

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : L-(+)-Tartaric acid

Product Number : 251380

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

REACH No. : 01-2119537204-47-XXXX

CAS-No. : 87-69-4

**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**

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : 0-800-983-611

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Serious eye damage, (Category 1) H318: Causes serious eye damage.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger



Hazard Statements	
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
Precautionary Statements	
P280	Wear eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

### 2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Ecological information:

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Toxicological information:

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	(2R,3R)-(+)-Tartaric acid L-Threarcic acid
Formula	:	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
Molecular weight	:	150,09 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	87-69-4
EC-No.	:	201-766-0

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Tartaric acid</b>		
CAS-No.	87-69-4	Eye Dam. 1; H318  ≤ 100 %
EC-No.	201-766-0	

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air.



**In case of skin contact**

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

**5.4 Further information**

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

**6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.



## 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 11: Combustible Solids

### 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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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

##### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Exposure routes	Health effect	Value
Worker DNEL, longterm	dermal	Systemic effects	
Worker DNEL, longterm	inhalation	Systemic effects	5,2 mg/m3
Consumer DNEL, longterm	dermal	Systemic effects	
Consumer DNEL, longterm	inhalation	Systemic effects	1,3 mg/m3
Consumer DNEL, longterm	oral	Systemic effects	

##### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Compartment	Value
Fresh water	0,3125 mg/l
Marine water	0,3125 mg/l
Aquatic intermittent release	0,514 mg/l
Sewage treatment plant	10 mg/l
Sediment	1,141 mg/kg
Marine sediment	1,141 mg/kg
Soil	0,0449 mg/kg



## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|-------------------|-------------|
| a) Physical state | crystalline |
| b) Color          | white       |
| c) Odor           | odourless   |



d) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/ range: 170 - 172 °C - lit.
e) Initial boiling point and boiling range	399,3 °C
f) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
h) Flash point	150 °C - closed cup
i) Autoignition temperature	375 °C at 1.015 hPa - NF T 20-036
j) Decomposition temperature	> 170 °C
k) pH	1,6 at 100 g/l at 25 °C
l) Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
m) Water solubility	1.390 g/l at 20 °C
n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -1,91 at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 107 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
o) Vapor pressure	< 0,05 hPa at 20 °C - NF T 20-048
p) Density	1,76 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C
Relative density	1,878 at 20,6 °C - OECD Test Guideline 109
q) Relative vapour density	5,18 - (Air = 1.0)
r) Particle characteristics	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density	5,18 - (Air = 1.0)
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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.  
The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .



### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with:

Strong oxidizing agents

silver

hydrogen peroxide

alkaline substances

with

Water

Risk of explosion with:

silver salt

Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:

Fluorine

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Strong heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - > 2.000 - < 5.000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 423)

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2.000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - In vitro study

Result: Irreversible effects on the eye

(OECD Test Guideline 437)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: Not a skin sensitizer.

(OECD Test Guideline 429)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: dominant lethal test

Species: Rat

Application Route: Oral

Method: OECD Test Guideline 478

Result: negative



Test Type: Chromosome aberration test  
Species: Rat  
Cell type: Bone marrow  
Application Route: Oral  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 475  
Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## 11.2 Additional Information

### Endocrine disrupting properties

**Product:**

Assessment

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

RTECS: WW7875000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - > 100 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 93,3 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 51,4 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)  static test NOEC - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 3,125 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - activated sludge - > 1.000 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	aerobic - Exposure time 28 d Result: 85 % - Readily biodegradable.
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(OECD Test Guideline 306)

Theoretical oxygen demand	533 mg/g Remarks: (Lit.)
Ratio BOD/ThBOD	56 % Remarks: (Lit.)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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### 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

#### Product:

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### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: -	IMDG: -	IATA: -
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### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID:	Not dangerous goods
IMDG:	Not dangerous goods
IATA:	Not dangerous goods

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: -	IMDG: -	IATA: -
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### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: -	IMDG: -	IATA: -
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### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no	IMDG Marine pollutant: no	IATA: no
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#### **14.6 Special precautions for user**

No data available

##### **Further information**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

#### **14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

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### **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

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

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

#### **15.2 Chemical safety assessment**

A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance.

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### **SECTION 16: Other information**

#### **Full text of H-Statements**

H318 Causes serious eye damage.



## Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

## Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. 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](http://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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