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)benzophenone	90-94-8
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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 Crystal violet, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://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.

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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

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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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