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# GLYCEROL

## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** 1,2,3-propanetriol; glycerin; glycol alcohol; glycerol, anhydrous

**CAS No.:** 56-81-5

**Molecular Weight:** 92.10

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>

**Product Codes:**

J.T. Baker: 2135, 2136, 2140, 2142, 2143, 2988, 4043, M778

Mallinckrodt: 0564, 5092, 5093, 5100

## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	
Hazardous			
-			
Glycerin	56-81-5	90 - 100%	Yes

## 3. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MAY AFFECT KIDNEYS.**

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

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Health Rating: 2 - Moderate (Life)

Flammability Rating: 1 - Slight

Reactivity Rating: 0 - None

Contact Rating: 1 - Slight

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

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**Potential Health Effects**

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**Inhalation:**

Due to the low vapor pressure, inhalation of the vapors at room temperatures is unlikely. Inhalation of mist may cause irritation of respiratory tract.

**Ingestion:**

Low toxicity. May cause nausea, headache, diarrhea.

**Skin Contact:**

May cause irritation.

**Eye Contact:**

May cause irritation.

**Chronic Exposure:**

May cause kidney injury.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems or impaired liver or kidney function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

**Ingestion:**

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eye Contact:**

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

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Flash point: 199C (390F) CC

Autoignition temperature: 370C (698F)

Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame. Slight fire hazard when exposed

to heat or flame.

**Explosion:**

Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures may cause flash fire.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire. Water spray may be used to extinguish surrounding fire and cool exposed containers. Water spray will also reduce fume and irritant gases.

**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. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Contain and recover liquid when possible. 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!

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from incompatible substances. 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:**

For Glycerin Mist:

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

Total Dust: 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA);

Respirable Fraction: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>(TWA).

- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

**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.

**Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half facepiece particulate respirator (NIOSH type P95 or R95 filters) may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest.. A full-

face piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type P100 or R100 filters) 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. Please note that N filters are not recommended for this material. 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 protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

**Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**

Clear oily liquid.

**Odor:**

Odorless.

**Solubility:**

Miscible in water.

**Specific Gravity:**

1.26 @ 20C/4C

**pH:**

(neutral to litmus)

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

0

**Boiling Point:**

290C (554F)

**Melting Point:**

18C (64F)

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

3.17

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

0.0025 @ 50C (122F)

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

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Toxic gases and vapors may be released if involved in a fire. Glycerin decomposes upon heating above 290C, forming corrosive gas (acrolein).

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Strong oxidizers. Can react violently with acetic anhydride, calcium oxychloride, chromium oxides and alkali metal hydrides.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral rat LD50: 12,600 mg/kg. Investigated as a mutagen, reproductive effector.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Glycerin (56-81-5)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

### Environmental Fate:

When released into the soil, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. When released into the soil, this material is not expected to evaporate significantly. When released into water, this material is expected to readily biodegrade. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate. When released into the air, this material may be moderately degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals. When released into the air, this material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by wet deposition.

### Environmental Toxicity:

This material is not expected to be toxic to aquatic life.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal 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

Not regulated.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
Glycerin (56-81-5)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	--Canada--			
	Korea	DSL	NDSL	Phil.
Glycerin (56-81-5)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	-SARA 302-		-----SARA 313-----	
	RQ	TPQ	List	Chemical Catg.
Glycerin (56-81-5)	No	No	No	No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA-	-TSCA-
		261.33	8 (d)
Glycerin (56-81-5)	No	No	No

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

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**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.

## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: **1** Flammability: **1** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

CAUTION! MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MAY AFFECT KIDNEYS.

**Label Precautions:**

- Avoid breathing mist.
- Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
- Keep container closed.
- Use with adequate ventilation.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 3.

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