

Praxair Material Safety Data Sheet

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Aluminum alkyls (trimethylaluminum) (MSDS No. P-6282-A)		Trade Name: Praxair® TMA
Chemical Name: Trimethylaluminum		Synonyms: Aluminumtrimethyl, trimethylalane
Formula: Al(CH ₃) ₃		Chemical Family: Aluminum alkyls
Telephone:	Emergencies: 1-800-645-4633* CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300* Routine: 1-800-PRAXAIR	Company Name: Praxair, Inc. 39 Old Ridgebury Road Danbury, CT 06810-5113

* Call emergency numbers 24 hours a day only for spills, leaks, fire, exposure, or accidents involving this product. For routine information, contact your supplier, Praxair sales representative, or call 1-800-PRAXAIR (1-800-772-9247).

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

See section 16 for important information about mixtures.

INGREDIENT	CAS NUMBER	CONCEN- TRATION	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV-TWA (2004)
Trimethylaluminum	75-24-1	>99%*	15 mg/m ³ **	2 mg/ m ³ *

*The symbol > means "greater than."

** See section 3.

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**DANGER! Pyrophoric, flammable liquid and vapor.
Ignites on contact with air.**

Harmful if inhaled or swallowed.

May cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract burns.

Reacts violently with water or atmospheric moisture.

Decomposes into irritating dust that may cause liver and kidney damage.

**Self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing
must be worn by rescue workers.**

Odor: Unknown

THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE: TLV-TWA: 10 mg/m³, aluminum oxide; 2 mg/m³, aluminum alkyls (ACGIH, 2002). OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m³, total dust; 5 mg/ m³, respirable fraction. TLV-TWAs should be used as a guide in the control of health hazards and not as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations.

EFFECTS OF A SINGLE (ACUTE) OVEREXPOSURE:

INHALATION—Reaction with moist tissues causes burns. Residual dusts may cause irritation of the mouth nose, and throat.

SKIN CONTACT—May cause irritation or burns.

SWALLOWING—Reaction of liquid with moisture may cause severe burns of the mouth, esophagus, and stomach lining. Residual dusts have been implicated in kidney and liver damage in laboratory animals.

EYE CONTACT—Contact with the liquid may cause severe eye burns. Dusts and vapor may irritate the eyes.

EFFECTS OF REPEATED (CHRONIC) OVEREXPOSURE: Repeated or prolonged exposure of the skin may cause cracking and drying.

OTHER EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE: None known.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY OVEREXPOSURE: Irritating effects of dusts and mists may aggravate an existing respiratory condition. Prolonged exposure of the skin may aggravate an existing dermatitis.

SIGNIFICANT LABORATORY DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION: None known.

CARCINOGENICITY: Trimethylaluminum is not listed by NTP, OSHA, or IARC.

4. First Aid Measures

INHALATION: Immediately remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may give oxygen. Call a physician.

SKIN CONTACT: Immediately flush exposed areas with large quantities of water. In case of massive exposure, remove contaminated clothing while showering with water. Do not remove any clothing that is stuck to the skin. Call a physician.

SWALLOWING: If victim is conscious, wash out mouth with water. Call a physician.

EYE CONTACT: Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Hold the eyelids open and away from the eyeballs to ensure that all surfaces are flushed thoroughly. See a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist, immediately.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN: *There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.*

5. Fire Fighting Measures

FLASH POINT:	Not available
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:	Not available
FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR, % by volume:	LOWER: Not available UPPER: Not available
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Liquid and vapor ignite spontaneously in air. Use dry powder, soda ash, or lime. Never use water, foam, or halogenated compounds.	
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: DANGER! Pyrophoric, flammable liquid and vapor. Ignites spontaneously in air. Burning material may release toxic and corrosive fumes. Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.	

