

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

North American Version

## EPICHLOROHYDRIN

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1. Identification of the substance or preparation

Product name : EPICHLOROHYDRIN  
Chemical Name : Epichlorhydrin  
Synonyms : 1-chloro-2,3-epoxypropane, 3-chloro-1,2-epoxypropane  
Molecular formula : C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OCl  
Molecular Weight : 92.53 g/mol

#### 1.2. Use of the Substance/Preparation

Recommended use : - Chemical intermediate

#### 1.3. Company/Undertaking Identification

Address : SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC.  
3333 RICHMOND AVENUE  
HOUSTON TX 77098-3099  
United States

#### 1.4. Emergency and contact telephone numbers

Emergency telephone : 1 (800) 424-9300 CHEMTREC® (USA & Canada)  
01-800-00-214-00 (MEX. REPUBLIC)

Contact telephone number : US: +1-800-765-8292 (Product information)  
(product information): US: +1-513-679-3031 (Product information)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. Emergency Overview:

NFPA : H= 3 F= 3 I= 2 S= None  
HMIS : H= 3 F= 3 R= 2 PPE = Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

#### General Information

Appearance : liquid  
Colour : colourless  
Odour : Chloroform

#### Main effects

- Flammable
- May cause cancer.
- Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
- Causes burns.
- May cause sensitization by skin contact.
- Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.

## 2.2. Potential Health Effects:

### **Inhalation**

- irritation of the upper respiratory tract
- In case of repeated or prolonged exposure: headaches, fatigue and risk of nervous system effects.
- Liver injury may occur.
- (in case of higher concentration): Cough, Breathing difficulties, Feelings of intoxication, restlessness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness., Risk of: Lung oedema, chemical pneumonitis.

### **Eye contact**

- Severe eye irritation
- Lachrymation
- Redness
- Risk of temporary eye lesions.

### **Skin contact**

- The product may be absorbed through the skin.
- Painful irritation, delayed appearance.
- Redness
- Swelling of tissue
- Causes burns.
- May cause an allergic skin reaction.

### **Ingestion**

- Severe irritation
- Risk of convulsions, loss of consciousness, deep coma and cardiopulmonary arrest.
- Symptoms: Nausea, Vomiting, Abdominal pain, Diarrhoea.

### **Other toxicity effects**

- See section 11: Toxicological Information

## 2.3. Environmental Effects:

- See section 12: Ecological Information

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### **Epichlorhydrin**

CAS-No. : 106-89-8  
Concentration : > 99.0 %

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Inhalation

- In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.
- Victim to lie down in the recovery position, cover and keep him warm.
- Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed.
- If symptoms persist, call a physician.

### 4.2. Eye contact

- Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
- In the case of difficulty of opening the lids, administer an analgesic eye wash (oxybuprocaine).
- Immediate medical attention is required.

### 4.3. Skin contact

- Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Wash off with soap and water.
- If symptoms persist, call a physician.

#### 4.4. Ingestion

- Consult a physician.
- Take victim immediately to hospital.

***If victim is conscious:***

- If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious).
- Do NOT induce vomiting.
- Do not give anything to drink.
- Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary.

***If victim is unconscious but breathing:***

- Artificial respiration and/or oxygen may be necessary.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Suitable extinguishing media

- powder
- Foam, AFFF
- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

### 5.2. Extinguishing media which shall not be used for safety reasons

- Water spray jet

### 5.3. Special exposure hazards in a fire

- Flammable
- Heating can release hazardous gases.

### 5.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- hydrochloric acid
- Carbon monoxide

### 5.5. Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

- Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
- Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit.
- Fire fighters must wear fire resistant personnel protective equipment.
- Clean contaminated surface thoroughly.

### 5.6. Other information

- Cool containers / tanks with water spray.
- Flood the product with water.
- Avoid propagating the fire when directing the extinguishing agent as a jet onto the surface of the burning liquid.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal precautions

- Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
- Vapours are heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing.
- Wear self-contained breathing apparatus in confined spaces, in cases where the oxygen level is depleted, or in case of significant emissions.
- Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
- Cover the spreading liquid with foam in order to slow down the evaporation.
- Keep away from Incompatible products.
- Ventilate the area.
- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

- Should not be released into the environment.
- If the product contaminates rivers and lakes or drains inform respective authorities.

