

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Stearic acid

Product Number : S4751  
Brand : Sigma

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Product Safety - Americas Region  
1-800-521-8956

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### OSHA Hazards

Irritant

##### GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)  
Skin irritation (Category 2)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word : Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H303 : May be harmful if swallowed.  
H315 : Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P264 : Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P280 : Wear protective gloves.  
P302 + P352 : IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P312 : Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.  
P321 : Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).  
P332 + P313 : If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 : Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

##### HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2  
Flammability: 1  
Physical hazards: 0

##### NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 2  
Fire: 1

**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Octadecanoic acid  
Formula : C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 284.48 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Stearic acid</b>		
CAS-No.	57-11-4	-
EC-No.	200-313-4	-

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**4. 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. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**Conditions of flammability**

Not flammable or combustible.

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust.

**Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

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

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

**Conditions for safe storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Personal protective equipment****Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand 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.

**Immersion protection**

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: > 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

**Splash protection**

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: > 30 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, 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 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.

**Eye protection**

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin and body protection**

impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Hygiene measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****Appearance**

Form solid

Colour no data available

**Safety data**

pH no data available

Melting Melting point/range: 67 - 72 °C (153 - 162 °F) - lit.

point/freezing point	
Boiling point	361 °C (682 °F) - lit.
Flash point	113 °C (235 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	no data available
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 173.7 °C (344.7 °F)
Density	0.845 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - > 2,000 mg/kg

#### Inhalation LC50

no data available

#### Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - > 5,000 mg/kg

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - No skin irritation - Patch Test 24 Hrs.

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - No eye irritation

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

**Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Implant

Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Kidney, Ureter, Bladder: Tumors.

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

**Teratogenicity**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects**

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**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

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

**Synergistic effects**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: W12800000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Toxicity**

no data available

**Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

no data available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

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.

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

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****OSHA Hazards**

Irritant

**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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