



SAFETY DATA SHEET

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DICHLOROMETHANE

SDS Nº M0061

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Dichloromethane

Synonyms: Methylene Chloride, Methylene Dichloride, Methylene Bichloride, Methane Dichloride, DCM

Recommended Use: This product is recommended for laboratory and manufacturing use only. It is not recommended for drug, food or household use.

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION



CLASSIFICATION:

ACUTE TOXICITY, ORAL: GHS Category 4

SKIN IRRITATION: GHS Category 2

EYE IRRITATION: GHS Category 2B

CARCINOGENICITY: GHS Category 2

LABEL ELEMENTS

Signal Word: DANGER!

Hazard Statements:

H302 – Harmful if swallowed.

H312 – Harmful in contact with skin.

H320 – Causes eye irritation.

H332 – Harmful if inhaled.

H336 – May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

H350 – May cause cancer.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS:

P243 – Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P280 – Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+P312 – IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or a doctor/physician.

P303+P361+P353 – If on skin or hair: Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304+P340 – IF INHALED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. Prolonged exposure may cause skin burns. Affects the central nervous system, liver, cardiovascular system, and blood. Causes irritation to the skin, eyes, and respiratory tract. Aspiration hazard. Suspected cancer hazard. Possible static electrical hazard. Target Organs: Blood and central nervous system.

HMIS Rating:

Health – 2* **Flammability – 1** **Physical Hazard – 0** **PPE – User supplied**

NOTE: HMIS ratings use a numbering scale that ranges from 0 - 4 to indicate the degree of hazard. A value of zero means the chemical presents no hazard while a value of four indicates a high hazard. These ratings are based on the inherent properties of this chemical under expected conditions of normal use and are not intended to be used in emergency situations. PPE is determined by the user based on their needs and conditions.

3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Dichloromethane	75-09-2	>99%	Yes

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is labored or with coughing, give 100% supplemental oxygen.

If not breathing, begin artificial respiration. Get medical aid.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Rinse mouth with water. Get medical aid.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes.

Soap and cold water may be used. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally.

Get medical attention immediately.

Notes to Responders: Pay attention to self-protection and use recommended personal protective equipment.

Notes to Physician: Maintain adequate ventilation and oxygenation of the patient. Treat with 100% oxygen. Exposure may increase "myocardial irritability." Do not administer sympathomimetic drugs such as epinephrine unless absolutely necessary. Because rapid absorption may occur through the lungs if aspirated and cause systemic effects, the decision of whether to induce vomiting or not should be made by a physician. If lavage is performed, suggest endotracheal and/or esophageal control. Danger of lung aspiration must be weighed against toxicity when considering emptying the stomach. If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn after decontamination. No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient. Carboxyhemoglobinemia may aggravate any preexisting condition sensitive to a decrease in available oxygen, such as lung disease, coronary artery disease, or anemia. Skin contact may aggravate preexisting dermatitis.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability: Not expected to be a fire hazard.

Auto-ignition Temperature: 556.1° C (1033° F)

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Flammable Limits: Lower Limit – 15.1 @ 103xC, Upper Limit – 17.3 @ 148xC

Products of Combustion: May decompose into highly toxic and irritating gases (hydrogen chloride, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and trace amounts of phosgene and chlorine) under fire conditions.

Specific Fire Hazards: As in any fire, always wear self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand (MSA/NIOSH approved or equivalent), and full protective gear.

Specific Explosion Hazards: Containers may vent and rupture due to fire. Does not have a flash point but can burn at room temperature. Vapors are heavier than air may travel a long distance and accumulate in low lying areas.

Fire Fighting Media: Use water fog, dry chemical, chemical foam, or alcohol resistant foam. Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool.

National Fire Protective Association: Health - 2, Flammability - 1, Reactivity - 0

NOTE: NFPA ratings use a numbering scale that ranges from 0 - 4 to indicate the degree of hazard. A value of zero means the chemical presents no hazard while a value of four indicates a high hazard. They are for use by emergency personnel to address the hazards that are presented by short term, acute exposure to this product under fire, spill, or similar emergencies. Ratings involve data and interpretations that may vary from company to company.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Absorb spilled liquid with sorbent pads, socks, or other inert material such as vermiculite, sand, or earth. Provide ventilation to the affected area. Avoid run-off into storm sewers and ditches that lead to waterways. Approach the spill from upwind and pick up absorbed material and place it in a suitable container. Always use proper personal protective equipment as described in section 8.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions: Always use proper personal protective equipment as described in section 8. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

Storage: Keep away from oxidizing materials. Keep in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Protect from moisture.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Facilities storing or using the material should be equipped with eyewash station and a safety shower. Use adequate general or local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations below the permissible exposure limits.