### 6.3. Methods for cleaning up

- Dam up.
- Soak up with inert absorbent material.
- Prevent product from entering drains.
- Keep in properly labelled containers.
- Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
- Treat recovered material as described in the section "Disposal considerations".

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Handling

- Used in closed system
- Handle small quantities under a lab hood.
- Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
- Prevent product vapours decomposition from contacting hot spots.
- Prevent product vapours decomposition from electric arc action (welding).
- Preferably transfer by pump or gravity.
- Use only equipment and materials which are compatible with the product.
- Keep away from incompatible products

### 7.2. Storage

- Store in original container.
- Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place.
- Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
- Keep away from incompatible products
- Keep in a banded area.
- Keep container tightly closed.

### 7.3. Packaging material

- Steel drum
- Stainless steel

### 7.4. Other information

- Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
- Provide electrical equipment safe for hazardous locations.
- Ensure all equipment is electrically grounded before beginning transfer operations.
- Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.
- To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.
- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Exposure Limit Values

#### Epichlorhydrin

- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 2006  
TWA = 0.5 ppm  
Remarks: Skin
- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 01 2006  
time weighted average = 0.5 ppm
- US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values 01 2006  
Remarks: Can be absorbed through skin.

- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Permissible exposure limit = 5 ppm  
Permissible exposure limit = 19 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000) 02 2006  
Remarks: Can be absorbed through skin.
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
time weighted average = 2 ppm  
time weighted average = 8 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- US. OSHA Table Z-1-A (29 CFR 1910.1000) 1989  
Remarks: Can be absorbed through skin.

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SAEL = Solvay Acceptable Exposure Limit, Time Weighted Average for 8 hour workdays. No Specific TLV STEL (Short Term Exposure Level) has been set. Excursions in exposure level may exceed 3 times the TLV TWA for no more than a total of 30 minutes during a workday and under no circumstances should they exceed 5 times the TLV TWA.

## 8.2. Engineering controls

- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery.
- Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.
- Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

## 8.3. Personal protective equipment

### 8.3.1. Respiratory protection

- Self-contained breathing apparatus in medium confinement/insufficient oxygen/in case of large uncontrolled emissions/in all circumstances when the mask and cartridge do not give adequate protection.
- Use only respiratory protection that conforms to international/ national standards.
- Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.

### 8.3.2. Hand protection

- Wear suitable gloves.
- Take note of the information given by the producer concerning permeability and break through times, and of special workplace conditions (mechanical strain, duration of contact).
- Suitable material: Neoprene
- Unsuitable material: Leather

### 8.3.3. Eye protection

- Chemical resistant goggles must be worn.
- If splashes are likely to occur, wear:
  - Goggles
  - Face-shield

### 8.3.4. Skin and body protection

- Protective suit
- If splashes are likely to occur, wear:
  - Apron
  - Boots
  - Neoprene

### 8.3.5. Hygiene measures

- Use only in an area equipped with a safety shower.
- Eye wash bottle with pure water
- When using do not eat, drink or smoke.
- High standards of skin care and personal hygiene should be exercised at all times.
- Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. General Information

