



Safety Data Sheet

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1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: **Poly(vinyl alcohol)**
Product abbreviation: VA
Product use: For laboratory research purposes.
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency overview: WHMIS classification: Not WHMIS controlled.
GHS classification: Not a dangerous substance according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
HMIS classification: Health hazard: 0
Flammability: 1
Physical hazards: 0
Potential health effects: Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin: May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes: May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula: Poly(vinyl alcohol): $[\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}]_n$
Concentration: $\leq 100\%$
CAS registry number: Ethenol, homopolymer: 9002-89-5

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If inhaled: If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
In case of skin contact: Wash off with soap and plenty of water.
In case of eye contact: Flush eyes with water as a precaution.
If swallowed: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability:	Not flammable or combustible.
Suitable extinguishing media:	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Special protective equipment for firefighters:	Wear self contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.
Hazardous combustion products:	Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions: Carbon oxides.
Explosion data:	Sensitivity to mechanical impact: no data available Sensitivity to static discharge: no data available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions:	Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas.
Environmental precautions:	Do not let product enter drains.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:	Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling:	Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.
Conditions for safe storage:	Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protective equipment:	
• Respiratory protection:	Respiratory protection is not required. Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).
• Hand 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: 0.11 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)

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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 industrialhygienist 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.

- Eye protection: Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
- Skin and body protection: Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
- Hygiene measures: General industrial hygiene practice.
- Specific engineering controls: Use mechanical exhaust or laboratory fumehood to avoid exposure.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Form:	Solid
	Colour:	Ivory
Safety data:	pH:	no data available
	Melting point / Freezing point:	m.p. 200 °C (lit.)
	Boling point:	no data available
	Flash point:	> 113 °C – closed up (lit.)
	Ignition temperature:	no data available
	Auto-ignition temperature:	no data available
	Lower explosion limit:	no data available
	Upper explosion limit:	no data available
	Vapour pressure:	no data available
	Density:	1.269 g/cm ³ (lit.)
	Water solubility:	no data available
	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	no data available
	Relative vapour density:	no data available
	Odour:	no data available
	Odour threshold:	no data available
	Evaporation rate:	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability:	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	no data available
Conditions to avoid:	no data available
Materials to avoid:	Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases.
Hazardous decomposition products:	Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions: Carbon oxides. Other decomposition products: no data available.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity:	Oral LD50:	Rat: >20,000 mg/kg
	Remarks:	Behavioral: Altered sleep time (including change in righting reflex). Somnolence (general depressed activity). Muscle weakness.
	Inhalation LC50:	no data available
	Dermal LD50:	no data available
	Other information on acute toxicity:	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:	3 – Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Ethenol, homopolymer)
	ACGIH:	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
Reproductive toxicity:	no data available	
Teratogenicity:	no data available	
Specific target organ toxicity:	Single exposure (Globally Harmonized System):	no data available
	Repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System):	no data available
Aspiration hazard:	no data available	
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	Eyes:	May cause eye irritation.
Signs and symptoms of exposure:	To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.	

Synergistic effects: no data available
Additional information: RTECS: TR8100000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity: no data available
Persistence and degradability: no data available
Bioaccumulative potential: no data available
Mobility in soil: no data available
PBT and vPvB assessment: no data available
Other adverse effects: no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product: Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company
Contaminated packaging: Dispose of as unused product

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US): Not dangerous goods
IMDG: Not dangerous goods
IATA: Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHMIS classification: Not WHMIS controlled.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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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. Polymer Source, Inc. shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.polymersource.ca for additional terms and conditions of sale.