



LABORATORY CHEMICALS AND CONSUMABLES

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SALICYLIC ACID

### 1. Chemical Product and Company information.

**Product name:** Salicylic acid

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### 2. Hazard Identification

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator). Severe over-exposure can result in death.

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

**CAS #:** 69-72-7

**Synonym:** 2-hydroxybenzoic acid

**Chemical Name:** Salicylic Acid

**Chemical Formula:** C7-H6-O3

### 4. First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.



**Serious Inhalation:** Not available

**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available

## **5. Fire-fighting measures**

**Flammability of the Product:** May be combustible at high temperature

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Not available

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Dust-Air mixtures may pose an explosion hazard.

## **6. Accidental release measures**

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:** Poisonous solid. Stop leak if without risk. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray to reduce vapours. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

## **7. Handling and storage**

**Precautions:** Keep locked up. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk; evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, moisture.

**Storage:** LIGHT SENSITIVE. MOISTURE SENSITIVE. Store in light resistant containers. Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store above 23°C

## **8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Engineering Controls:** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.



## **9. Physical and chemical properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid (Crystalline granules)

**Odour:** Odourless

**Taste:** Sweetish , afterward Acrid

**Colour:** White

**Boiling Point:** Decomposition temperature: 211°C

**Melting Point:** 159°C

**Critical Temperature:** Not available

**Specific Gravity:** 1.443 (Water = 1)

**Vapour Density:** 4.8 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available

**Odour Threshold:** Not available

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, acetone

**Solubility:** Soluble in acetone. Partially soluble in cold water. Very slightly soluble in hot water.

## **10. Stability and reactivity**

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Excessive heat, excessive dust generation, Incompatible materials. Dust-Air mixtures.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, moisture

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Light, moisture, Iron salts, spirit nitrous ether, lead acetate, iodine

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## **11. Toxicological information**

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Inhalation. Ingestion

**Toxicity to Animals:** WARNING: THE LC50 VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE. Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 480 mg/kg [Mouse]. Acute toxicity of the dust (LC50): 900 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 1 hour [Rat].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Classified Reproductive system/toxin/female, Development toxin [POSSIBLE].

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available



**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** May affect genetic material (mutagenicity) based on animal studies. May cause adverse reproductive effects. Teratogenic, Embryo toxic and/or foetal toxic in animal studies. Human: Transferred into maternal breast milk.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: May be harmful through skin absorption, May cause skin irritation. May affect the cardiovascular system (increase in blood pressure), and metabolism (body temperature increase) if absorbed through skin Eye: Causes eye irritation, temporary injury. Inhalation: Causes irritation of the respiratory system (coughing, difficult breathing), ringing in the ears, confusion, rapid pulse, headache, dizziness, nausea, and vomiting. Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed in large amounts. Causes irritation of the gastrointestinal tract (nausea, vomiting abdominal pains). May affect behaviour (muscle weakness and general depressed activity, confusion). May cause ringing in the ears, rapid breathing, and sweating and possible kidney damage. Sever overexposure may result in central nervous system stimulation followed by depression. Chronic Potential Health Effects: Possible hypersensitisation.

## **12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available

## **13. Disposal considerations**

**Waste Disposal:** Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## **14. Transport information**

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material

**Identification:** : Not applicable

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available

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