

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Cadmium telluride

Product Number : 716669  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 048-001-00-5

CAS-No. : 1306-25-8

**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**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4), H312  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (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

Warning

Hazard statement(s)  
H302 + H312 + H332  
H410

Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

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

P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352 + P312	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: CdTe
Molecular weight	: 240.01 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 1306-25-8
EC-No.	: 215-149-9
Index-No.	: 048-001-00-5

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Cadmium telluride</b>		
	Acute Tox. 4; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H302 + H312 + H332, H410	<= 100 %

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

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of 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.

### 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

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### 6.3 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.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

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

Keep in a dry place.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Cadmium telluride	1306-25-8	TWA	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	0.010000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Kidney damage Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Suspected human carcinogen varies		
		TWA	0.002000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
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		TWA	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Halitosis		
		PEL	0.005000 mg/m3	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
		1910.1027 This standard applies to all occupational exposures to cadmium and cadmium compounds, in all forms, and in all industries covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, except the construction-related industries, which are covered under 29 CFR 1926.63. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen		
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		
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		TWA	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	0.005000 mg/m3	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
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		Potential Occupational Carcinogen See Appendix A		

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
Cadmium telluride	1306-25-8	cadmium	5.0000 µg/l	In blood	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	Not critical			
		cadmium	0.0050 mg/g	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Not critical			
		cadmium	5 µg/l	In blood	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Not critical			
		cadmium	5µg/g creatinine	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
		Not critical			

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

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

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face 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 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.

### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### **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).

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: powder<br>Colour: white            |
| b) Odour  | No data available                        |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                        |
| d) pH   | No data available                        |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 1,092 °C (1,998 °F) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 1,130 °C (2,066 °F)                      |
| g) Flash point                                  | No data available                        |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                        |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                        |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                        |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available                        |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available                        |
| m) Relative density                             | 6.2 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)   |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available                        |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                        |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | No data available                        |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available                        |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available                        |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available                        |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | No data available                        |

### **9.2 Other safety information**

No data available

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## 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 oxidizing agents, Strong acids

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

This is or contains a component that has been reported to be carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification. Chronic exposure to cadmium may cause lung and prostate cancer.

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Cadmium telluride)

NTP: Known to be human carcinogenThe reference note has been added by TD based on the background information of the NTP. (Cadmium telluride)

OSHA: OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen (Cadmium telluride)

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Overexposure may cause reproductive disorder(s) based on tests with laboratory animals.

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: EV3330000

Acute inhalation exposure to cadmium fumes may cause "metal fume fever" with flu-like symptoms of weakness, fever, headache, chills, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, sweating, muscular pain, cough and difficulty breathing. Acute pulmonary edema may develop within 24 hours and reaches a maximum by three days. The first chronic effect of exposure to cadmium is generally kidney damage, manifested by excretion of excessive protein in the urine, followed by anemia, teeth discoloration and loss of smell. Cadmium also is believed to cause pulmonary emphysema and bone disease.

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**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 Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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

UN number: 2570      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Cadmium compounds (Cadmium telluride)

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2570      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-A

Proper shipping name: CADMIUM COMPOUND (Cadmium telluride)

**IATA**

UN number: 2570      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Cadmium compound (Cadmium telluride)

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## 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

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic 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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Cadmium telluride	1306-25-8	2007-07-01

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Cadmium telluride	1306-25-8	2007-07-01

### California Prop. 65 Components

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Cadmium telluride

CAS-No.	Revision Date
1306-25-8	2007-09-28

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H302 + H312 + H332	Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H312	Harmful in contact with skin.

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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