

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Thimerosal  
Product Number : T5125  
Brand : Sigma  
Index-No. : 080-004-00-7  
CAS-No. : 54-64-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : MilliporeSigma Canada Ltd  
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OAKVILLE ON L6H 6J8  
CANADA  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA)  
+1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC  
(International)  
24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) (SOR/2015-17)

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 2), H300  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2), H373  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H410

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)

H300 + H310 + H330  
H373

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.

P262

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

P284

Wear respiratory protection.

P301 + P310 + P330

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
Rinse mouth.

P302 + P352 + P310

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Immediately call a  
POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P304 + P340 + P310

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable  
for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P314

Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

P361 + P364

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it  
before reuse.

P391

Collect spillage.

P403 + P233

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

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal  
plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

- none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : 2-(Ethylmercuriomercapto)benzoic acid sodium salt  
Ethylmercurithiosalicylic acid sodium salt  
Mercury-([o-carboxyphenyl]thio)ethyl sodium salt  
Sodium ethylmercurithiosalicylate

Formula : C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>HgO<sub>2</sub>S.Na

Molecular weight : 404.81 g/mol

CAS-No. : 54-64-8

EC-No. : 200-210-4

Index-No. : 080-004-00-7

Component	Classification	Concentration *
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<b>Thimerosal</b>		
	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 1; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H300, H330, H310, H373, H400, H410 Concentration limits: >= 0.1 %: STOT RE 2, H373; M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 10	<= 100 %
* Weight %		

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

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

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

#### In case of eye contact

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

#### If swallowed

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

### 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 (CO2) 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

Sulfur oxides

Sodium oxides

Mercury/mercury oxides.

Combustible.

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

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### **5.4 Further information**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. 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 generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. 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 carefully. 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**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Thimerosal	54-64-8	TWA	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
Remarks	Substance may be readily absorbed through intact skin			
		TWA	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
	Substance may be readily absorbed through intact skin			
		STEL	0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
	Substance may be readily absorbed through intact skin			
		TWAEV	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
	Skin (percutaneous)			
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	Skin (percutaneous)			
		STEV	0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
	Skin (percutaneous)			

		TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. British Columbia OEL
	Adverse reproductive effect Contributes significantly to the overall exposure by the skin route.			
		C	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. British Columbia OEL
	Adverse reproductive effect Contributes significantly to the overall exposure by the skin route.			
		TWA	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. British Columbia OEL
	Adverse reproductive effect Contributes significantly to the overall exposure by the skin route.			
		STEL	0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. British Columbia OEL
	Adverse reproductive effect Contributes significantly to the overall exposure by the skin route.			
		TWA	0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario Table of Occupational Exposure Limits made under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
	Skin			
		STEL	0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario Table of Occupational Exposure Limits made under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
	Skin			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### 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). Safety glasses

#### 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 EN374 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.

### **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) Appearance                                   | Form: powder<br>Color: beige             |
| b) Odor   | No data available                        |
| c) Odor Threshold                               | No data available                        |
| d) pH   | ca.6.7 at 10 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)        |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | 234 °C (453 °F) - Decomposes on heating. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                        |
| g) Flash point                                  | ( )Not applicable                        |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                        |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                        |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                        |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | No data available                        |
| l) Vapor density                                | No data available                        |
| m) Density                                      | No data available                        |
| Relative density                                | No data available                        |
| n) Water solubility                             | 1,000 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)               |

- o) Partition coefficient: No data available  
n-octanol/water
- p) Autoignition No data available  
temperature
- q) Decomposition No data available  
temperature
- r) Viscosity No data available
- s) Explosive properties No data available
- t) Oxidizing properties none

## 9.2 Other safety information

Solubility in other Ethanol at 20 °C (68 °F) - soluble  
solvents

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

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

Violent reactions possible with:

Strong oxidizing agents

Strong acids

Bases

Aluminum

Reducing agents

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

### 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

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 5.1 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 0.051 mg/l - dust/mist



(Expert judgment)  
Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 5.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)  
No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test  
Test system: Salmonella typhimurium  
Result: negative  
Remarks: (National Toxicology Program)

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Oral - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Kidney

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

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

Danger of cumulative effects.

Mercury compounds have a cytotoxic and protoplasmatoxic effect. Intoxication symptoms: acute: contact with eye causes severe lesions. Swallowing and inhalation of dusts damages mucous membranes of gastrointestinal and respiratory tract (metallic taste, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, bloody diarrhoea, intestinal burns, glottal oedema, aspiration pneumonia); drop in blood pressure, cardiac dysrhythmia, circulatory collapse, and renal failure; chronic: inflammation of the mouth with loss of teeth and mercurial line. The principal signs manifest themselves in the CNS (impaired speech, vision, hearing, and sensitivity, loss of memory, irritability, hallucinations, delirium inter alia).

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

No data available

### 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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

Biological effects:

Hazard for drinking water supplies.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### TDG

UN number: 2025 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Thimerosal)

Labels: 6.1

ERG Code: 151

Marine pollutant: no

### IMDG

UN number: 2025 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-A

Proper shipping name: MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Thimerosal)

Marine pollutant : yes

Marine pollutant : yes

### IATA

UN number: 2025 Class: 6.1 Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Mercury compound, solid, n.o.s. (Thimerosal)

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. 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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