

Section 1 Identification

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Phone Number (800) 424-9300
For laboratory and industrial use only.
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product	AGAR
Synonyms	Gelose / Agar-Agar

Section 2 Hazards identification

This substance or mixture has not been classified as hazardous according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

Signal word: Not classified
Pictograms: Not classified
Target organs: None known

GHS Classification: Not classified

GHS Label information:
Hazard statement: Not classified
Precautionary statement: Not classified

Supplemental information:

Agar is a dried hydrophilic colloidal substance obtained from various species of algae and, as such, presents a low hazard for normal laboratory handling. Dust may cause skin and eye irritation. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Dust dispersed in air is capable of creating a dust explosion when exposed to an ignition source. Avoid dispersion of dust in air.

Hazards not otherwise classified:

Health hazards not otherwise classified (HHNOC) - Not Known
Physical hazards not otherwise classified (PHNOC) - Not Known

Section 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%	EINECS
Agar	9002-18-0	100%	232-658-1

Section 4 First aid measures

INGESTION: Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: MAY CAUSE TRANSIENT IRRITATION. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire

Protective Actions for Fire-fighters: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

Specific Hazards: During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. Dust dispersed in air is capable of creating a dust explosion when exposed to an ignition source. Avoid dispersion of dust in air.

Section 6 Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions: Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions: Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Containment and Cleanup: Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.

Section 7 Handling and storage

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Precautions for Safe Handling: Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not inhale dusts. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from ignition sources.

Section 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Agar	None established	None established	None established

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical and chemical properties

Appearance: Solid, tan powder. Odor: Characteristic bland odor Odor threshold: Data not available. pH: Data not available. Melting / Freezing point: Decomposes Boiling point: Decomposes Flash point: Data not available	Evaporation rate (= 1): Data not available Flammability (solid/gas): Data not available. Explosion limits: Lower / Upper: Data not available Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Negligible Vapor density (Air = 1): Data not available Relative density (Specific gravity): >1.0 Solubility(ies): Soluble in boiling water. Insoluble in cold water.	Partition coefficient: Data not available Auto-ignition temperature: Data not available Decomposition temperature: Data not available. Viscosity: Data not available. Molecular formula: (C ₁₂ H ₁₈ O ₉) _x Molecular weight: 3000-9000
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Section 10 Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable **Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive temperatures, heat, sparks, open flame and other sources of ignition.

Incompatible materials: Strong oxidizers, alkalies.

Hazardous decomposition products: Carbon oxides.

Section 11 Toxicological information

Acute toxicity: Oral-rat LD50: 1100 mg/kg [Agar CAS # 9002-18-0]

Skin corrosion/irritation: Data not available

Serious eye damage/irritation: Data not available

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Data not available

Germ cell mutagenicity: Data not available

Carcinogenicity: Data not available

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

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

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Ca Prop 65: This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Reproductive toxicity: Data not available

STOT-single exposure: Data not available

STOT-repeated exposure: Data not available

Aspiration hazard: Data not available

Potential health effects:

Inhalation: No specific hazard known.

Ingestion: No specific hazard known.

Skin: No specific hazard known.

Eyes: Contact with eyes may cause irritation.

Signs and symptoms of exposure: To the best of our knowledge the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated. Specific data is not available. Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

Additional information: RTECS #: AW7950000 [Agar]

Section 12 Ecological information

Toxicity to fish: No data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: No data available

Toxicity to algae: 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: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport information

UN/NA number: Not applicable

Shipping name: Not Regulated

Hazard class: Not applicable

Packing group: Not applicable

Reportable Quantity: No

Marine pollutant: No

Exceptions: Not applicable

2020 ERG Guide # Not applicable

Section 15 Regulatory information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	CA Prop 65
Agar	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Section 16 Other information

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