1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier

Product name: ELECTROLYTE A3-I
Cat. No. 40900012 (part of 40900011)

Container size: 960 ml

Recommended use and restrictions on use

Application: For electrolytic preparation of metallographic specimens.

Uses advised against: No specific uses advised against are identified. (*)

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier: Struers Ltd
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Canada
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Responsible for safety data sheet authoring: DHI

Any questions to the contents of this safety data sheet should be sent to: struers@struers.dk

Emergency telephone number

Alberta & NWT:
Poison & Drug Information Service (PADIS): 1-800-332-1414
British Columbia:
Drug and Poison Information Centre (DPIC): 604-682-5050 / 1-800-567-8911
Ontario:
Poison Centre: 1-800-268-9017
Québec:
Poison Control Centre: 1-800-463-5060

Infotrac:
1-800-535-5053
Struers CAN:
+1 (905) 8148855
(Only during office hours)

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the hazardous product

WHMIS 2015: Flammable Liquids — Category 2
Acute (Oral) Toxicity — Category 3
Acute (Dermal) Toxicity — Category 3
Acute (Inhalation) Toxicity — Category 3
Skin Irritation — Category 2
Eye Irritation — Category 2
Specific Target Organ Toxicity — Single Exposure — Category 1

Label elements
H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H301 + H311 +H331 Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
H370 Causes damage to organs.
P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P308 + P311 IF exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P233 Keep container tightly closed.
P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating and lighting equipment.
P242 Use non-sparking tools.
P243 Take action to prevent static discharges.
P260 Do not breathe gas, fume, vapours or spray.
P264 Wash contaminated 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.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P330 Rinse mouth.
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P361 + P364 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam, carbon dioxide or dry powder to extinguish.
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

Other hazards

The product is highly flammable, and explosive vapors/air mixtures may be formed even at normal room temperatures. Lethal dose for an adult person: approx. 30-250 ml (Methanol). Organic solvents may be absorbed into the body by inhalation, skin contact and ingestion and cause permanent damage to the nervous system, including the brain.

PBT/vPvB: No information available.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Mixtures

The product contains: organic solvents.

WHMIS 2015:

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4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Description of first-aid measures

Burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital.

Inhalation: Move injured person into fresh air and keep person calm under observation. If necessary, seek hospital and bring these instructions. Unconscious persons must be locked on their side, head low and kept warm. CALL AN AMBULANCE. Bring along these instructions to the hospital.

Skin contact: Flush immediately with plenty of water and remove contaminated clothing. Call an ambulance, continue to rinse during transportation to hospital and take along these instructions.

Eye contact: Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids widely. If irritation persists: Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Bring along these instructions.

Ingestion: Immediately rinse mouth and drink plenty of water. Induce vomiting, if person is conscious. Rinse mouth again and drink 1-2 glasses of water and 40 ml ethanol (liqueur). Immediate transportation to hospital. Bring along these instructions.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms/effects: See section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Medical attention/treatments: Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Extinguishing media: Extinguish with alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or water fog. Cool containers exposed to heat with water spray and remove container, if no risk is involved.

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

Specific hazards arising from the hazardous product

Specific hazards: The product is flammable, and heating may generate vapors which may form explosive vapor/air mixtures. Vapors are heavier than air and may travel along the floor and in the bottom of containers. Vapors may be ignited by a spark, a hot surface or an ember.

Advice for fire-fighters

Protective equipment for fire-fighters: Use air-supplied respirator, gloves and protective goggles.
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

For non-emergency personnel:
Do not smoke or use open fire, or other sources of ignition. Avoid inhalation of vapors and contact with skin and eyes. For personal protection, see section 8.

For emergency responders:
No specific recommendations. For personal protection, see section 8.

**Environmental precautions**

Avoid discharge into water courses or onto the ground.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Spill Cleanup Methods:**
Remove sources of ignition. Cover large spillages with foam. Dam and absorb spillages with sand, earth or other non-combustible material. Do not use sawdust or other combustible material.

**Reference to other items**

**References:**
For personal protection, see section 8. For waste disposal, see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling**

**Safe handling advice:**
Avoid inhalation of vapors and contact with skin and eyes. Observe good chemical hygiene practices.

**Technical measures:**
Do not smoke or use open fire or other sources of ignition. Wash hands before breaks and before smoking, eating or drinking.

**Technical precautions:**
Provide easy access to water supply or an emergency shower.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Technical measures for safe storage:**
Follow rules for flammable liquids.

**Storage conditions:**
Store in locked poison cupboard/room. Store in a cool and well-ventilated place. Avoid contact with oxidizing agents. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

**Specific end-use(s)**

**Specific use(s):**
No information available.
8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters
Other provincial OEL's may apply.

Occupational exposure limits:

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Exposure controls

Engineering measures: Provide adequate ventilation. Observe occupational exposure limits and minimise the risk of inhalation of vapours. Provide access to washing facilities including soap, skin cleanser and fatty cream.

Personal protection: Personal protection equipment should be chosen according to relevant standards and in discussion with the supplier of the personal protective equipment.