Personal Protection: Wear protective chemical goggles or appropriate eye protection. Use appropriate protective gloves and protective clothing to prevent skin exposure. A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever possible. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

Exposure Limits:

ACGIH – 50 ppm; 174 mg/m³

NIOSH – Potential Occupational Carcinogen – see Appendix A Potential NIOSH carcinogen

OSHA Final PELs – 25 ppm (8 hr TWA); 125 ppm STEL (15 min TWA); 1800 mg/m³ TWA

OSHA Vacated PELs: Methylene chloride: 500 ppm TWA

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State and Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid. Odor: Ethereal odor

Odor Threshold: 207-305 ppm

Molecular Formula: CH₂Cl₂

Molecular Weight: 84.93

Auto-ignition Temperature: 556.1° C (1033° F)

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Flammable Limits: Lower Limit – 15.1 @ 103xC, Upper Limit – 17.3 @ 148xC

pH: Not available. Boiling Point: 39.8° C (104° F) Freezing/Melting Point: -96.7° C (-142° F) Decomposition Temperature: Not available

Specific Gravity: 1.33 (Water=1)

Vapor Density (Air=1): 2.9 Vapor Pressure: 350 mm Hg @ 20° C

Viscosity: Not available

Solubility: Moderately soluble in water.

Conductivity: Semiconductive; Conductivity = 4300 pS/m; Dielectric Constant = 8.93; Relaxation Time Constant = 1.8×10^{-2} seconds

STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatible materials, strong oxidants.

Incompatibility With Various Substances: Avoid contact with oxidizing materials and strong bases. Avoid contact with metals such as zinc powders, aluminum powders, magnesium powders, potassium, and sodium. Avoid unintended contact with amines. Water contamination may cause corrosion of metals due to hydrochloric acid formation.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen chloride, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and trace amounts of phosgene and chlorine. Hazardous Polymerization: Has not been reported.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Routes of Entry: Inhalation, skin absorption, skin contact

Acute Exposure Hazards:

INHALATION HAZARD: In poorly ventilated spaces, vapors can accumulate and cause unconsciousness or death. Vapors may cause irritation of the nose and throat. May interfere with the blood's ability to carry oxygen. Minimal narcotic effects may be seen below 1000 ppm concentration. Levels above 1000 ppm may produce dizziness and drunkenness. Levels over 10,000 ppm may cause cardiac arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat), unconsciousness, and death.

INGESTION HAZARD: Small amounts swallowed incidentally to working are not likely to cause injury. Larger amounts may cause irritation of the gastrointestinal tract with vomiting. If vomiting results in aspiration, chemical pneumonia could follow. Absorption through gastrointestinal tract may produce symptoms of central nervous system depression ranging from light headedness to unconsciousness.

SKIN CONTACT HAZARD: Contact may cause moderate skin irritation and pain. Effects on skin covered by gloves or clothing may be more severe. Prolonged contact may cause burns, pain, severe localized redness, swelling and tissue damage. Extensive contact may cause an intense burning sensation. Prolonged skin contact is not likely to result in harmful amounts being absorbed.

EYE CONTACT HAZARD: Causes moderate eye irritation that may be slow to heal and may cause levels of pain disproportionate to the level of irritation. May cause minor injury to the cornea. Vapors can cause eye irritation, minor discomfort, and redness.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE HAZARDS: In animals, chronic exposure had caused damage to kidneys, liver, and blood. Dichloromethane has been shown to increase incidence of tumors in mice and rats. Human epidemiology studies did not show a tumorigenic response. Dichloromethane is not believed to create a measurable carcinogenic risk to humans when handled correctly. Dichloromethane has been toxic to the fetus in animals where the dose was toxic to the mother.

Animal Toxicity:

Inhalation, mouse: LC50 = 14,400 ppm/7H

Inhalation, rat: LC50 = 88 g/m³/30M

Oral, rat: LD50 = 1600 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity: Dichloromethane has been shown to increase the incidence of malignant tumors in mice and benign tumors in rats. Other animal studies, as well as several human epidemiology studies, failed to show a tumorigenic response. Dichloromethane is not believed to pose a measurable carcinogenic risk to humans when handled as recommended. Studies have shown that tumors observed in mice are unique to that species.

ACGIH: A3- Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans.

