

Safety data sheet

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BASF Safety data sheet according to the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System (UN GHS)

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Product: **Citronellal**

(ID no. 30035052/SDS_GEN_00/EN)

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1. Identification

Product identifier

Citronellal

Chemical name: Citronellal

CAS Number: 106-23-0

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

Relevant identified uses: Chemical, Chemical for detergents, Cosmetic and oral care chemical, flavoring substance

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazards Identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

According to UN GHS criteria

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Flam. Liq. 4
 Acute Tox. 5 (oral)
 Acute Tox. 5 (dermal)
 Skin Corr./Irrit. 2
 Eye Dam./Irrit. 2A
 Skin Sens. 1B
 Aquatic Acute 2

For the classifications not written out in full in this section the full text can be found in section 16.

Label elements

Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Pictogram:



Signal Word:

Warning

Hazard Statement:

H227	Combustible liquid.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H303 + H313	May be harmful if swallowed or in contact with skin.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements (Prevention):

P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection or face protection.
P261	Avoid breathing mist or vapour or spray.
P280	Wear eye protection.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P264	Wash contaminated body parts thoroughly after handling.

Precautionary Statements (Response):

P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical attention.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P302 + P312	IF ON SKIN: Call a POISON CENTER or a doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P362 + P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use extinguishing powder, foam or CO2 for extinction.

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Precautionary Statements (Storage):

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

P501 Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

Other hazardsAccording to UN GHS criteria

When finely distributed on porose material, self-ignition is possible.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients**Substances**Chemical nature

Citronellal

CAS Number: 106-23-0

EC-Number: 203-376-6

Hazardous ingredients (GHS)

According to UN GHS criteria

Citronellal

Content (W/W): >= 75 % - <= 100 %

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Mixtures

Not applicable

4. First-Aid Measures**Description of first aid measures**

Remove contaminated clothing.

If inhaled:

Keep patient calm, remove to fresh air, seek medical attention.

On skin contact:

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

On contact with eyes:

Wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open, consult an eye specialist.

On ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth and then drink 200-300 ml of water, seek medical attention.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms: Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11., (Further) symptoms and / or effects are not known so far

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treatment: Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media:
carbon dioxide, foam, dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:
water

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

carbon oxides, harmful vapours

The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire. Combustible Liquid

Advice for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective clothing.

Further information:

Collect contaminated extinguishing water separately, do not allow to reach sewage or effluent systems. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with official regulations. Cool endangered containers with water-spray.

6. Accidental Release Measures

When finely distributed on porose material, self-ignition is possible. Soiled textiles/cleaning rags made of natural fibres (e.g. of pure wool or of pure cotton) are capable of ignition and should not be used and/or must be disposed of in a safe manner.

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective clothing. Information regarding personal protective measures, see section 8. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not breathe vapour/spray. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing.

Environmental precautions

Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For small amounts: Pick up with suitable absorbent material. Do not use saw-dust or other combustible substances as an absorbant during cleanup.

For large amounts: Dike spillage. Cover with blanket of foam (alcohol-resistant foam). Pump off product.

Dispose of absorbed material in accordance with regulations. Mop up spills with non-flammable adsorbents (e.g. vermiculite, spill mats). Soiled textiles / cleaning rags / adsorbents and Silica are capable of self ignition and should be wetted with water and must be disposed of in a safe manner.

7. Handling and Storage**Precautions for safe handling**

Ensure thorough ventilation of stores and work areas. Wear suitable protective clothing and eye/face protection. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Keep container tightly sealed. This product may cause irritations; wash your hands after every contact.

Protection against fire and explosion:

Risk of self-ignition when a large surface area is produced due to fine dispersion. Soiled textiles / cleaning rags / adsorbents and Silica are capable of self ignition and should be wetted with water and must be disposed of in a safe manner. Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Odour-sensitive: Segregate from products releasing odours.

Further information on storage conditions: Keep container tightly closed and dry; store in a cool place. Protect against heat.

