

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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

Product name : Carbon tetrachloride

Product Number : 319961  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 602-008-00-5

CAS-No. : 56-23-5

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Skin sensitisation (Sub-category 1B), H317  
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 1), H372  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

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)

H301 + H311 + H331

H317

H351

H372

H412

Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Suspected of causing cancer.

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Precautionary statement(s) |  |
| P201                       | Obtain special instructions before use.  |
| P202                       | Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.                        |
| P260                       | Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  |
| 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 should not be allowed out of the workplace.                           |
| P273                       | Avoid release to the environment.  |
| P280                       | Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.   |
| P301 + P310                | IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.                             |
| P302 + P352                | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  |
| P304 + P340                | IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. |
| P308 + P313                | IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  |
| P322                       | Specific measures (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).                       |
| P330                       | Rinse mouth.   |
| P333 + P313                | If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.                                |
| P361                       | Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.   |
| P363                       | Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.   |
| P403 + P233                | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.                                 |
| 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         | : Tetrachloromethane                |
| Formula          | : CCl <sub>4</sub> CCl <sub>4</sub> |
| Molecular Weight | : 153.82 g/mol                      |
| CAS-No.          | : 56-23-5                           |
| EC-No.           | : 200-262-8                         |
| Index-No.        | : 602-008-00-5                      |

#### Hazardous components

| Component                 | Classification  | Concentration |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Tetrachloromethane</b> | Acute Tox. 3; Skin Sens. 1B; Carc. 2; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H301 + H311 + H331, H317, H351, H372, H412 | 90 - 100 %    |

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

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

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**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

Carbon oxides, Hydrogen chloride gas

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

no data available

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

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**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.

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.

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

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

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****8.1 Control parameters****Components with workplace control parameters**

| Component          | CAS-No. | Value  | Control parameters              | Basis   |
|--------------------|---------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Tetrachloromethane | 56-23-5 | TWA  | 5 ppm                           | USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)                       |
|                    | Remarks | Liver damage<br>Suspected human carcinogen<br>Danger of cutaneous absorption |                                 |   |
|                    |         | STEL   | 10 ppm                          | USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)                       |
|                    |         | Liver damage<br>Suspected human carcinogen<br>Danger of cutaneous absorption |                                 |   |
|                    |         | ST   | 2 ppm<br>12.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits                        |
|                    |         | Potential Occupational Carcinogen<br>See Appendix A                          |                                 |   |
|                    |         | TWA  | 10 ppm                          | USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2           |
|                    |         | Z37.17-1967  |                                 |   |
|                    |         | CEIL   | 25 ppm                          | USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2           |
|                    |         | Z37.17-1967  |                                 |   |
|                    |         | Peak   | 200 ppm                         | USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z2           |
|                    |         | Z37.17-1967  |                                 |   |
|                    |         | TWA  | 2 ppm<br>12.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000 |
|                    |         | See Table Z-2  |                                 |   |

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses 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: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 240 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, 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, 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid  |
| b) Odour  | sweet   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available   |
| d) pH   | no data available   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -23 °C (-9 °F) - lit.  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 76 - 77 °C (169 - 171 °F) - lit.  |
| g) Flash point                                  | does not flash  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available   |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | no data available   |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 45 hPa (34 mmHg) at 0.3 °C (32.5 °F)<br>120 hPa (90 mmHg) at 19.8 °C (67.6 °F)<br>14,549 hPa (10,913 mmHg) at 24 °C (75 °F) |
| l) Vapour density                               | no data available   |
| m) Relative density                             | 1.594 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)  |
| n) Water solubility                             | 0.8461 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 2.83 at 25 °C (77 °F)  |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | no data available   |
| 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 | 26.7 mN/m at 20 °C (68 °F)<br>19.5 mN/m at 80 °C (176 °F) |
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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

no data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

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 - 2,350 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 8000 ppm

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - > 20,000 mg/kg

no data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit

Result: Mild skin irritation - 24 h

(Draize Test)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit

Result: Mild eye irritation - 24 h

(Draize Test)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

- mouse

Result: The product is a skin sensitiser, sub-category 1B.

(OECD Test Guideline 429)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

#### 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. Limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animal studies

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

NTP: Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Tetrachloromethane)

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

#### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: FG4900000

Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Abdominal pain, Nausea, Dizziness, Headache, Damage to the eyes., Liver injury may occur., Kidney injury may occur., Exposure to and/or consumption of alcohol may increase toxic effects., Contact with skin can cause:, Pain, Erythema, hyperemia

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Toxicity to fish                                    | mortality LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 24.3 mg/l - 96 h                                |
| Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates | Immobilization EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 35 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202) |
| Toxicity to algae                                   | Growth inhibition EC50 - Algae - 20 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)                   |

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 21 d  
- 52.3 µg/l

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 30

**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**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 1846      Class: 6.1      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Carbon tetrachloride  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1846      Class: 6.1      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: CARBON TETRACHLORIDE  
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant

**IATA**

UN number: 1846      Class: 6.1      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Carbon tetrachloride

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

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

|                    | CAS-No. | Revision Date |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Tetrachloromethane | 56-23-5 | 2007-07-01    |

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

|                    | CAS-No. | Revision Date |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Tetrachloromethane | 56-23-5 | 2007-07-01    |

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

|                    | CAS-No. | Revision Date |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Tetrachloromethane | 56-23-5 | 2007-07-01    |

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

|                    | CAS-No. | Revision Date |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Tetrachloromethane | 56-23-5 | 2007-07-01    |

**California Prop. 65 Components**

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

|                    | CAS-No. | Revision Date |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Tetrachloromethane | 56-23-5 | 2007-09-28    |

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Acute Tox.         | Acute toxicity   |
| Aquatic Acute      | Acute aquatic toxicity                                 |
| Aquatic Chronic    | Chronic aquatic toxicity                               |
| Carc.              | Carcinogenicity  |
| H301               | Toxic if swallowed.                                    |
| H301 + H311 + H331 | Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled |
| H311               | Toxic in contact with skin.                            |
| H317               | May cause an allergic skin reaction.                   |
| H331               | Toxic if inhaled.                                      |

**HMIS Rating**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Health hazard:         | 2 |
| Chronic Health Hazard: | * |
| Flammability:          | 0 |
| Physical Hazard        | 0 |



**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 2  
Fire Hazard: 0  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Further information**

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