

# Safety Data Sheet

## Cochineal (Alum)



### Section 1 Product Description

**Product Name:** Cochineal (Alum)  
**Recommended Use:** Science education applications  
**Synonyms:** N/A  
**Distributor:** Carolina Biological Supply Company  
2700 York Road, Burlington, NC 27215  
1-800-227-1150  
**Chemical Information:** 800-227-1150 (8am-5pm (ET) M-F)  
**Chemtrec:** 800-424-9300 (Transportation Spill Response 24 hours)

### Section 2 Hazard Identification

Classification of the chemical in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200;

GHS Classification:

**Other Safety Precautions:** May cause irritation.  
May cause gastrointestinal discomfort.  
May cause irritation to respiratory tract.  
May cause irritation to skin.

### Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Chemical Name	CAS #	%
Water	7732-18-5	92.2
Aluminum Potassium Sulfate, 12-Hydrate	7784-24-9	6
Thymol	89-83-8	1
Carmine	1390-65-4	0.8

### Section 4 First Aid Measures

#### Emergency and First Aid Procedures

**Inhalation:** In case of accident by inhalation: remove casualty to fresh air and keep at rest.  
**Eyes:** In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
**Skin Contact:** After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.  
**Ingestion:** If swallowed, do not induce vomiting; seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

### Section 5 Firefighting Procedures

**Extinguishing Media:** Use media suitable to extinguish surrounding fire.  
**Fire Fighting Methods and Protection:** Firefighters should wear full protective equipment and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus.  
**Fire and/or Explosion Hazards:** Fire or excessive heat may produce hazardous decomposition products.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide, Phenol

### Section 6 Spill or Leak Procedures

**Steps to Take in Case Material Is Released or Spilled:** Exposure to the spilled material may be irritating or harmful. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Additional precautions may be necessary based on special circumstances created by the spill including; the material spilled, the quantity of the spill, the area in which the spill occurred. Also consider the expertise of employees in the area responding to the spill. Ventilate the contaminated area. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Remove soiled clothing and launder before reuse.

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Absorb the liquid and scrub the area with detergent and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place in a disposable container. Contain the discharged material. Do not allow the spilled product to enter public drainage system or open waterways.

## Section 7 Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Do not breathe dust/vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Retained residue may make empty containers hazardous; use caution.  
**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.  
**Storage Code:** Green - general chemical storage

## Section 8 Protection Information

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>ACGIH</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>	<u>(TWA)</u>	<u>(STEL)</u>
Thymol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carmines	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Control Parameters

**Engineering Measures:** No exposure limits exist for the constituents of this product. General room ventilation might be required to maintain operator comfort under normal conditions of use.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Lab coat, apron, eye wash, safety shower.

**Respiratory Protection:** No respiratory protection required under normal conditions of use.

**Eye Protection:** Wear chemical splash goggles when handling this product. Have an eye wash station available.

**Skin Protection:** Avoid skin contact by wearing chemically resistant gloves, an apron and other protective equipment depending upon conditions of use. Inspect gloves for chemical break-through and replace at regular intervals. Clean protective equipment regularly. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, and when leaving work.

**Gloves:** Nitrile

## Section 9 Physical Data

<b>Formula:</b> N/A	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b> N/A
<b>Molecular Weight:</b> N/A	<b>Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):</b> Approx. 1
<b>Appearance:</b> Purple Liquid	<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b> Approx. 17.5 at 20 °C
<b>Odor:</b> Mild	<b>Specific Gravity:</b> N/A
<b>Odor Threshold:</b> No data available	<b>Solubility in Water:</b> Soluble
<b>pH:</b> No data available	<b>Log Pow (calculated):</b> No data available
<b>Melting Point:</b> No data available 0 C	<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Boiling Point:</b> 100 C	<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b> No data available
<b>Flash Point:</b> No data available	<b>Viscosity:</b> No data available
<b>Flammable Limits in Air:</b> N/A N/A	<b>Percent Volatile by Volume:</b> Approx. 88%

## Section 10 Reactivity Data

**Reactivity:** No data available

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** None known.

**Incompatible Materials:** Water-reactive materials, Acetanilide, Antipyrine, Camphor, Menthol, Quinine Sulfate

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Phenol, Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur

## Section 11 Toxicity Data

**Routes of Entry:** Ingestion, Skin contact.  
**Symptoms (Acute):** N/A  
**Delayed Effects:** No data available

**Acute Toxicity:**  
**Chemical Name**  
Water

**CAS Number**  
7732-18-5

**Oral LD50**  
Oral LD50 Rat  
90000 mg/kg

**Dermal LD50**

**Inhalation LC50**

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Thymol 89-83-8

## Carcinogenicity:

Chemical Name	CAS Number	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Thymol	89-83-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Carmine	1390-65-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

## Chronic Effects:

<b>Mutagenicity:</b>	No evidence of a mutagenic effect.
<b>Teratogenicity:</b>	No evidence of a teratogenic effect (birth defect).
<b>Sensitization:</b>	No evidence of a sensitization effect.
<b>Reproductive:</b>	No evidence of negative reproductive effects.
<b>Target Organ Effects:</b>	
<b>Acute:</b>	See Section 2
<b>Chronic:</b>	Not listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP or OSHA., Mutation data cited., Reproductive data cited.

## Section 12

## Ecological Data

<b>Overview:</b>	This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology. Keep out of waterways.
<b>Mobility:</b>	No data
<b>Persistence:</b>	Photodegradation, Adsorbs to soil., Biodegradation
<b>Bioaccumulation:</b>	No data
<b>Degradability:</b>	No data
<b>Other Adverse Effects:</b>	No data

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Eco Toxicity
Water	7732-18-5	No data available
Thymol	89-83-8	96 HR LC50 PIMEPHALES PROMELAS 3.2 MG/L [STATIC] 96 HR LC50 BRACHYDANIO RERIO 5 MG/L [STATIC]
Carmine	1390-65-4	No data available

## Section 13

## Disposal Information

<b>Disposal Methods:</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Always contact a permitted waste disposer (TSD) to assure compliance.
<b>Waste Disposal Code(s):</b>	Not Determined

## Section 14

## Transport Information

<b>Ground - DOT Proper Shipping Name:</b> N/A	<b>Air - IATA Proper Shipping Name:</b> Not regulated for air transport by IATA.
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## Section 15

## Regulatory Information

**TSCA Status:** All components in this product are on the TSCA Inventory.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	§ 313 Name	§ 304 RQ	CERCLA RQ	§ 302 TPQ	CAA 112(2) TQ
Thymol	89-83-8	No	No	No	No	No
Carmine	1390-65-4	No	No	No	No	No

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## Additional Information

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## Glossary

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ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service Number	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	ppm	Parts per million
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
N/A	Not Available	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
		TLV	Threshold Limit Value
		TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
		IDLH	Immediately dangerous to life and health