



Safety Data Sheet

Agar

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Agar

Synonyms/Generic Names: Agar-Agar; Gum agar

SDS Number: 15.00

Product Use: For Educational Use Only

Manufacturer: Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.
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Columbus, WI. 53925

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

OSHA Hazards: No known OSHA hazards

Target Organs: None

Signal Words: None

Pictograms: None

GHS Classification:

Not a dangerous substance according to GHS	
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GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:

Hazard Statements:

None	
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Precautionary Statements:

None	
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Potential Health Effects

Eyes	May cause eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

NFPA Ratings

Health	0
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

HMIS Ratings

Health	0
Fire	0
Reactivity	0
Personal	B

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Agar	100	9002-18-0	232-658-1	(C ₁₂ H ₁₈ O ₉) _n	306.27 g/mol

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Eyes	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.
Inhalation	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Skin	Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap.
Ingestion	Do Not Induce Vomiting! Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing including eye protection and boots.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Emits toxic fumes (carbon oxides) under fire conditions.)See also Stability and Reactivity Section.)

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist, or gas.
Environmental precautions	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to a federal/national or local reporting requirements.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Cleanup personnel need personal protection from inhalation and skin/eye contact. Evacuate and ventilate the area. Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste or cleanup materials in accordance with local regulations.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Isolate from oxidizing materials.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure controls: Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal Protection

Eyes	Wear chemical safety glasses.
Inhalation	Use an approved respirator if exposure levels are excessive. Provide adequate exhaust.
Skin	Wear neoprene or nitrile gloves, protective clothing appropriate to the risk of exposure. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
Other	Not Available

Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling. Have supplies and equipment for neutralization and running water available.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Pale, beige powder
Odor	No Odor
Odor threshold	Not Applicable
pH	Not Available
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Relative density	Not Available
Solubility (ies)	Completely soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid	None
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizers
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Skin	Not Available
Eyes	Not Available
Respiratory	Not Available
Ingestion	LD50 Oral – rat – 11,000 mg/kg

Carcinogenicity

IARC	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
ACGIH	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
NTP	No components 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 components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

Eyes	May cause eye irritation.
Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

Chronic Toxicity	Not Available
Teratogenicity	Not Available
Mutagenicity	Not Available
Embryotoxicity	Not Available
Specific Target Organ Toxicity	Not Available
Reproductive Toxicity	Not Available
Respiratory/Skin Sensitization	Not Available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic Vertebrate	Not Available
Aquatic Invertebrate	Not Available
Terrestrial	Not Available

Persistence and Degradability	Not Available
Bioaccumulative Potential	Not Available
Mobility in Soil	Not Available
PBT and vPvB Assessment	Not Available
Other Adverse Effects	Not Available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Residues	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste products or residues.
Product Containers	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or

	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.
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The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

US DOT	Not Dangerous Goods
TDG	Not Dangerous Goods
IMDG	Not Dangerous Goods
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	Not Dangerous Goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	No SARA Hazards
SARA 312	No SARA Hazards
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Not Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Revision	Date
Revision 1	01/28/2013
Revision 2	06/19/2013

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