California: carcinogen, initial date 4/1/88

NIOSH: occupational carcinogen

NTP: Anticipated carcinogen

OSHA: Potential cancer hazard

IARC: Group 2B- Possible human carcinogen

Epidemiology: A historical cohort study of persons occupationally exposed to dichloromethane no significantly increased cancer or ischemic heart disease mortality compared to a group of non-exposed employees, as well as general population controls. The most recent update and expansion of this study demonstrated no unusual mortality patterns for hypothesized cause of latency. See IARC Volume 41 for a more detailed discussion.

Teratogenicity: Specific developmental abnormalities (musculoskeletal/urogenital) observed: Inl-mus TLo – 1250 ppm/tH, Oral-rat, TDLo = 1260 mg/kg (6-15D preg)

Developmental abnormalities: Craniofacial, Ihl-mouse, TLo=100 ppm/7Hr (female, 6-15D post); Musculoskeletal, Oral-rat, TDLo+1260 mg/kg (6-15D preg)

Reproductive Effects: Known to be toxic to the fetus at doses toxic to the mother. Animal studies show that it does not interfere with production.

Genetic Toxicology: In vitro genetic toxicity studies were negative in some cases and positive in other cases. Negative or equivocal results have been obtained in genetic toxicity tests with dichloromethane using mammalian cells or animals. This is consistent with the lack of interaction with DNA in rats and hamsters. Although results of Ames bacterial tests have generally been positive, overall the data suggests that genotoxic potential does not appear to be a significant factor in the toxicity of dichloromethane.

Neurotoxicity: No information found .

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity: This chemical practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis, but it has a moderate chronic potential to affect some aquatic organisms. It is resistant to biodegradation and has a flow potential to persist in the aquatic environment. 96-hr, EC50 (loss of equilibrium); Fathead minnow: 99 mg/L; 96-hr, EC10: 66.3 mg/L; Bluegill sunfish: 96-hr, LC50=220 mg/L; Water flea: 24-hr, LC50=2270 mg/L; No observed effect level: 1550 mg/L.

Environmental Fate: This material is not likely to bioconcentrate.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Material that cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. Waste generators must decide if discarded material is a hazardous waste. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal definitions found in 40 CFR 261.3. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements. This material is a "U" listed waste under 40 CFR 261.33 (U080).

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT, IATA, IMO

Proper Shipping Name: Dichloromethane

Hazard Class: 6.1

UN Number: UN1593

Packing Group: III

Canada TDG

Additional Information: Not available

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations:

TSCA: CAS# 75-09-2 is listed on the TSCA Inventory.

Health and Safety Reporting List: CAS# 75-09-2 effective date: 10/4/1982; Sunset date: 10/4/1992

Chemical Test Rules: CAS# 75-09-2 is not listed.

Section 12b: CAS# 75-09-2 is not listed.

TSCA Significant New Use Rule: Does not have an SNUR under TSCA.

CERCLA Hazardous Substances: CAS# 75-09-2 – 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

SARA Section 302: Does not have a TPQ

SARA Codes: CAS# 75-09-2 – acute, chronic

Section 313: Dichloromethane (CAS# 75-09-2) is subject to SARA Title III Section 313 and 40 CFR 373 reporting requirements.

Clean Air Act: CAS# 75-09-2 is listed as a hazardous air pollutant (HAP). It is not a Class 1 Ozone Depleter. It is not a Class 2 Ozone Depleter.

Clean Water Act: CAS# 75-09-2 is listed as a Hazardous Substance. It is listed as a Priority Pollutant. It is not a Toxic Pollutant.

OSHA: Not considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

US State Regulations:

CAS# 75-09-2 is on the following state right-to-know lists: California, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Massachusetts

The following statement is made in order to comply with the California State Drinking Water Act: **WARNING:** This product contains Methylene chloride, a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer. California No Significant Risk Level = 50 ug/day.

Canada:

DSL/NDSL: CAS# 75-09-2 is listed on Canada's DSL list.

WHMIS: This product has a WHMIS classification of D1B, D2A, D2B. This product has been classified in accordance with hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and this MSDS contains all the information required by those regulations.

Ingredient Disclosure List: CAS# 75-09-2 is not listed on Canada's Ingredient Disclosure List.

DSCL (EEC):

Hazard Symbols: Xn

Risk Phrases: R40 – Possible risk of irreversible effects.

Safety Phrases: S23 – Do not inhale gas/fumes/vapor/spray; S24/25 – Avoid contact with skin and eyes; S36/37: Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

WGK (Water Danger/protection): CAS# 75-09-2: 2

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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