

## Material Safety Data Sheet

Date Printed: 17/MAY/2005

Date Updated: 13/MAR/2004

Version 1.2

According to 91/155/EEC

Classified as Hazardous according to the criteria of EU Annex 1 and NOHSC.

---

### 1 - Product and Company Information

---

Product Name	ALL TRANS-RETINOIC ACID
Product Number	R2625
Company	Sigma-Aldrich Pty, Ltd Unit 2, 14 Anella Avenue Castle Hill NSW 1765
Technical Phone #	+61 2 9841 0555
Fax	+61 2 9841 0500
Emergency Phone #	+61 2 9841 0566

---

### 2 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

---

Product Name	CAS #	EC no	Annex I Index Number
ALL TRANS-RETINOIC ACID	302-79-4	206-129-0	None

Formula	C20H28O2
Molecular Weight	300.45 AMU
Synonyms	Aberel * Airol * GN 100335 * Aknoten * Cordes vas * Dermairol * 3,7-Dimethyl-9-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl ) -2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid * Effederm * Epi-aberel * Eudyna * 2,4,6,8-Nonatetraenoic acid, 3,7-dimethyl-9-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl ) - * NSC-122758 * beta-RA * Retin-A * Retinoic acid * all-(E)-Retinoic acid * beta-Retinoic acid * trans-Retinoic acid * all-trans-Retinoic acid * all-trans-beta-Retinoic acid * beta-all-trans-Retinoic acid * Ro 1-5488 * Tretin M * Tretinoin * Vitamin A acid * Vitamin A acid, all-trans- * Vitamin A1 acid, all-trans-

---

### 3 - Hazards Identification

---

SPECIAL INDICATION OF HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
Harmful if swallowed.

---

### 4 - First Aid Measures

---

#### AFTER INHALATION

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

#### AFTER SKIN CONTACT

In case of skin contact, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

Call a physician.

#### AFTER EYE CONTACT

In case of contact with eyes, flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Assure adequate flushing by separating the eyelids with fingers. Call a physician.

#### AFTER INGESTION

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician.

---

### 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

---

#### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Suitable: Water spray. Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam.

#### SPECIAL RISKS

Specific Hazard(s): Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

#### SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

---

### 6 - Accidental Release Measures

---

PERSONAL PRECAUTION PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE OF LEAK OR SPILL  
Evacuate area.

#### PROCEDURE(S) OF PERSONAL PRECAUTION(S)

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

#### METHODS FOR CLEANING UP

Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Avoid raising dust. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

---

### 7 - Handling and Storage

---

#### HANDLING

Directions for Safe Handling: Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### STORAGE

Conditions of Storage: Keep tightly closed.  
Store at -20°C

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Light sensitive.

---

### 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

---

#### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Safety shower and eye bath. Mechanical exhaust required.

#### GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES

Wash thoroughly after handling.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Respiratory Protection: Government approved respirator.  
Hand Protection: Compatible chemical-resistant gloves.

## 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

---

Appearance	Physical State: Solid	
Property	Value	At Temperature or Pressure
pH	N/A	
BP/BP Range	N/A	
MP/MP Range	182 °C	
Flash Point	N/A	
Flammability	N/A	
Autoignition Temp	N/A	
Oxidizing Properties	N/A	
Explosive Properties	N/A	
Explosion Limits	N/A	
Vapor Pressure	N/A	
SG/Density	N/A	
Partition Coefficient	Log Kow: 6.7	
Viscosity	N/A	
Vapor Density	N/A	
Saturated Vapor Conc.	N/A	
Evaporation Rate	N/A	
Bulk Density	N/A	
Decomposition Temp.	N/A	
Solvent Content	N/A	
Water Content	N/A	
Surface Tension	N/A	
Conductivity	N/A	
Miscellaneous Data	N/A	
Solubility	N/A	

---

## 10 - Stability and Reactivity

---

### STABILITY

Stable: Stable.

Conditions to Avoid: Light.

Materials to Avoid: Oxidizing agents.

### HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide.

### HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

---

## 11 - Toxicological Information

---

RTECS NUMBER: VH6475000

### ACUTE TOXICITY

LD50

Oral

Mouse

5,500 mg/kg

30% SOL

LD50

Skin

Rabbit

> 2,500 mg/kg

50% SOLUTION

LD50

Skin  
Rat  
> 2,000 mg/kg

LD50  
Oral  
Rat  
2000 mg/kg

LD50  
Intraperitoneal  
Rat  
96 MG/KG  
Remarks: Spinal Cord:Other degenerative changes.  
Behavioral:Ataxia. Blood:Normocytic anemia.

LD50  
Subcutaneous  
Rat  
53 MG/KG  
Remarks: Behavioral:Hallucinations, distorted perceptions.  
Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Respiratory depression.  
Nutritional and Gross Metabolic:Weight loss or decreased weight gain.

LD50  
Intravenous  
Rat  
75 MG/KG

LD50  
Oral  
Mouse  
1100 mg/kg

LD50  
Intraperitoneal  
Mouse  
208 MG/KG

LD50  
Subcutaneous  
Mouse  
253 MG/KG  
Remarks: Behavioral:Sleep. Lungs, Thorax, or  
Respiration:Respiratory depression. Nutritional and Gross  
Metabolic:Weight loss or decreased weight gain.

LD50  
Intravenous  
Mouse  
92 MG/KG

#### IRRITATION DATA

Eyes Skin  
Rabbit  
50 %  
Remarks: No irritation effect  
Eyes  
Rabbit  
Remarks: No irritation effect

Skin  
Human  
525 mg  
21D  
I  
Remarks: Mild irritation effect

#### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

#### ROUTE OF EXPOSURE

Skin Contact: May cause skin irritation.  
Skin Absorption: May be harmful if absorbed through the skin.  
Eye Contact: May cause eye irritation.  
Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. Material may be irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.  
Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed.

