

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Kovac's reagent for indoles

Product Number : 60983  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
Fax : +1 800 325-5052

### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, Central nervous system, H335, H336

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

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P210	Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P234	Keep only in original container.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ 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.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : 4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehydesolution  
Indole reagent according to Kovac

Formula : C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO

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Molecular weight : 149.19 g/mol

Component	Classification	Concentration	
<b>n-butanol</b>			
CAS-No. EC-No. Index-No. Registration number	71-36-3 200-751-6 603-004-00-6 01-2119484630-38-XXXX	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H226, H302, H315, H318, H335, H336 Concentration limits: >= 20 %: STOT SE 3, H335; >= 20 %: STOT SE 3, H336;	>= 70 - < 90 %
<b>hydrochloric acid</b>			
CAS-No. EC-No. Index-No. Registration number	7647-01-0 231-595-7 017-002-01-X 01-2119484862-27-XXXX	Met. Corr. 1; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; H290, H314, H318, H335 Concentration limits: >= 0.1 %: Met. Corr. 1, H290; >= 25 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 10 - < 25 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 10 - < 25 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319; >= 10 %: STOT SE 3, H335;	>= 20 - < 25 %

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

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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

Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

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

Carbon oxides

Hydrogen chloride gas

Mixture with combustible ingredients.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemisorb® ). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### 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

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

#### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### Storage conditions

No metal containers.

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

### Storage stability

Recommended storage temperature

2 - 8 °C

Light sensitive. Over time, pressure may increase causing containers to burst. Handle and open container with care. Moisture sensitive.

### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
n-butanol	71-36-3	TWA	20 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		C	50 ppm 150 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
	Remarks	Potential for dermal absorption		
		TWA	100 ppm 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		C	50 ppm 150 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	C	2 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		

		C	5 ppm 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		C	5 ppm 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		C	5 ppm 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		PEL	0.3 ppm 0.45 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		C	2 ppm	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### 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.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.2 mm

Break through time: 30 min

Material tested: Dermatril® P (KCL 743 / Aldrich Z677388, 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 EC 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

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

### **Respiratory protection**

required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

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

a) Appearance	Form: clear, liquid Color: yellow
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	< 1.0 at 20 °C (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	36 °C (97 °F)
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	0.920 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
t) Oxidizing properties	none

### **9.2 Other safety information**

No data available

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## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

Vapor/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

No data available

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid moisture.

Heating.

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

AluminumMetals

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Mixture**

#### **Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Symptoms: Possible symptoms:, mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

Dermal: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 4,635 mg/kg  
(Calculation method)

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Mixture causes skin irritation.

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Mixture causes serious eye damage.

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

#### **Carcinogenicity**

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

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.



OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Mixture may cause respiratory irritation.

Mixture may cause drowsiness or dizziness.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

drying, cracking of the skin, Skin irritation  
Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

**Components**

**n-butanol**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 790 mg/kg

Remarks: Liver:Fatty liver degeneration.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder:Other changes.

Blood:Other changes.

(RTECS)

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male - 3,430 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation - 2 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

(Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irreversible effects on the eye

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

(Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): micronucleus.

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Result: negative

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Species: Mouse - male and female

Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

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

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

May cause respiratory irritation.

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **hydrochloric acid**

### **Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: Cough Difficulty in breathing

Inhalation: absorption

Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract., Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, tissue damage

Dermal: No data available

### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - reconstructed human epidermis (RhE)

Result: Corrosive

(OECD Test Guideline 431)

### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Bovine cornea

Result: Corrosive

(OECD Test Guideline 437)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: Conflicting results have been seen in different studies.

**Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity - Did not show carcinogenic effects in animal experiments. (IUCLID)

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

May cause respiratory irritation.

The substance or mixture is classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure, category 3 with respiratory tract irritation.

Acute inhalation toxicity - mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Inhalation may lead to the formation of oedemas in the respiratory tract., Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, tissue damage

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.**Aspiration hazard**

No aspiration toxicity classification

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

**Mixture**

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 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

**Components**

**n-butanol**

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Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 1,376 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1,328 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 225 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 4,390 mg/l - 17 h (DIN 38421 TEIL 8)

#### **hydrochloric acid**

No data available

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 282 mg/l - 96 h Remarks: (IUCLID)
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### **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

##### **Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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### **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### **DOT (US)**

UN number: 2920 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
 Proper shipping name: Corrosive liquids, flammable, n.o.s. (n-butanol, Hydrochloric Acid)  
 Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs  
 Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
 Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

#### **IMDG**

UN number: 2920 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-C  
 Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE LIQUID, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (n-butanol, Hydrochloric Acid)

#### **IATA**

UN number: 2920 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
 Proper shipping name: Corrosive liquid, flammable, n.o.s. (n-butanol, Hydrochloric Acid)

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### **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

### SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

### SARA 313 Components

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

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hydrochloric Acid	7647-01-0	2013-02-08

### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Reportable Quantity** : F003 lbs

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
n-butanol	71-36-3	
Hydrochloric Acid	7647-01-0	2013-02-08

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
n-butanol	71-36-3	
Hydrochloric Acid	7647-01-0	2013-02-08

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
n-butanol	71-36-3	
Hydrochloric Acid	7647-01-0	2013-02-08

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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