Specific end use(s)

For the relevant identified use(s) listed in Section 1 the advice mentioned in this section 7 is to be observed.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**Control parameters**

Components with occupational exposure limits

No substance specific occupational exposure limits known.

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection:

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Suitable respiratory protection for higher concentrations or long-term effect: Gas filter for gases/vapours of organic compounds (boiling point >65 °C, e. g. EN 14387 Type A)

Hand protection:

Suitable chemical resistant safety gloves (EN ISO 374-1) also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding > 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1): E.g. nitrile rubber (0.4 mm), chloroprene rubber (0.5 mm), butyl rubber (0.7 mm) etc. Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing. Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side-shields (frame goggles) (e.g. EN 166)

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. apron, protecting boots, chemical-protection suit (according to EN 14605 in case of splashes or EN ISO 13982 in case of dust).

General safety and hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wearing of closed work clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. No eating, drinking, smoking or tobacco use at the place of work. Hands and/or face should be washed before breaks and at the end of the shift. Store work clothing separately.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form:	liquid	
Colour:	colourless to yellowish	
Odour:	fruity	
Odour threshold:	< 100 ppm	
pH value:	approx. 7	
Melting point:	< -20 °C (1.013 hPa)	
Boiling point:	206,9 °C (1.013 hPa) Literature data.	
Flash point:	74 °C Literature data.	(closed cup)
Evaporation rate:	Value can be approximated from Henry's Law Constant or vapor pressure.	
Flammability:	Combustible liquid.	(derived from flash point)
Lower explosion limit:	For liquids not relevant for classification and labelling., The lower explosion point may be 5 - 15 °C below the flash point.	

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Upper explosion limit:	For liquids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Ignition temperature:	202 °C	(DIN 51794)
Vapour pressure:	0,16 hPa (20 °C) dynamic 1,73 hPa (50 °C) dynamic	(OECD Guideline 104) (OECD Guideline 104)
Density:	0,85 g/cm ³ (20 °C)	
Relative density:	0,86 (20 °C)	
Relative vapour density (air):	5,31 (20 °C) Heavier than air.	(calculated)
Solubility in water:	88 mg/l (25 °C)	
Solubility (qualitative) solvent(s):	organic solvents soluble	
Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Kow):	3,62 (25 °C)	(Directive 92/69/EEC, A.8)
Self ignition:	Based on its structural properties the product is not classified as self-igniting.	Test type: Spontaneous self-ignition at room-temperature.
Thermal decomposition:	>= 190 °C (DSC (DIN 51007))	
Viscosity, dynamic:	1,48 mPa.s (20 °C) 0,52 mPa.s (100 °C)	
Viscosity, kinematic:	1,82 mm ² /s (20 °C) 1,33 mm ² /s (40 °C)	(OECD 114)
Explosion hazard:	Based on the chemical structure there is no indication of explosive properties.	
Fire promoting properties:	Based on its structural properties the product is not classified as oxidizing.	
SADT:	Not a substance liable to self-decomposition according to UN transport regulations, class 4.1.	

Other information

Adsorption/water - soil:	KOC: 147,7; log KOC: 2,169	(calculated)
Surface tension:	Based on chemical structure, surface activity is not to be expected.	
Grain size distribution:	The substance / product is marketed or used in a non solid or granular form.	
Molar mass:	154,25 g/mol	

10. Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Corrosion to metals:	Corrosive effects to metal are not anticipated.
Formation of flammable gases:	Remarks: Forms no flammable gases in the presence of water.

Chemical stability

The product is stable if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Self-ignition is possible when finely distributed on flammable surfaces in the presence of air.

Conditions to avoid

Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. See SDS section 7 - Handling and storage.

Incompatible materials

Substances to avoid:
acids, bases

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products:
No hazardous decomposition products if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

11. Toxicological Information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Assessment of acute toxicity:
Of low toxicity after single ingestion. Of low toxicity after short-term skin contact.

Experimental/calculated data:
LD50 rat (oral): 2.423 mg/kg (BASF-Test)

LD50 rabbit (dermal): > 2.500 - < 5.000 mg/kg

Irritation

Assessment of irritating effects:
Skin contact causes irritation. Eye contact causes irritation.

