

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## .alpha.-Linolenic Acid

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### 1. Product and Company Identification

**Product Code:** 90210  
**Product Name:** .alpha.-Linolenic Acid  
**Manufacturer Information**  
**Company Name:** Cayman Chemical Company  
**Emergency Contact:** Cayman Chemical Company (800)364-9897  
**Information:** Cayman Chemical Company (734)971-3335  
**Chemical Family:** Fatty Acids  
**CAS Number:** 463-40-1  
**Synonyms:** 9Z,12Z,15Z-octadecatrienoic acid; ALA

### 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Hazardous Components (Chemical Name)	CAS #	Percentage	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other Limits
1. Linolenic Acid	463-40-1	10.0 %	No data.	No data.	No data.
2. Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	90.0 %	8H TWA:1000ppm (1900 mg/m3)	No data.	No data.
Hazardous Components (Chemical Name)	RTECS #	OSHA STEL	OSHA CEIL	ACGIH STEL	ACGIH CEIL
1. Linolenic Acid	NA	No data.	No data.	No data.	No data.
2. Ethyl alcohol	KQ6300000	No data.	No data.	No data.	No data.

### 3. Hazards Identification

**Emergency Overview:** No data available.

**Route(s) of Entry:** Inhalation? Yes Skin? Yes Eyes? Yes Ingestion? Yes Other: Injection

**Potential Health Effects (Acute and Chronic):** Irritant.  
Long term repeated oral exposure to ethanol may result in the development of progressive liver injury with fibrosis.  
Material is irritating to the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.  
May be harmful by inhalation, ingestion, or skin absorption.  
May cause eye, skin, or respiratory system irritation.  
May cause gastrointestinal disturbances.  
Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.  
Repeated ingestion of ethanol by pregnant mothers has been shown to adversely affect the CNS system of the fetus, producing a collection of effects which together constitute fetal alcohol syndrome. These include mental and physical retardation, disturbances of learning, motor and language deficiencies, behavioral disorders and small size head.  
The toxicological properties of this compound have not been fully evaluated.

**Signs and Symptoms Of Exposure:** Exposure may cause: Dizziness, drowsiness, headache, nausea, and vomiting.  
Irritating to the skin, eyes, nose, throat, and respiratory tract.

**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated By Exposure:** Repeated exposure to ethanol may aggravate liver injury produced from other causes.

### 4. First Aid Measures

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures:** If inhaled remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or give oxygen by trained personnel. Get immediate medical attention.  
If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention. Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.  
In case of contact with eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water. After initial flushings, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 20 minutes. Have eyes examined and tested by medical personnel.  
In case of skin contact, immediately wash skin with soap and plenty of water. Remove

contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Flash Pt:** 14.00 C Method Used: TCC  
**Explosive Limits:** LEL: 3.3% at 25.0 C UEL: 19% at 25.0 C  
**Autoignition Pt:** No data.  
**Fire Fighting Instructions:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand (MSHA/NIOSH approved or equivalent), and full protective gear to prevent contact with skin and eyes.  
Note: Flammable as diluted in ethanol.  
**Flammable Properties and Hazards:** Can release vapors that form explosive mixtures at temperatures at or above the flashpoint.  
Container explosion may occur under fire conditions.  
Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.  
Flammable liquid.  
Vapors can travel to a source of ignition and flash back.  
**Hazardous Combustion Products:** carbon dioxide  
carbon monoxide  
**Extinguishing Media:** Use alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, water, or dry chemical spray when fighting fires involving this material.

### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps To Be Taken In Case Material Is Released Or Spilled:** Absorb spill with inert material (e.g. dry sand or earth), then place in a chemical waste container.  
After removal, ventilate contaminated area and flush thoroughly with water.

### 7. Handling and Storage

**Hazard Label Information:** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not reuse this container. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.  
**Precautions To Be Taken in Handling:** Avoid breathing (dust, vapor, mist, gas).  
Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.  
Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.  
Do not reuse this container.  
Keep away from sources of ignition.  
Use with adequate ventilation.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
**Precautions To Be Taken in Storing:** Store at correct temperature.  
**Other Precautions:** Air sensitive.  
Light sensitive.

