

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Lithium aluminum hydride

Product Number : 199877

Brand : Aldrich

Index-No. : 001-002-00-4

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 16853-85-3

**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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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Substances, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314

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

**Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**

F Highly flammable R15  
C Corrosive R35

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H260	In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P223	Keep away from any possible contact with water, because of violent reaction and possible flash fire.
P231 + P232	Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P422	Store contents under inert gas.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

### 2.3 Other hazards - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	LAH
Formula	:	H <sub>4</sub> ALi
Molecular Weight	:	37.95 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	16853-85-3
EC-No.	:	240-877-9
Index-No.	:	001-002-00-4

#### Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Aluminium lithium hydride</b>		
CAS-No. 16853-85-3 EC-No. 240-877-9 Index-No. 001-002-00-4	Water-react. 1; Skin Corr. 1A; H260, H314, H260, H314	<= 100 %

#### Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Aluminium lithium hydride</b>		
CAS-No. 16853-85-3 EC-No. 240-877-9 Index-No. 001-002-00-4	F, C, R15 - R35	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

## SECTION 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.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. 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

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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Dry powder

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

Lithium oxides, Aluminum oxide

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

no data available

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. 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.

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

Sweep up and shovel. Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Contain spillage, soak up with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and transfer to a container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1 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. Keep away from sources of ignition  
- No smoking.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.  
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.  
  
Handle and store under inert gas. Reacts violently with water.

### 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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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses 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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

##### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, 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 and safety officer 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.

##### Body Protection

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

##### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. 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.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: powder
b) Odour	no data available
c) Odour Threshold	no data available
d) pH	no data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 125 °C - dec.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	no data available
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	0.920 g/cm3
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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## SECTION 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

Reacts violently with water.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Alcohols, Reacts violently with water., Carboxylic acid, Peroxides, Chlorinated solvents, Halogens

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - mouse - 85 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity). Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Other changes. Gastrointestinal:Ulceration or bleeding from stomach.

LC50 Inhalation - Mammal - 70 mg/m3

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

#### Carcinogenicity

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.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Lithium and its compounds are possible teratogens by analogy to lithium carbonate which has equivocal human teratogenic data and positive animal teratogenic data.

#### 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: Not available

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated. Large doses of lithium ion have caused dizziness and prostration, and can cause kidney damage if sodium intake is limited. Dehydration, weight loss, dermatological effects, and thyroid disturbances have been reported. Central nervous system effects that include slurred speech, blurred vision, sensory loss, ataxia, and convulsions may occur. Diarrhea, vomiting, and neuromuscular effects such as tremor, clonus, and hyperactive reflexes may occur as a result of repeated exposure to lithium ion.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## SECTION 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

no data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1410

IMDG: 1410

IATA: 1410

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: LITHIUM ALUMINIUM HYDRIDE

IMDG: LITHIUM ALUMINIUM HYDRIDE

IATA: Lithium aluminium hydride

Passenger Aircraft: Not permitted for transport

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 4.3

IMDG: 4.3

IATA: 4.3

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: I

IMDG: I

IATA: I

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

no data available

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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## SECTION 16: Other information

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

H260	In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
Water-react.	Substances, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases

### Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

C	Corrosive
F	Highly flammable
R15	Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

**Further information**

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