#### CHRONIC EXPOSURE - CARCINOGEN

Mouse  
Route of Application: Skin  
Exposure Time: 30W  
Result: Tumorigenic:Neoplastic by RTECS criteria. Skin and Appendages:Skin: After systemic exposure: Photosensitivity. Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

#### CHRONIC EXPOSURE - MUTAGEN

Species: Mouse  
Route: Intraperitoneal  
Mutation test: Dominant lethal test  
Result: Negative.

Human  
1 UMOL/L  
Cell Type: leukocyte  
DNA inhibition

Human  
1 UMOL/L  
Cell Type: leukocyte  
Other mutation test systems

Human  
1000 PPM  
Skin  
Other mutation test systems

Human  
5 MG/L  
Cell Type: fibroblast  
Sister chromatid exchange

Rat  
3 UMOL/L  
Cell Type: mammary gland  
DNA inhibition

Mouse  
4 UMOL/KG  
Skin

## Unscheduled DNA synthesis

### Mouse

10 UMOL/L

Cell Type: Embryo

Other mutation test systems

### Mouse

1 UMOL/L

Cell Type: lymphocyte

DNA inhibition

### Cattle, Horse

8 UMOL/L

Cell Type: lymphocyte

DNA inhibition

## CHRONIC EXPOSURE - TERATOGEN

Result: All-trans-retinoic acid is an active derivative of Vitamin A, a vitamin essential to human nutrition. Scientific studies indicate dermal application of a 5ppm medical ointment of all-trans-retinoic acid for prolonged time periods during pregnancy may cause fetal teratogenicity. Exposures in laboratory environments should be minimized by following standard laboratory safety procedures. See your institutional health and safety professional for specific guidance.

Species: Rat

Dose: 15 MG/KG

Route of Application: Oral

Exposure Time: (14-16D PREG)

Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Rat

Dose: 120 MG/KG

Route of Application: Oral

Exposure Time: (11D PREG)

Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Rat

Dose: 18 MG/KG

Route of Application: Oral

Exposure Time: (8-10D PREG)

Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear.

Species: Rat

Dose: 55 MG/KG

Route of Application: Skin

Exposure Time: (6-16D PREG)

Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).

Species: Rat

Dose: 40 MG/KG

Route of Application: Intraperitoneal

Exposure Time: (8D PREG)

Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue).

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 15 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Urogenital system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 15 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 40 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Gastrointestinal system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 100 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (10D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Other effects to embryo.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 20 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 16 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (11D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 500 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Cardiovascular (circulatory) system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 20 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Unreported  
Exposure Time: (11D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Mouse

Dose: 40 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Unreported  
Exposure Time: (11D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 40 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Unreported  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.

Species: Monkey  
Dose: 188 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (20-44D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue).

Species: Monkey  
Dose: 250 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (20-44D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Monkey  
Dose: 250 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (20-44D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Urogenital system.

Species: Hamster  
Dose: 40 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (7D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetal death. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Cardiovascular (circulatory) system.

Species: Hamster  
Dose: 12500 UG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Hamster  
Dose: 60 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Cytological changes (including somatic cell genetic material).

Species: Hamster  
Dose: 25 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral



Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Urogenital system.

Species: Hamster  
Dose: 80 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue).

#### CHRONIC EXPOSURE - REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD

Species: Rat  
Dose: 15 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (11-13D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetal death.

Species: Rat  
Dose: 15 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (9D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).

Species: Rat  
Dose: 27500 UG/KG  
Route of Application: Skin  
Exposure Time: (6-16D PREG)  
Result: Maternal Effects: Other effects. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Rat  
Dose: 20 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.  
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Rat  
Dose: 15 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Unreported  
Exposure Time: (11-13D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Newborn: Weaning or lactation index (e.g., # alive at weaning per # alive at day 4).

Species: Rat  
Dose: 12 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Unreported  
Exposure Time: (14-16D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Newborn: Behavioral.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 50 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral

Exposure Time: (9D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Eye, ear.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 100 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 5 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (8D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 75 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (5D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Other effects to embryo.

Species: Mouse  
Dose: 80 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Unreported  
Exposure Time: (11D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).

Species: Monkey  
Dose: 170 MG/KG  
Route of Application: Oral  
Exposure Time: (10-24D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.

Species: Rabbit  
Dose: 6500 UG/KG  
Route of Application: Skin  
Exposure Time: (7-19D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).  
Effects on Fertility: Abortion. Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).

Species: Mammal  
Dose: 12500 UG/KG  
Route of Application: Intraperitoneal  
Exposure Time: (9D PREG)  
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).

---

## 12 - Ecological Information

---

### ELIMINATION

Elimination: > 60 %

Classification: Substantially biodegradable.

### ECOTOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

Test Type: LC50 Fish

Species: Brachydanio rerio

Time: 96 h

Value: 4.64 mg/l

---

## 13 - Disposal Considerations

---

### SUBSTANCE DISPOSAL

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

---

## 14 - Transport Information

---

### RID/ADR

Non-hazardous for road transport.

### IMDG

Non-hazardous for sea transport.

### IATA

Non-hazardous for air transport.

---

## 15 - Regulatory Information

---

### CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING ACCORDING TO EU DIRECTIVES

INDICATION OF DANGER: Xn

Harmful.

R-PHRASES: 22

Harmful if swallowed.

---

## 16 - Other Information

---

### WARRANTY

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Inc., shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. Copyright 2005 Sigma-Aldrich Co. License granted to make unlimited paper copies for internal use only.

### DISCLAIMER

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household or other uses.