**Appearance** : liquid  
**Colour** : colourless  
**Odour** : Chloroform

### 9.2. Important health safety and environmental information

**pH** : *Remarks: not applicable*

**Boiling point/boiling range** : 116 °C ( 241 °F )

**Flash point** : 31 °C ( 88 °F )  
*Method: closed cup*

**Flammability** : Upper explosion limit:  
21 %(V)  
Lower explosion limit:  
3.8 %(V)  
*Remarks: Flammable*

**Explosive properties** : Explosion danger:  
*Remarks: Heating may cause an explosion.*

**Oxidizing properties** : *Remarks: not applicable*

**Vapour pressure** : 17 hPa  
*Temperature: 20 °C ( 68 °F )*

**Relative density / Density** : 1.18

**Solubility** : Water  
65 g/l  
*Temperature: 20 °C ( 68 °F )*  
: Soluble in:  
: organic solvent

**Partition coefficient:  
n-octanol/water** : log Pow:  
= 0.3

**Viscosity** : 1.12 mPa.s  
*Temperature: 20 °C ( 68 °F )*

**Vapour density** : 3.2

### 9.3. Other data

**Freezing point:** : -57 °C ( -71 °F )

**Auto-flammability** : 385 °C ( 725 °F )

**Decomposition  
temperature** : ca. 225 °C ( 437 °F )

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Stability

- Stable under recommended storage conditions.
- May polymerize in case of heat

- Hazardous Polymerisation/Polymerization: yes

#### 10.2. Conditions to avoid

- To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.
- Keep away from direct sunlight.
- Heat, flames and sparks.
- Keep at temperature not exceeding: 225 °C ( 437 °F )

#### 10.3. Materials to avoid

- Oxidizing agents, Alcohol, Amines, Organic acids, Alkalis, Anhydrous chlorides of iron, tin and aluminium.

#### 10.4. Hazardous decomposition products

- hydrochloric acid, Carbon monoxide

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicological data

#### **Acute oral toxicity**

- LD50, rat, 90 mg/kg

#### **Acute inhalation toxicity**

- LC50, 4 h, rat, 2,403 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- LC50, 6 h, rat, 1,362 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### **Acute dermal irritation/corrosion**

- LD50, rabbit, from 515 - 754 mg/kg

#### **Skin irritation**

- rabbit, corrosive effects

#### **Eye irritation**

- rabbit, Eye irritation

#### **Sensitisation**

- guinea pig, Skin sensitization

#### **Chronic toxicity**

- Inhalation, Prolonged exposure, rat, Target Organs: Upper respiratory tract, male genital system, adrenal glands, Kidney, Liver, NOEL: >= 10 ppm

#### **Carcinogenicity**

- Oral, Prolonged exposure, rat, Target Organs: Gastrointestinal tract, carcinogenic effects
- Inhalation, Prolonged exposure, rat, Target Organs: Upper respiratory tract, carcinogenic effects

#### **Toxicity to reproduction**

- Oral, 5 mg/kg, Effects on fertility

#### **Remarks**

- Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.
- May cause sensitization by skin contact.
- Liver and kidney injuries may occur.
- Risk of the central nervous system effect
- The carcinogenic effect is not demonstrated in human
- risk of effect to:
- toxic effects for reproduction

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Ecotoxicity effects

#### **Acute toxicity**

- Fishes, various species, LC50, 96 h, from 10 - 30 mg/l
- Crustaceans, Daphnia sp., LC50, 24 h, from 30 - 40 mg/l

#### 12.2. Mobility

- Water, Evaporates., t1/2: = 29 h  
Conditions: river
- Soil/sediments, KOC: = 123  
Conditions: calculated value  
Remarks: adsorption, not significant
- Air  
Remarks: rain washout
- Soil  
Remarks: significant evaporation and percolation

#### 12.3. Persistence and degradability

##### ***Abiotic degradation***

- Air, indirect photo-oxidation, t 1/2 = 4 d  
Result: instantaneous degradation  
Conditions: sensitizer: OH radicals
- Air, indirect photo-oxidation, t 1/2 = 16 h  
Conditions: sensitizer: photochemical smog
- Water, Hydrolysis, t 1/2 = 7 d  
Conditions: fresh water, pH 4 - 10, 20 °C
- Water, Hydrolysis, t 1/2 = 5.3 d  
Conditions: salt water

##### ***Biodegradation***

- Tested according to: ready biodegradability/MITI, BOD5 = 0.03  
Remarks: weakly biodegradable
- Tested according to: ready biodegradability/MITI, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) = 1.16  
Remarks: weakly biodegradable
- Tested according to: ready biodegradability/MITI, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) = 89, 24 h  
Conditions: adapted inoculum  
Remarks: Readily biodegradable

#### 12.4. Bioaccumulative potential

- Bioconcentration: Bioconcentration factor (BCF) = 0.66
- log Pow < 3  
Result: Does not bioaccumulate.

#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

- no data available

#### 12.6. Remarks

- Harmful to aquatic organisms.
- Nevertheless, hazard for the environment is limited due to product properties:
- Disperses rapidly in air.
- Inherently biodegradable.
- Does not bioaccumulate.
- . weak persistence.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### 13.1. Waste from residues / unused products

- In accordance with local and national regulations.
- Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information on recovery/recycling.