Use appropriate media to control fire. Shut off flow if you can do so without risk. Move containers away from fire area if without risk. (See section 16.) On-site fire brigades must comply with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: No part of container should be subjected to a temperature higher than 125°F (52°C). Back flow into container may cause reaction. In a controlled fire, unreacted trimethylaluminum may reignite on contact with air or water.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: Aluminum dusts, oxides, and alkyls; CO; CO₂

6. Accidental Release Measures

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: DANGER! Pyrophoric, flammable liquid and vapor. Ignites spontaneously on contact with air. Forms explosive mixtures with air. (See section 5.) Immediately evacuate all personnel from danger area. Self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing must be worn by rescue workers. Reacts violently with water. Avoid contact with water or moisture. Back flow into container may cause reaction. Shut off flow if without risk. Ventilate area or move container to a well-ventilated area. Prevent waste from contaminating surrounding environment.

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Prevent waste from contaminating the surrounding environment. Keep personnel away. Discard any product, residue, disposable container, or liner in an environmentally acceptable manner, in full compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. If necessary, call your local supplier for assistance.

7. Handling and Storage

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN STORAGE: Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Keep storage containers tightly closed. This material must be handled and stored under a blanket of nitrogen and used only in a closed system. Store away from oxygen, chlorine, and other oxidizers. Firmly secure containers upright to keep them from falling or being knocked over. Keep valves tightly closed. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in storage and use areas. There must be no sources of ignition. Store only where temperature will not exceed 125°F (52°C). Store full and empty containers separately. Use a first-in, first-out inventory system to prevent storing full containers for long periods.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING: Protect containers from damage. For other precautions in using trimethylaluminum, see section 16.

For further information on storage, handling, and use, see NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101; 1-800-344-3555; www.nfpa.org.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

VENTILATION/ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

LOCAL EXHAUST—Inadequate; see SPECIAL

MECHANICAL (general)—Inadequate; see SPECIAL

SPECIAL—Use only in a closed system. This material is air- and moisture-sensitive. It should be maintained under a dry, inert atmosphere and used in an enclosed device such as a glove box.

OTHER—See SPECIAL

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: If exposure exceeds the recommended TLV, an air-supplied or combination organic vapor respirator should be worn. Respiratory protection must conform to OSHA rules as specified in 29 CFR 1910.134. Select per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2.

SKIN PROTECTION: Wear work gloves when handling containers; fire resistant gloves where contact with product may occur.

EYE PROTECTION: Wear safety glasses when handling containers; safety goggles or a full face shield where contact with product may occur. Select eye protection in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133. Do not wear contact lenses.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Protective clothing such as fire resistant garments where needed. Select in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.133.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

MOLECULAR WEIGHT:	72.09 g/mol
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H ₂ O = 1) at 68°/39.2°F (20°/4°C):	0.752
VAPOR PRESSURE at 140°F (60°C):	1.34 psia (9.24 kPa abs, 69.3 mm Hg)
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Reacts violently
BOILING POINT at 1 atm:	257°F (125°C)
MELTING POINT at 1 atm:	59°F (15°C)
APPEARANCE, ODOR, AND STATE: Colorless liquid	

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY: ☐ Unstable ☒ Stable

NOTE: Trimethylaluminum is stable as shipped and when stored, handled, and used under the conditions specified in this MSDS, sections 7, 10, and 16. Trimethylaluminum must not be exposed to air, water, or moisture.

INCOMPATIBILITY (materials to avoid): Air, water, moisture, oxidizers

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Aluminum oxide dust, CO, CO₂

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: ☐ May Occur ☒ Will Not Occur

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: High temperatures, sparks, and flames.

11. Toxicological Information

See section 3.

12. Ecological Information

Trimethylaluminum does not contain any Class I or Class II ozone-depleting chemicals. Trimethylaluminum is not listed as a marine pollutant by DOT.

13. Disposal Considerations

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Do not attempt to dispose of residual or unused quantities. Return container to supplier.