### 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Protective Equipment Summary - Hazard Label Information:** Eye wash station in work area Lab coat Latex disposable gloves Safety glasses Safety shower in work area Vent Hood  
**Respiratory Equipment (Specify Type):** No data available.  
**Eye Protection:** Safety glasses  
**Protective Gloves:** Latex disposable gloves  
**Other Protective Clothing:** Lab coat  
**Engineering Controls (Ventilation etc.):** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.  
**Work/Hygienic/Maintenance Practices:** Do not take internally.  
Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.

### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical States:** [ ] Gas [X] Liquid [ ] Solid  
**Melting Point:** No data.  
**Boiling Point:** No data.  
**Specific Gravity (Water = 1):** No data.  
**Vapor Pressure (vs. Air or mm Hg):** 44.6 MM\_HG at 20.0 C  
**Vapor Density (vs. Air = 1):** No data.  
**Evaporation Rate (vs Butyl Acetate=1):** No data.  
**Solubility in Water:** <100 ug/ml\* at 25.0 C  
**Other Solubility Notes:** \*PBS pH 7.2, sol. in EtOH, DMSO, & DMF  
**Percent Volatile:** No data.  
**Formula:** C18H30O2  
**Molecular Weight:** 278.40  
**pH:** No data.  
**Appearance and Odor:** A clear, colorless solution

### 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:** Unstable [ ] Stable [X]  
**Conditions To Avoid - Instability:** sensitive to air  
sensitive to light  
**Incompatibility - Materials To Avoid:** bases  
strong inorganic acids  
strong oxidizing agents  
reducing agents  
**Hazardous Decomposition Or Byproducts:** carbon dioxide  
carbon monoxide  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will occur [ ] Will not occur [X]  
**Conditions To Avoid - Hazardous Polymerization:** No data available.

### 11. Toxicological Information

**Toxicological Information:** The toxicological effects of this compound have not been thoroughly studied.  
**Carcinogenicity/Other Information:** No data available.  
**Carcinogenicity:** NTP? No IARC Monographs? No OSHA Regulated? No

### 12. Ecological Information

**Ecological Information:** Runoff from fire control or dilution water may cause pollution.

### 13. Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal Method:** Dispose in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

### 14. Transport Information

**LAND TRANSPORT (US DOT)**  
**DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Ethyl alcohol  
**DOT Hazard Class:** 3  
**DOT Hazard Label:** Flammable Liquid  
**UN/NA Number:** 1170  
**Additional Transport Information:** Transport in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

### 15. Regulatory Information

**US EPA SARA Title III**

Hazardous Components (Chemical Name)	CAS #	Sec.302 (EHS)	Sec.304 RQ	Sec.313 (TRI)	Sec.110
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<b>US EPA CAA, CWA, TSCA</b>					
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**SARA (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986) Lists:**

- Sec.302:** EPA SARA Title III Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Chemical with TPQ. \* indicates 10000 LB TPQ if not volatile.
- Sec.304:** EPA SARA Title III Section 304: CERCLA Reportable + Sec.302 with Reportable Quantity. \*\* indicates statutory RQ.
- Sec.313:** EPA SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Release Inventory. Note: -Cat indicates a member of a chemical category.
- Sec.110:** EPA SARA 110 Superfund Site Priority Contaminant List

**Other Important Lists:**

- CWA NPDES:** EPA Clean Water Act NPDES Permit Chemical
- CAA HAP:** EPA Clean Air Act Hazardous Air Pollutant
- CAA ODC:** EPA Clean Air Act Ozone Depleting Chemical (1=CFC, 2=HCFC)
- CA PROP 65:** California Proposition 65

**TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) Lists:**

- 5A(2):** Chemical Subject to Significant New Rules (SNURS)
- 6A:** Commercial Chemical Control Rules
- 8A:** Toxic Substances Subject To Information Rules on Production
- 8A CAIR:** Comprehensive Assessment Information Rules - (CAIR)
- 8A PAIR:** Preliminary Assessment Information Rules - (PAIR)
- 8C:** Records of Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions
- 8D:** Health and Safety Data Reporting Rules
- 8D TERM:** Health and Safety Data Reporting Rule Terminations

### 16. Other Information

**Company Policy or Disclaimer**

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