

Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifier

Product name : (R)-2-Hydroxybutanoic acid
Catalog No. : CS-0107851
CAS No. : 20016-85-7

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 #: 610-426-3128

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Skin corrosion/irritation (Category 2),H315

Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 1),H318

Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation (Category 3),H335

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H315 Causes skin irritation

H318 Causes serious eye damage

H335 May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statement(s)

Prevention

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Storage

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to in accordance with local regulation.

2.3 Other hazards

None.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms:	(R)- α -Hydroxybutyric acid
Formula:	$C_4H_8O_3$
Molecular Weight:	104.10
CAS No. :	20016-85-7

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye contact

Remove any contact lenses, locate eye-wash station, and flush eyes immediately with large amounts of water. Separate eyelids with fingers to ensure adequate flushing. Promptly call a physician.

Skin contact

Rinse skin thoroughly with large amounts of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes and call a physician.

Inhalation

Immediately relocate self or casualty to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Avoid mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Ingestion

Wash out mouth with water; Do NOT induce vomiting; call 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).

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, dry chemical, foam, and carbon dioxide fire extinguisher.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

During combustion, may emit irritant fumes.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment for firefighters	:	Use personal protective equipment.
Specific extinguishing methods	:	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Immediately evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use full personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist, dust or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

Refer to protective measures listed in sections 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Try to prevent further leakage or spillage. Keep the product away from drains or water courses.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Absorb solutions with finely-powdered liquid-binding material (diatomite, universal binders); Decontaminate surfaces and equipment by scrubbing with alcohol; Dispose of contaminated material according to Section 13.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid inhalation, contact with eyes and skin. Avoid dust and aerosol formation. Use only in areas with appropriate exhaust ventilation.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly sealed in cool, well-ventilated area. Keep away from direct sunlight and sources of ignition.

Recommended storage temperature: Storage temp. 2-8°C

Shipping at room temperature if less than 2 weeks.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

No data available.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

This product contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls

Ensure adequate ventilation. Provide accessible safety shower and eye wash station.

Personal protective equipment

Eye protection	Safety goggles with side-shields.
Hand protection	Protective gloves.
Skin and body protection	Impervious clothing.
Respiratory protection	Suitable respirator.
Environmental exposure controls	Keep the product away from drains, water courses or the soil. Clean spillages in a safe way as soon as possible.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	<50°C Solid,>54°C Liquid
Odor	No data available
Odor threshold	No data available
pH	No data available
Melting/freezing point	50-54 °C
Boiling point/range	238.3±13.0 °C at 760 mmHg
Flash point	112.2°C
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Vapor pressure	No data available
Vapor density	No data available
Relative density	No data available
Water Solubility	No data available
Partition coefficient	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Viscosity	No data available
Explosive properties	No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available

9.2 Other safety information

No data available.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

No data available.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids/alkalis, strong oxidising/reducing agents.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Under fire conditions, may decompose and emit toxic fumes.

Other decomposition products - no data available.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Skin corrosion/irritation

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Serious eye damage/irritation

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Germ cell mutagenicity

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Carcinogenicity

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

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

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

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

Reproductive toxicity

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Aspiration hazard

Classified based on available data. For more details, see section 2

Additional information

This information is based on our current knowledge. However the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been completely investigated.

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 unavailable as chemical safety assessment not required or not conducted.

12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Dispose substance in accordance with prevailing country, federal, state and local regulations.

Contaminated packaging

Conduct recycling or disposal in accordance with prevailing country, federal, state and local regulations.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID,N. O. S.

UN number: 1759

Class: 8

Packing group: III

IMDG

Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID,N. O. S.

UN number: 1759

Class: 8

Packing group: III

IATA

Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID,N. O. S.

UN number: 1759

Class: 8

Packing group: III

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components:

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

SARA 313 Components:

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 Hazards.

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 anyother reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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