14. Transport Information

DOT/IMO SHIPPING NAME: Aluminum alkyls (trimethylaluminum)

HAZARD CLASS: 4.2	PACKING GROUP: I	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: UN3051	PRODUCT RQ: None
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SHIPPING LABEL(s): SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTIBLE
DANGEROUS WHEN WET

PLACARD (when required): SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTIBLE
DANGEROUS WHEN WET

15. Regulatory Information

The following selected regulatory requirements may apply to this product. Not all such requirements are identified. Users of this product are solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS:**EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)**

CERCLA: COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (40 CFR Parts 117 and 302):

Reportable Quantity (RQ): None

SARA: SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT:

SECTIONS 302/304: Require emergency planning based on Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and release reporting based on Reportable Quantities (RQ) of Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) (40 CFR Part 355):

Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): None

EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): None

SECTIONS 311/312: Require submission of MSDSs and reporting of chemical inventories with identification of EPA hazard categories. The hazard categories for this product are as follows:

IMMEDIATE: Yes

PRESSURE: No

DELAYED: Yes

REACTIVITY: Yes

FIRE: Yes

SECTION 313: Requires submission of annual reports of release of toxic chemicals that appear in 40 CFR Part 372.

Trimethylaluminum does not require reporting under Section 313.

40 CFR 68: RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CHEMICAL ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION: Requires development and implementation of risk management programs at facilities that manufacture, use, store, or otherwise handle regulated substances in quantities that exceed specified thresholds.

Trimethylaluminum is not listed as a regulated substance.

TSCA: TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT: Trimethylaluminum is listed on the TSCA inventory.

OSHA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION:

29 CFR 1910.119: PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS: Requires facilities to develop a process safety management program based on Threshold Quantities (TQ) of highly hazardous chemicals.

Trimethylaluminum is not listed in Appendix A as a highly hazardous chemical. However, any process that involves a flammable liquid or gas on site in one location in quantities of 10,000 lb (4536 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless the substance is used as a fuel.

STATE REGULATIONS:

CALIFORNIA: Trimethylaluminum is not listed by California under the SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (Proposition 65).

PENNSYLVANIA: Trimethylaluminum is subject to the PENNSYLVANIA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (35 P.S. Sections 7301-7320).

16. Other Information

Be sure to read and understand all labels and instructions supplied with all containers of this product.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE: *Pyrophoric, flammable liquid and vapor. Reacts with water and atmospheric moisture.* Do not breathe vapor. Use only with adequate ventilation or respiratory protection. (See section 8.) Do not get liquid or vapor in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. (See section 3.) Have safety showers and eyewash fountains immediately available. *Flammable liquid and vapor ignite spontaneously in air.* Use only in a closed system thoroughly purged with an inert gas prior to introduction of trimethylaluminum. Use only spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame. *Use only with compatible materials and equipment.* Use piping and equipment adequately designed to withstand pressures to be encountered. Keep away from air, water or moisture, oxidizing agents, and other flammables. *Prevent reverse flow.* Reverse flow into container may cause reaction. Use a check valve or other protective device in any line or piping from the container. *Do not eat, drink, or smoke in areas where this material is stored or used.* After working with this material, wash face and hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics, or using the toilet.

MIXTURES: When you mix two or more chemicals, you can create additional, unexpected hazards. Obtain and evaluate the safety information for each component before you produce the mixture. Consult an industrial hygienist or other trained person when you evaluate the end product. Remember, gases, liquids, and solids have properties that can cause serious injury or death.

HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS:

NFPA RATINGS:

HEALTH = 3
FLAMMABILITY = 4
INSTABILITY = 3
SPECIAL = ~~W~~

HMIS RATINGS:

HEALTH = 3
FLAMMABILITY = 4
PHYSICAL HAZARD = 3

NOTE: The hazards of this material have not been fully investigated.

Praxair asks users of this product to study this MSDS and become aware of product hazards and safety information. To promote safe use of this product, a user should (1) notify employees, agents, and contractors of the information in this MSDS and of any other known product hazards and safety information, (2) furnish this information to each purchaser of the product, and (3) ask each purchaser to notify its employees and customers of the product hazards and safety information.

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