Respiratory equipment: In case of inadequate ventilation and work of brief duration, use suitable respiratory equipment. Use respiratory equipment with gas filter, type AX.

Hand protection: Wear protective gloves. Butyl rubber gloves are recommended, but be aware that the liquid may penetrate the gloves. Frequent change is advisable. The most suitable glove must be chosen in consultation with the gloves supplier, who can inform about the breakthrough time of the glove material. (*)

Eye protection: Risk of splashes: Wear goggles/face shield.

Skin protection: Wear apron or protective clothing in case of splashes.

Hygiene measures: Wash hands after handling.

Environmental Exposure Controls: Not available.
9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Form: Liquid.
Colour: Clear.
Odour: odour of alcohol
Odour threshold: Not available.
pH: Not available.
Melting point: Not available.
Boiling point: 65°C
Flash point: 10°C
Evaporation rate: Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas): Not available.
Explosion limits: 5.5-26.5 %
Vapour pressure: Not available.
Vapour density: Not available.
Relative density: 0.82
Solubility: Miscible with water.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature (°C): Not available.
Decomposition temperature (°C): Not available.
Viscosity: Not available.
Explosive properties: Not available.
Oxidising properties: Not available.

Other information

Other data: Volatile Organic Compound (VOC): 800 g/l (calculated)
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Reactivity: No data available.

Chemical stability

Stability: Stable under normal temperature conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Reactions: No data available.

Conditions to avoid

Conditions/materials to avoid: Avoid exposing to heat and contact with strong oxidizing substances.

Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials: No information available.

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products: By heating, vapors/gases hazardous to health may be formed.
### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Information on toxicological effects**

- **Acute Toxicity (Oral):** Toxic if swallowed.
- **Acute Toxicity (Dermal):** Toxic in contact with skin.
- **Acute Toxicity (Inhalation):** Toxic if inhaled.
- **Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Causes skin irritation.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation:** Causes serious eye irritation.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Germ cell mutagenicity:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Carcinogenicity:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. National Toxicology Program (NTP): No. IARC Cancer Review: Group 3 for 2-Butoxyethanol.
- **Reproductive Toxicity:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT - Single exposure:** Causes damage to organs.
- **STOT - Repeated exposure:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard:** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Inhalation:** Vapors may irritate throat and respiratory system and cause coughing. Vapors have a narcotic effect and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and nausea. In serious cases, unconsciousness and permanent damage to the nervous system, including the brain, and liver may be seen.
- **Skin contact:** Contains components which may penetrate the skin.
- **Ingestion:** Even small amounts (30-250 ml methanol) may be fatal. Symptoms are stomach ache, nausea, vomiting, dullness, visual disorder and blindness. Furthermore, ingestion may lead to the same symptoms as when inhaled. Note: Ethanol acts against methanol poisoning.
- **Specific effects:** Frequent inhalation of even small concentrations may cause irritability, fatigue and memory failure and eventually permanent damage to the nervous system, including the brain. The product contains butoxyethanol which is suspected of having harmful longterm effects on the kidneys and nervous system. In serious cases absorption of methanol in the body may lead to damage to the eyesight.
12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity**
Ecotoxicity: The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment.

**Persistence and degradability**
Degradability: The product is easily biodegradable.

**Bioaccumulative potential**
Bioaccumulative potential: The product is not bio-accumulating.

**Mobility in soil**
Mobility: No data available.

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
PBT/vPvB: No information available.

**Other adverse effects**
Other adverse effects: No information available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste treatment methods**
Waste from residues: Dispose of waste material according to Local, State, Federal, and Provincial Environmental Regulations. Waste is classified as hazardous waste.

Contaminated packaging: Dispose of waste material according to Local, State, Federal, and Provincial Environmental Regulations.
14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

The product is covered by international regulation on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA).

**UN number**

UN-No: 1992

**UN proper shipping name**

Proper Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S. (Methanol)

Additional IMDG information:
EmS: F-E, S-D
MFAG: 19

**Transport hazard class(es)**

Class: 3 (6.1)

**Packing group**

PG: II

**Environmental hazards**

Marine pollutant: No.
Environmentally Hazardous substance: No.

**Special precautions for user**

Special precautions: None known.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Transport in bulk: Not relevant
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations specific to the product

Special provisions: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

DSL: All chemicals included in the product are DSL listed or exempt.

National regulation: Hazardous Products Regulations, with amendments.

Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Reporting for the Domestic Substances List (DSL), with amendments.


Quebec: Regulation respecting the quality of the work environment, with amendments (2013-12-13).

Ontario: Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 833, with amendments (2016).


16. OTHER INFORMATION

The user must be instructed in the proper work procedure and be familiar with the contents of these instructions. The following sections contain revisions or new statements: 1, 2, 8.

The (*) indicates the changes made with respect to the previous version.

Approved by DHI.

Abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet: PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic.

vPvB = very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative.

Additional information: Classification according to WHMIS 2015:

Calculation method.

The information on this data sheet represents our current data and is reliable provided that the product is used under the prescribed conditions and in accordance with the application specified on the packaging and/or in the technical guidance literature. Any other use of the product which involves using the product in combination with any other product or any other process is the responsibility of the user.