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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Ascorbic acid

Product Number : 1043003  
Brand : US Pharmacopeia  
CAS-No. : 50-81-7**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.  
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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Combustible dust,

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

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

Pictogram none

Signal Word Warning

Hazard statement(s)  
May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

Precautionary statement(s) none

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

Combustible dust  
May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : L-Ascorbic acid  
L-Threoascorbic acid  
Antiscorbutic factor  
Vitamin C

Formula :  $C_6H_8O_6$   
Molecular weight : 176.12 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 50-81-7  
EC-No. : 200-066-2

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of 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.

### 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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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

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

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Risk of dust explosion.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### 5.4 Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

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

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

#### Hygiene measures

Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.



## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry.

### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 11: Combustible Solids

## 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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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

##### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

##### Respiratory protection

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P1



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. 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.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: solid                                      |
| b) Odor   | No data available                                |
| c) Odor Threshold                               | No data available                                |
| d) pH   | No data available                                |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point: 193 °C (379 °F)                   |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                                |
| g) Flash point                                  | ( )Not applicable                                |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                                |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | May form combustible dust concentrations in air. |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                                |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | No data available                                |
| l) Vapor density                                | No data available                                |
| m) Density                                      | 1.65 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F)          |
| Relative density                                | No data available                                |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available                                |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                                |
| p) Autoignition temperature                     | No data available                                |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available                                |



- r) Viscosity No data available
- s) Explosive properties No data available
- t) Oxidizing properties none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 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.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

Aluminum  
Copper alloys  
Zinc  
metal ions  
Oxidizing agents  
Copper  
Acids  
bases

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 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

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 11,900 mg/kg

Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Lacrimation.  
Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity).

Diarrhea  
(RTECS)

Inhalation: No data available

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Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: slight irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient 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 ingredient 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**

Chronic ingestion of large doses may cause gastrointestinal disturbances including nausea and diarrhea, urinary effects involving urine acidification, oxalate and uric crystallization in the bladder and kidney, and decreased reaction times and psychomotor coordination. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 1,020 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203) Remarks: acidic
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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 360 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (External MSDS)
Toxicity to algae	IC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 1,750 mg/l - 72 h Remarks: (External MSDS)
Toxicity to bacteria	EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 140 mg/l - 16 h Remarks: (External MSDS)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Result: 97 % - Readily eliminated from water (OECD Test Guideline 302B)
Ratio BOD/ThBOD	65 % Remarks: Closed Bottle test(own results)
Ratio BOD/ThBOD	48 % Remarks: Closed Bottle test(own results)

### 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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

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

### **DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

### **IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

### **IATA**

Not dangerous goods

### **Further information**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### **SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

### **SARA 313 Components**

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.

### **SARA 311/312 Hazards**

No SARA Hazards

### **Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### **Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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