

# 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 : Diatomaceous earth  
Product Number : 392545  
Brand : SIGALD  
CAS-No. : 68855-54-9

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances  
Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 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  
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### 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)

Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Inhalation (Category 1), Lungs, H372  
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 Statements

H350

May cause cancer.

H372

Causes damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.

Precautionary Statements

P201

Obtain special instructions before use.

P202

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

P260

Do not breathe dust.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P308 + P313

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.

P405

Store locked up.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : Filter agent

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Kieselguhr (contains free crystalline silicic acid)</b>		
CAS-No. 68855-54-9	STOT RE 1; H372	≥ 90 - ≤ 100 %
EC-No. 272-489-0	Concentration limits:	
Registration number 01-2119488518-22-XXXX	1 - 10 %: STOT RE 2, H373; > 10 %: STOT RE 1, H372;	
<b>crystalite</b>		
CAS-No. 14464-46-1	Carc. 1A; STOT RE 1; H350, H372	≥ 50 - < 70 %
EC-No. 238-455-4		
<b>Quartz, respirable</b>		
CAS-No. 14808-60-7	STOT RE 1; H372	≥ 1 - < 5 %
EC-No. 238-878-4		

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## 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. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. 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

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

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

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

silicon oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

### 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

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: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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.

### **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 dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### **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.

#### **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**

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1D: 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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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Kieselguhr (contains free crystalline silicic acid)	68855-54-9	TWA	20 Million particles per cubic foot	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
		TWA	80mg/m <sup>3</sup> / %SiO <sub>2</sub>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
		TWA	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
crystalite	14464-46-1	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Suspected human carcinogen		
		TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Lung cancer Pulmonary fibrosis Suspected human carcinogen		
		Use ½ the value calculated from the count or mass formula for quartz.		
		TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Table Z-1-A Limits for Air Contaminants (1989 vacated values)
Quartz, respirable	14808-60-7	TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	10mg/m <sup>3</sup> / %SiO <sub>2</sub> +2	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
		TWA	250mppcf / %SiO <sub>2</sub> +5	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
		PEL	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Suspected human carcinogen		
		PEL	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Specifically Regulated Chemicals/Carcinogens
		OSHA specifically regulated carcinogen		

		TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential Occupational Carcinogen		

## 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). Safety glasses

#### Skin protection

Handle with impervious gloves.

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

#### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

Recommended Filter type: Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer.

These measures have to be properly documented. required when dusts 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.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: solid Color: white
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
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)	The product is not flammable.
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	No data available
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	Not applicable
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

No data available

### 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

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids, Hydrogen fluoride

### 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

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 2,500 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

Possible carcinogen.

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (cristobalite)

NTP: Known - Known to be human carcinogen (cristobalite)

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

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

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No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Mixture causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Lungs

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

This product contains crystalline silica (CS), which is considered a hazard by inhalation. IARC has classified inhalation of CS as a carcinogen for humans (Group 1). CS is listed by NTP as a known human carcinogen. Inhalation of CS is also a known cause of silicosis, a noncancerous lung disease. Prolonged inhalation of crystalline silica may result in silicosis, a disabling pulmonary fibrosis characterized by fibrotic changes and miliary nodules in the lungs, a dry cough, shortness of breath, emphysema, decreased chest expansion, and increased susceptibility to tuberculosis. In advanced stages, loss of appetite, pleuritic pain, and total incapacity to work. Advanced silicosis may result in death due to cardiac failure or destruction of lung tissue. Crystalline silica is classified as group 1 "known to be carcinogenic to humans" by IARC and "sufficient evidence" of carcinogenicity by the NTP. The chronic health risks are associated with respirable particles of 3-4 um over protracted periods of time. Currently, there is a limited understanding of the mechanisms of quartz toxicity, including its mechanisms for lung carcinogenicity. Additional studies are needed to determine whether the cell transforming activity of quartz is related to its carcinogenic potential. Respirable silica may cause immune system disorders, increased risk to develop pulmonary tuberculosis, and increased incidence of kidney disease. Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

**Components**

**Kieselguhr (contains free crystalline silicic acid)**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - > 2,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 2.6 mg/l - dust/mist

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Symptoms: Chronic intoxication; Pneumokoniosis (silicosis)

Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - reconstructed human epidermis (RhE)

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 431)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 429)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Test system: lymphocyte

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Acute inhalation toxicity - Chronic intoxication:, Pneumokoniosis (silicosis)

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Inhalation - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Lungs

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**cristobalite**

**Acute toxicity**

Oral: 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 sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Inhalation - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Lungs

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Quartz, respirable****Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

**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**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Inhalation - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Lungs

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

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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

##### Kieselguhr (contains free crystalline silicic acid)

Toxicity to fish	semi-static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 50 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203) Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 50 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	ErC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - > 50 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201) Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)
Toxicity to bacteria	EC50 - activated sludge - > 1,000 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209) Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)

##### crystalite

No data available

##### Quartz, respirable

No data available

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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.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

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

Not dangerous goods

#### **IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

#### **IATA**

Not dangerous goods

#### **Further information**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

#### **CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

#### **SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

#### **SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity**

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

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Chronic Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

## US State Regulations

### Massachusetts Right To Know

cristobalite 14464-46-1

### Pennsylvania Right To Know

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Quartz, respirable 14808-60-7

### Maine Chemicals of High Concern

cristobalite 14464-46-1  
Quartz, respirable 14808-60-7

### Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including cristobalite, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

### TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. 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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