Experimental/calculated data:
Skin corrosion/irritation rabbit: Irritant. (BASF-Test)

Serious eye damage/irritation rabbit: Irritant. (BASF-Test)

Respiratory/Skin sensitization

Assessment of sensitization:

Caused skin sensitization in animal studies.

Experimental/calculated data:

Guinea pig maximization test guinea pig: skin sensitizing

Germ cell mutagenicity

Assessment of mutagenicity:

The substance was not mutagenic in bacteria. The substance was not mutagenic in mammalian cell culture.

Carcinogenicity

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

Results from a number of long-term carcinogenicity studies are available. Taking into account all of the information, there is no indication that the substance itself is carcinogenic. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Reproductive toxicity

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

The results of animal studies gave no indication of a fertility impairing effect. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Developmental toxicity

Assessment of teratogenicity:

Animal studies gave no indication of a developmental toxic effect at doses that were not toxic to the parental animals. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Assessment of STOT single:

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:

Prolonged repeated exposure caused inflammable degenerative processes in the respiratory tract of rats. Causes irritating effects at esophagus and the gastro-intestinal tract. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Aspiration hazard

No aspiration hazard expected.

12. Ecological Information

Toxicity

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

Acutely toxic for aquatic organisms. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations.

Toxicity to fish:

LC50 (96 h) approx. 22 mg/l, *Leuciscus idus* (DIN 38412 Part 15, static)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration.

Aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (48 h) 8,7 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (Directive 79/831/EEC, static)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration. The product has low solubility in the test medium. An aqueous solution prepared with solubilizers has been tested.

Aquatic plants:

EC50 (72 h) 13,33 mg/l (growth rate), *Scenedesmus subspicatus* (DIN 38412 Part 9, static)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration.

Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:

EC20 (0,5 h) approx. 400 mg/l, activated sludge, domestic (OECD Guideline 209, static)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration.

Chronic toxicity to fish:

Study scientifically not justified.

Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:

Study scientifically not justified.

Assessment of terrestrial toxicity:

No data available.

Study scientifically not justified.

Persistence and degradability

Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H₂O):

Readily biodegradable (according to OECD criteria).

Elimination information:

83 % CO₂ formation relative to the theoretical value (28 d) (OECD 301B; ISO 9439; 92/69/EEC, C.4-C) (aerobic, activated sludge, domestic, non-adapted)

Assessment of stability in water:

Substance is readily biodegradable, therefore hydrolysis is not expected to be relevant.

Bioaccumulative potential

Assessment bioaccumulation potential:

Significant accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the structure of the product.

Bioaccumulation potential:

Bioconcentration factor: 113,6 (calculated)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the structure of the product.

Mobility in soil

Assessment transport between environmental compartments:

Volatility: The substance will slowly evaporate into the atmosphere from the water surface.

Adsorption in soil: Adsorption to solid soil phase is not expected.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

According to Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH): The product does not fulfill the criteria for PBT (Persistent/bioaccumulative/toxic) and vPvB (very persistent/very bioaccumulative). Self classification

Other adverse effects

The substance is not listed in Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer.

13. Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods

Observe national and local legal requirements.

14. Transport Information

Land transport

ADR

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

RID

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for	None known

user

Inland waterway transport

ADN

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user:	None known

Transport in inland waterway vessel

Not evaluated

Sea transport

IMDG

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user:	None known

Air transport

IATA/ICAO

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user:	None known

Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Maritime transport in bulk is not intended.

15. Regulatory Information

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

If other regulatory information applies that is not already provided elsewhere in this safety data sheet, then it is described in this subsection.

16. Other Information

Any other intended applications should be discussed with the manufacturer. Corresponding occupational protection measurements must be followed.

Full text of classifications, hazard symbols and hazard statements, if mentioned in section 2 or 3:

Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Skin Corr./Irrit.	Skin corrosion/irritation
Eye Dam./Irrit.	Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitization
Aquatic Acute	Hazardous to the aquatic environment - acute
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H401	Toxic to aquatic life.

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