SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name	:	Hydroquinone
Product Number	:	H9003
Brand	:	Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.	:	604-005-00-4
CAS-No.	:	123-31-9

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. 3050 Spruce Street ST. LOUIS MO 63103 UNITED STATES
Telephone	:	+1 314 771-5765
Fax	:	+1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #	:	+1-703-527-3887

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 4), H302
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

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)

H302	Harmful if swallowed.
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H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H410	Very toxic 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.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
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.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.
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 - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	1,4-Benzenediol 1,4-Dihydroxybenzene
Formula	:	$C_6H_6O_2$
Molecular weight	:	110.11 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	123-31-9
EC-No.	:	204-617-8
Index-No.	:	604-005-00-4

Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
Hydroquinone		
	Acute Tox. 4; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H302, H317, H318, H341, H351, H410	<= 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. 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

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

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
No data available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.
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
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combu formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
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.

Air and light sensitive.

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

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	TWA	1.000000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Eye irritation Eye damage Adopted values or notations enclosed are those for which changes are proposed in the NIC See Notice of Intended Changes (NIC) Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans Sensitizer		
		TWA	1 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Dermal Sensitization Eye irritation Eye damage 2015 Adoption Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans		
		TWA	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	2 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		C	2.000000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		15 minute ceiling value		

Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	Methemoglobin	1.500 %	In blood	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	During or end of shift			

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

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: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, 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 industria 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 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If th 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.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a)	Appearance	Form: crystalline Colour: colourless
b)	Odour	No data available
c)	Odour Threshold	No data available
d)	pH	3.7 at 70 g/l
e)	Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 172 - 175 °C (342 - 347 °F) - lit.
f)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	285 °C (545 °F) - lit.
g)	Flash point	165 °C (329 °F) - closed cup
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	1 hPa at 132 °C (270 °F)
l)	Vapour density	3.80 - (Air = 1.0)
m)	Relative density	1.332 g/cm3
n)	Water solubility	50 g/l
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.59
p)	Auto-ignition temperature	515.56 °C (960.01 °F)
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

Bulk density	550 - 650 kg/m3
Solubility in other solvents	Methanol Diethylether
Relative vapour density	3.80 - (Air = 1.0)

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
Air Light.

10.5 Incompatible materials
Strong bases, 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

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - 367.3 mg/kg(Hydroquinone)
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
Inhalation: No data available(Hydroquinone)
LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 2,000 mg/kg(Hydroquinone)
(OECD Test Guideline 402)
No data available(Hydroquinone)

Skin corrosion/irritation
No data available(Hydroquinone)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
No data available(Hydroquinone)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
in vivo assay - Mouse(Hydroquinone)
Result: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.
May cause allergic skin reaction.
(OECD Test Guideline 429)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.(Hydroquinone)
In vitro tests showed mutagenic effects(Hydroquinone)

DNA repair(Hydroquinone)
Rat - Liver cells

Result: negative
Mutagenicity (micronucleus test)(Hydroquinone)
Mouse
Result: positive

Carcinogenicity
This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be possi classification.(Hydroquinone)
Limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animal studies(Hydroquinone)
(Hydroquinone)
(Hydroquinone)

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.

NTP: No component 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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available(Hydroquinone)

No data available(Hydroquinone)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available(Hydroquinone)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available(Hydroquinone)

Additional Information
RTECS: MX3500000

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer.(Hydroquinone)
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.(Hydroquinone)

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.04 - 0.1 mg/l - 96.0 h(Hydroquinone)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.13 mg/l - 48 h(Hydroquinone)
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 0.335 mg/l - 72 h(Hydroquinone)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Biotic/Aerobic - Exposure time 14 d(Hydroquinone) Result: 86 % - Readily biodegradable.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation	Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 3 d - 50 µg/l(Hydroquinone)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 40

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available(Hydroquinone)

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.
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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 chem scrubber.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Hydroquinone)
Reportable Quantity (RQ) : 100 lbs

no
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-F
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Hydroquinone)
Marine pollutant : yes

IATA

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Hydroquinone)

Further information

EHS-Mark required (ADR 2.2.9.1.10, IMDG code 2.10.3) for single packagings and combination packagings containing inner packagings with Dangerous Goods > 5L for liquids or > 5kg for solids.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 302:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	2007-07-01

SARA 313 Components

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

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	2007-07-01

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	2007-07-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	2007-07-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydroquinone	123-31-9	2007-07-01

California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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

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HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	1
Physical Hazard	0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	1
Reactivity Hazard:	0

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 and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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