- or
- Must be incinerated in a suitable incineration plant holding a permit delivered by the competent authorities.
- The incinerator must be equipped with a system for the neutralisation or recovery of HCl.

### 13.2. Packaging treatment

- Empty containers.
- Dispose of as unused product.
- To avoid treatments, as far as possible, use dedicated containers.
- or
- Rinse the empty containers with a low volatility hydrocarbon and treat the effluent in the same way as waste.

### 13.3. RCRA Hazardous Waste

- Listed RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 302) - Yes
- Unlisted RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 302) - Yes
- D001 (ignitable waste)

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number	2023
<b>IATA-DGR</b>	
Class	6.1
Sub-risks	Flammable Liquids
Packing group	II
ICAO-Labels	TOXIC + FLAMMABLE LIQUID
Proper shipping name: EPICHLOROHYDRINE	
<b>IMDG</b>	
Class	6.1
Sub-risks	Flammable Liquids
Packing group	II
ICAO-Labels	TOXIC + FLAMMABLE LIQUID + MARINE POLLUTANT
HI/UN No.	2023
Proper shipping name: EPICHLOROHYDRIN	
<b>U.S. Dept of Transportation</b>	
Class (Subsidiary)	6.1 (3)
Packing group	II
Label (Subsidiary)	toxic (Flammable liquid)
Marine pollutant:	yes
Emergency info:	ERG: 131P
Proper shipping name: EPICHLOROHYDRINE	
<b>Canada (TDG)</b>	
Class (Subsidiary)	6.1 (3)
Packing group	II
Label (Subsidiary)	Toxic (Flammable Liquid)
Marine pollutant:	yes
Emergency info:	ERG: 131 P

Proper shipping name: EPICHLOROHYDRINE

- DOT Packing Group: II
- DOT label

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Inventory Information

<b>Toxic Substance Control Act list (TSCA)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China) (IECS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>EU list of existing chemical substances (EINECS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances (MITI List) (ENCS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Korean Existing Chemicals List (ECL)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.
<b>New Zealand Inventory (in preparation) (NZ)</b>	: -	In compliance with inventory.

### 15.2. Other regulations

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 355, Appendix A)**

- yes.

**SARA Hazard Designation (SARA 311/312)**

- Acute Health Hazard: Yes.
- Fire Hazard: Yes.

**US. EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemicals (40 CFR 372.65) - Supplier Notification Required**

- yes.

**US. EPA CERCLA Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 302)**

- This product is reportable under 40 CFR Part 302.4 because it contains the following substance(s):.

**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act (New Jersey Statute Annotated Section 34:5A-5)**

- yes.

**US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law (34 Pa. Code Chap. 301-323)**

- yes.

**US. California Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65)**

- WARNING! This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm., WARNING! This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause cancer..

### 15.3. Classification and labelling

**Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure List (Can. Gaz., Part II, Vol. 122, No. 2)**

- B2 Flammable Liquid
- D1A Very Toxic Material Causing Immediate and Serious Toxic Effects
- D2A Very Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects
- E Corrosive Material
- Contains a controlled product

Remarks: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

#### EC Label

- This substance is classified and labelled according to Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC, as amended.

Symbol(s)	T	Toxic
R-phrase(s)	R45 R10 R23/24/25 R34 R43	May cause cancer. Flammable. Also toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Causes burns. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
S-phrase(s)	S53 S45	Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Ratings :

#### NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Health = 3 Flammability = 3 Instability = 2 Special =None

#### HMIS (Hazardous Material Information System)

Health = 3 Fire = 3 Reactivity = 2 PPE : Supplied by User; dependent on local conditions

#### Further information

- General revision
- Distribute new edition to clients
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements for a Risk Management Plan must be followed anytime at least 20000 lbs. of Epichlorohydrin are used or stored. Refer to 40 CFR 68.150 for specific details.

Material Safety Data Sheets contain country specific regulatory information; therefore, the MSDS's provided are for use only by customers of the company mentioned in section 1 in North America. If you are located in a country other than Canada, Mexico or the United States, please contact the Solvay Group company in your country for MSDS information

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