

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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**1. Identification**

**Product Name** Propionyl chloride

**Cat No. :** A10940

**CAS-No** 79-03-8  
**Synonyms** Propionic acid chloride; Propionic chloride; Propanoyl chloride

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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**2. Hazard(s) identification****Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

**Label Elements****Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
Harmful if swallowed

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
May cause respiratory irritation  
Toxic if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
Keep container tightly closed  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
Use only non-sparking tools  
Take precautionary measures against static discharge  
Keep cool

**Response**

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

**Inhalation**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

**Eyes**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

**Ingestion**

Rinse mouth

Do NOT induce vomiting

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Reacts violently with water

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Propionyl chloride	79-03-8	>95
Phosgene	75-44-5	<0.2

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Causes burns by all exposure routes. . Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting; Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	CO <sub>2</sub> , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	DO NOT USE WATER
<b>Flash Point</b>	11 °C / 51.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	270 °C / 518 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	11.90 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	3.60 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Contact with water liberates toxic gas.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Hydrogen chloride gas.

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological

Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Do not expose spill to water.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Reacts violently with water. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

**Storage** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep away from water or moist air.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Phosgene	TWA: 0.1 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 0.1 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 0.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.1 ppm TWA: 0.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 2 ppm TWA: 0.1 ppm TWA: 0.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 0.2 ppm Ceiling: 0.8 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.1 ppm

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures** Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

### Personal Protective Equipment

**Eye/face Protection** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available

pH	< 7
Melting Point/Range	-94 °C / -137.2 °F
Boiling Point/Range	77 - 79 °C / 170.6 - 174.2 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	11 °C / 51.8 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	11.90 vol %
Lower	3.60 vol %
Vapor Pressure	106 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	3..2
Specific Gravity	1.060
Solubility	Reacts with water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	270 °C / 518 °F
Decomposition Temperature	190°C
Viscosity	0.48 mPa.s @ 20°C
Molecular Formula	C3 H5 Cl O
Molecular Weight	92.52

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Reacts violently with water. Contact with water liberates toxic gas.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Exposure to moist air or water.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Bases, Alcohols, Amines
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Hydrogen chloride gas
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Contact with water liberates toxic gas.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Propionyl chloride	823 mg/kg	Not listed	Not listed
Phosgene	Not listed	Not listed	LC50 = 8.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Causes burns by all exposure routes
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Propionyl chloride	79-03-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Phosgene	75-44-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Respiratory system
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	No information available
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	See actual entry in RTECS for complete information. The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. Reacts with water so no ecotoxicity data for the substance is available.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Propionyl chloride	Not listed	LC50: 215-464 mg/L/96h (Brachydanio rerio)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Propionyl chloride	0.02

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1815
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PROPIONYL CHLORIDE
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

### TDG

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### IATA

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**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**IMDG/IMO**

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**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II

**15. Regulatory information****United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Propionyl chloride	79-03-8	X	ACTIVE	-
Phosgene	75-44-5	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Propionyl chloride	79-03-8	-	X	201-170-0	X	X	X	X	KE-29372
Phosgene	75-44-5	X	-	200-870-3	X	X	X	X	KE-28456

**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Phosgene	75-44-5	<0.2	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Phosgene	X	10 lb	-	-

**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Phosgene	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Phosgene	-	TQ: 100 lb

CERCLA Not applicable

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
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Phosgene	10 lb	10 lb
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**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Propionyl chloride	X	X	X	-	-
Phosgene	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Phosgene	Release STQs - 500lb Theft STQs - 15lb

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** Serious risk, Grade 3

## 16. Other information

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**End of SDS**