

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Ethylene oxide

Product Number : 387614  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 603-023-00-X  
  
CAS-No. : 75-21-8

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
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Telephone : +1 800-325-5832  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable gases (Category 1), H220  
Gases under pressure (Liquefied gas), H280  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1B), H340  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H412

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)

H220 : Extremely flammable gas.  
H280 : Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
H315 : Causes skin irritation.  
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.  
H331 : Toxic if inhaled.

H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H412	Harmful 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.
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P311	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P321	Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P377	Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.
P381	Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P410 + P403	Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.
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	: Oxirane
Formula	: C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O
Molecular Weight	: 44.05 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 75-21-8
EC-No.	: 200-849-9
Index-No.	: 603-023-00-X
Registration number	: 01-2119432402-53-XXXX

### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Ethylene oxide</b>	Flam. Gas 1; Press. Gas ; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; Muta. 1B; Carc. 1B; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 3; Aquatic Chronic 3; H220, H280, H315, H319, H331, H335, H340, H350, H412	90 - 100 %

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## 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. Take victim immediately to hospital. 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

Do NOT induce vomiting. 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

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## 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 fire fighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations.

Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

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

Clean up promptly by sweeping or vacuum.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

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.

Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	TWA	1 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		STEL	5 ppm	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	1 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Central Nervous System impairment Cancer Suspected human carcinogen		
		TWA	1 ppm	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		STEL	5 ppm	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		Substance listed; for more information see OSHA document 1910.1047		
		See 1910.1047		
		C	5 ppm 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A 10 minute per day ceiling value		

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### 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.

Splash contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 10 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, 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

industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific 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, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, 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 a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type AXBEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a 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.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: Liquefied gas  |
| b) Odour  | no data available  |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | no data available  |
| d) pH   | 7.0 at 20 °C (68 °F)   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -111 °C (-168 °F) - lit.  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 10.7 °C (51.3 °F) - lit.   |
| g) Flash point                                  | -20.0 °C (-4.0 °F) - closed cup  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | no data available  |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | no data available  |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 99.9 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 3 %(V)  |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 1,440 hPa (1,080 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)<br>2,080 hPa (1,560 mmHg) at 30 °C (86 °F)<br>3,950 hPa (2,963 mmHg) at 50 °C (122 °F) |
| l) Vapour density                               | no data available  |
| m) Relative density                             | 0.882 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)   |
| n) Water solubility                             | slightly soluble   |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 0.3   |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | 429.0 °C (804.2 °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**

no data available

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## 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

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Alcohols, Alkali metals, Ammonia, Oxidizing agents, Chemically active metals, and its salts

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

no data available

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 800 ppm

Remarks: Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Other changes. Liver:Other changes. Kidney, Ureter, Bladder:Other changes.

Dermal: no data available

no data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit

Result: Eye irritation - 6 h

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects

#### Carcinogenicity

Possible human carcinogen

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Ethylene oxide)

NTP: Known to be human carcinogen (Ethylene oxide)

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Ethylene oxide)

#### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

no data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: KX2450000

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Exposure to large amounts can cause:, Convulsions

Lungs -

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 84 mg/l - 96 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

no data available

**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.  
Harmful to aquatic life.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 1040 Class: 2.3 (2.1)  
Proper shipping name: Ethylene oxide  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: Hazard zone D

**IMDG**

UN number: 1040 Class: 2.3 (2.1)  
Proper shipping name: ETHYLENE OXIDE  
Marine pollutant: No

EMS-No: F-D, S-U

**IATA**

UN number: 1040 Class: 2.3 (2.1)  
Proper shipping name: Ethylene oxide  
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport  
IATA Cargo: Not permitted for transport

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

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

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Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2008-11-03

**SARA 313 Components**

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

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2008-11-03

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2008-11-03

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2008-11-03

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2008-11-03

**California Prop. 65 Components**

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Ethylene oxide	CAS-No.	Revision Date
	75-21-8	2009-02-01

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Ethylene oxide	CAS-No.	Revision Date
	75-21-8	2009-02-01

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
Flam. Gas	Flammable gases
H220	Extremely flammable gas.
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	4
Physical Hazard	3

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	3
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Fire Hazard: 4  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Further information**

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