

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Propionic acid

Product Number : 402907  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 607-089-00-0

CAS-No. : 79-09-4

**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**

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) (SOR/2015-17)**

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226

Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226

Flammable liquid and vapour.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P240

Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.

P242

Use non-sparking tools.

P243	Take action to prevent static discharges.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
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.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
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.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Rapidly absorbed through skin.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	Propanoic acid Propanyl acid Acid C3
Formula	:	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	:	74.08 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	79-09-4
EC-No.	:	201-176-3
Index-No.	:	607-089-00-0

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration*
<b>Propionic acid</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 3; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H226, H314, H335	90 - 100 %
* Weight percent		

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**4.2 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

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Dry powder Dry sand

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Do NOT use water jet.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

No data available

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

**6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spillage, and then collect with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and place in container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Propionic acid	79-09-4	TWAEV	10 ppm 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
		TWA	10 ppm 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
Remarks	Occupational exposure limit is based on irritation effects and its adjustment to compensate for unusual work schedules is not required			
		TWA	10 ppm	Canada. British Columbia OEL
		TWA	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

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.

##### Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 41 min

Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

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.

##### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid, clear<br>Colour: colourless                           |
| b) Odour  | No data available   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available   |
| d) pH   | 2.5 at 100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)                                     |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -24 °C (-11 °F) - lit.                         |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 141 °C (286 °F) - lit.  |
| g) Flash point                                  | 54 °C (129 °F) - closed cup   |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available   |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 12.1 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 2.9 %(V) |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 3.2 hPa (2.4 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)                                 |
| l) Vapour density                               | 2.56 - (Air = 1.0)  |
| m) Relative density                             | 0.993 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)   |
| n) Water solubility                             | soluble   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 0.25   |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | 440 °C (824 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg)                             |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available   |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available   |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available   |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | No data available   |

### 9.2 Other safety information

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Surface tension         | 27.21 mN/m at 15 °C (59 °F) |
| Dissociation constant   | 4.88                        |
| Relative vapour density | 2.56 - (Air = 1.0)          |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 3,455.1 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 20 mg/l  
(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - female - 3,235 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

LD50 Parenteral - Rat - 3,500 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

reverse mutation assay

S. typhimurium

Result: negative

OECD Test Guideline 474

Hamster - male and female

Result: negative

#### 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.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

#### 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

## Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity  
Mouse - female - LOAEL : 136.9 mg/kg - OECD Test Guideline 411  
RTECS: UE595000

May cause an asthmatic-like bronchitis., Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, Blood disorders, May cause irritation to eyes and respiratory passages to workers briefly exposed to high concentrations

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

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

No data available

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 20 d  
Result: 93 % - Readily biodegradable.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### TDG (Canada)

UN number: 3463      Class: 8 (3)      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: PROPIONIC ACID

### IMDG

### IATA

UN number: 3463      Class: 8 (3)      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Propionic acid

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

### Further information

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