

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name Mercaptoacetic acid
Cat No. : B20391
CAS No 68-11-1
Synonyms Thioglycolic acid
Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 3
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin
 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
 May cause respiratory irritation
 May cause an allergic skin reaction
 Harmful 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
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Skin

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

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

Storage

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200

No information available

Other hazards

Stench.

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	<=100

4. First-aid measures

General Advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	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. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes burns by all exposure routes. May cause allergic skin reaction. 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: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	CO ₂ , dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	126 °C / 258.8 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	350 °C / 662 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	5.9%
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). Methylmercaptan. Ethylmercaptan. Sulfur oxides. Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	1	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Provide adequate ventilation. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Use personal protective equipment as required.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
Storage.	Keep refrigerated or Keep at temperatures below 10°C. Protect from direct sunlight. Keep container tightly closed. Corrosives area. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Strong acids. Strong bases. .

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Thioglycolic acid	TWA: 1 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 1 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 4 mg/m ³ Skin	REL = 1 ppm (TWA) REL = 4 mg/m ³ (TWA)	TWA: 1 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
 OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 NIOSH: 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.
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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.
Recommended Filter type:	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143. Acid gases filter. Type E. Yellow. conforming to EN14387.
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State	Liquid	
Color	Colorless	
Odor	Stench	
Odor Threshold	No information available	
Property	Values	Remarks • Method
Melting Point/Range	-16 °C / 3.2 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	220 °C / 428 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	126 °C / 258.8 °F	Method - No information available
Flammability (liquid)	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	Lower 5.9 vol%	
Autoignition Temperature	350 °C / 662 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	~85 °C	
pH	1.5	1% aq. solution
Viscosity	6.55 Pa.s @ 20 °C	
Water Solubility	Soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Thioglycolic acid	-2.99	
Vapor Pressure	0.1 hPa @ 20 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	1.325	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Vapor Density	3.18 (Air = 1.0)	(Air = 1.0)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)	
Other Information		
Molecular Formula	C2 H4 O2 S	
Molecular Weight	92.11	

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable up to approximately 30°C. Decomposes. Hydrogen sulfide (H2S).
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Heat. Temperatures above 40°C.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Strong acids, Strong bases,
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen sulfide (H2S), Methylmercaptan, Ethylmercaptan, Sulfur oxides, Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.
Eyes	Avoid contact with eyes. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
Skin	Avoid contact with skin. Causes burns. Harmful in contact with skin.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Thioglycolic acid	LD50 = 73 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 848 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 1,388 mg/m ³ (Rat) 4 h OECD 403 (Inhalation: aerosol)

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 B

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin Category 1

No information available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed 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. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea

Thioglycolic acid	ErC50_72h = 35.65 mg/L	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 103 mg/L/96h Pimephales promelas: LC50 = 30 mg/L/96h	Not listed	EC50_48h = 35.8 mg/L
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Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Thioglycolic acid	-2.99

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

UN-No UN1940
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOLIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1940
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOLIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1940
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOLIC ACID
 Hazard Class 8
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1940
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOLIC ACID
 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
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

X = listed.

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	X	-	200-677-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-33786

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

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
Thioglycolic acid	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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Slight risk, Grade 1

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	-	Use restricted. See entry	-

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REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Thioglycolic acid	68-11-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other Information

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