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## PROPIONALDEHYDE

### 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Propanal; Methylacetaldehyde; Propionic aldehyde

**CAS No.:** 123-38-6

**Molecular Weight:** 58.08

**Chemical Formula:** CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHO

**Product Codes:** U307

### 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Propionaldehyde	123-38-6	98%	Yes
Water	7732-18-5	2%	No

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

**DANGER! EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. VAPOR MAY CAUSE FLASH FIRE. CAUSES SKIN AND EYE BURNS. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. VAPOR EXTREMELY IRRITATING TO EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT MAY FORM EXPLOSIVE PEROXIDES. MAY POLYMERIZE RESULTING IN HAZARDOUS CONDITION.**

SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup> Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 3 - Severe

Flammability Rating: 3 - Severe (Flammable)

Reactivity Rating: 3 - Severe (Water Reactive)

Contact Rating: 3 - Severe

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES;  
CLASS B EXTINGUISHER

Storage Color Code: Red Stripe (Store Separately)

## Potential Health Effects

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Information on the human health effects from exposure to this substance is limited.

### **Inhalation:**

Causes irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath. High concentrations can cause pulmonary edema.

### **Ingestion:**

No information found, but compound should be handled as a potential health hazard.

### **Skin Contact:**

Causes irritation to skin. Symptoms include redness, itching, and pain.

### **Eye Contact:**

Vapors cause eye irritation. Splashes cause severe irritation, possible corneal burns and eye damage.

### **Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

### **Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

### **Ingestion:**

If swallowed call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

### **Skin Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Call a physician.

### **Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

### **Fire:**

Flash point: -27C (-17F) CC

Autoignition temperature: 207C (405F)

Flammable limits in air % by volume:

lel: 2.9; uel: 17.0

Extremely Flammable Liquid.

### **Explosion:**

Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above. Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire. Sealed containers may rupture when heated. Vapors can flow along surfaces to distant ignition source and flash back. Sensitive to static discharge.

### **Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide. Water may be ineffective. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool, dilute spills to nonflammable mixtures, protect personnel attempting to stop leak and disperse vapors.

### **Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Isolate hazard area. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Contain and recover liquid when possible. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Collect liquid in an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth), and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials, such as saw dust. Do not flush to sewer! If a leak or spill has not ignited, use water spray to disperse the vapors, to protect personnel attempting to stop leak, and to flush spills away from exposures. US Regulations (CERCLA) require reporting spills and releases to soil, water and air in excess of reportable quantities. The toll free number for the US Coast Guard National Response Center is (800) 424-8802.

J. T. Baker SOLUSORB® solvent adsorbent is recommended for spills of this product.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Protect against physical damage. Store in a cool, dry well-ventilated location, away from any area where the fire hazard may be acute. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Separate from incompatibles. Containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks. Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas. Use non-sparking type tools and equipment, including explosion proof ventilation. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):  
20 ppm (TWA)

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details. Use explosion-proof equipment.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a full facepiece respirator with organic vapor cartridge may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-facepiece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

Clear, colorless liquid.

**Odor:**

Stench.

**Solubility:**

Completely soluble in water.

**Specific Gravity:**

0.807 @ 16C

**pH:**

No information found.

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

100

**Boiling Point:**

48C (118F)

**Melting Point:**

-81C (-114F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

1.8 @ 100F

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

271 @ 20C (68F)

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. Reacts with water to form propionic acid. Forms peroxides of unknown stability.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

May occur. Avoid accelerators, initiators, heat, pressure, contamination.

**Incompatibilities:**

Strong oxidizers.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral rat LD50: 800 - 1,600 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50 rat: 26000 ppm/0.5H

Skin rabbit LD50: 5 mL/kg.

Irritation eye rabbit: severe

Irritation skin guinea pig: severe

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Propionaldehyde (123-38-6)	No	No	None
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

### Environmental Fate:

When released into the soil, this material may evaporate to a moderate extent. When released into the soil, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released into water, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. When released to water, this material is expected to quickly evaporate. When released into the water, this material is expected to have a half-life between 1 and 10 days. This material has an estimated bioconcentration factor (BCF) of less than 100. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate. When released into the air, this material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals. When released into the air, this material is expected to have a half-life of less than 1 day.

### Oxygen Demand Data:

BOD (5 days) - 840 mg/g

COD: 2,130 mg/g

ThOD: 2,200 mg/g

### Environmental Toxicity:

Bluegill Sunfish: 96 Hr-LC50 = 130 mg/l

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be handled as hazardous waste and sent to a RCRA approved incinerator or disposed in a RCRA approved waste facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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## 14. Transport Information

### Domestic (Land, D.O.T.)

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**Proper Shipping Name:** PROPIONALDEHYDE

**Hazard Class:** 3

**UN/NA:** UN1275

**Packing Group:** II

**Information reported for product/size:** 500ML

### International (Water, I.M.O.)

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**Proper Shipping Name:** PROPIONALDEHYDE

**Hazard Class:** 3

**UN/NA:** UN1275

**Packing Group:** II

**Information reported for product/size:** 500ML

### International (Air, I.C.A.O.)

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**Proper Shipping Name:** PROPIONALDEHYDE

**Hazard Class:** 3

**UN/NA:** UN1275

**Packing Group:** II

**Information reported for product/size:** 500ML

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## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----				
Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
Propionaldehyde (123-38-6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water (7732-18-5)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----				
Ingredient	Korea	--Canada--		
		DSL	NDSL	Phil.
Propionaldehyde (123-38-6)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Water (7732-18-5)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----				
Ingredient	-SARA 302-		-----SARA 313-----	
	RQ	TPQ	List	Chemical Catg.
Propionaldehyde (123-38-6)	No	No	Yes	No
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	No	No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----			
Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA-	-TSCA-
		261.33	8(d)
Propionaldehyde (123-38-6)	1000	No	No
Water (7732-18-5)	No	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: Yes      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: Yes      (Mixture / Liquid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** 2YE

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 2 Flammability: 3 Reactivity: 2

**Label Hazard Warning:**

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**Label Precautions:**

Avoid breathing vapor or mist.

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

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

**Label First Aid:**

If swallowed call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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