

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Ethidium bromide solution

Product Number : E1510
Brand : Sigma
Index-No. : 612-278-00-6
CAS-No. : 1239-45-8

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.
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Hours/day; 7 Days/week

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 (Inhalation) : Category 3

Germ cell mutagenicity : Category 2

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H331 Toxic if inhaled.
H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.

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 mist or vapours.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Response:
P304 + P340 + P311 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
Storage:
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.
Disposal:
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

CAS-No. : 1239-45-8

Components

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Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Ethidium bromide	1239-45-8*	>= 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

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. 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 : 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 : Not combustible.

fire fighting

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides Nitrogen oxides (NOx) Hydrogen bromide gas
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet.
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: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	: No special precautionary measures necessary.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	: 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

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For precautions see section 2.2.

- Advice on safe handling : Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.
- Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.
Keep in a well-ventilated place.
Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.
- Storage class : 6.1D, Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects
- Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

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

Material	: Nitrile rubber
Break through time	: 480 min
Glove thickness	: 0.11 mm
Protective index	: Splash contact
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
Skin and body protection	: protective clothing
Hygiene measures	: Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: liquid
Color	: dark red
Odor	: No data available
Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: 4.0 - 7.0
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)	: 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

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

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Mixture

Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - > 5,000 mg/kg
(Calculation method)

Oral: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 0.51 mg/l - dust/mist(Calculation method)

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

LD50 Subcutaneous - Mouse - 110 mg/kg (Ethidium bromide)

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

Evidence of genetic defects.

Suspected of causing genetic defects. (Ethidium bromide

Test Type: Ames test

(Ethidium bromide)

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Result: positive

Remarks: (National Toxicology Program)

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

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

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

After absorption:

(Ethidium bromide)

We have no description of any toxic symptoms.

(Ethidium bromide)

The following applies to aromatic amines in general: systemic effect: methaemoglobinaemia with headache, cardiac dysrhythmia, drop in blood pressure, dyspnoea, and spasms, principal symptom: cyanosis (blue discolouration of the blood).

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Components

Ethidium bromide

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Remarks: No data available

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Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity**

No data available

Persistence and degradability

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

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 2810
Proper shipping name : Toxic liquid, organic, n.o.s.
(Ethidium bromide)
Class : 6.1
Packing group : III
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances
Packing instruction (cargo : 663
aircraft)
Packing instruction : 655
(passenger aircraft)

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2810
Proper shipping name : TOXIC LIQUID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.
(Ethidium bromide)
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 2810
Proper shipping name : Toxic, liquids, organic, n.o.s.
(Ethidium bromide)
Class : 6.1
Packing group : III
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances
ERG Code : 153
Marine pollutant : no

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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 : 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 SOCM I 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:

US TSCA : Product contains substance(s) not listed on 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

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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