

Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

**SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Agarose

Signal Word  
N/A

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Pictograms

**SECTION 2 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

This chemical is considered nonhazardous according to GHS classifications for the Hazard Communication Standard. Treat all laboratory chemicals with caution.

Although this material is considered to be nonhazardous, unpredictable reactions among chemicals are always possible. Prudent laboratory practices should be observed.

**SECTION 3 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component Name	CAS Number	Formula	Formula Weight	Concentration
Agarose, low EEO	9012-36-6	(C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>	~120,000	
Synonyms: Agar, refined				

**SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES**

Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

**If inhaled:** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

**If in eyes:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing.

**If on skin:** Wash with plenty of water.

**If swallowed:** Rinse mouth. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.

**SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Nonflammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, may emit toxic fumes.

In case of fire: Use a tri-class dry chemical fire extinguisher.

NFPA Code  
None established

**SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Clean up spill. Dispose in the trash. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

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## SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic Miscellaneous.

Moisture sensitive. Store in a cool, dry place within a Flinn Chem-Saf™ bag.

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## SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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Avoid contact with eyes. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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## SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Buff-colored, powder. Odorless.

Melting point: <90 °c>

Soluble: Forms a gel with boiling water.

Specific gravity: 1.0

Biological use: Used to make gels for electrophoresis.

Typically 0.8 - 2% agarose.

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## SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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Stable nonhazardous substance.

Shelf life: Good, if stored properly. See Section 7 for further information.

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## SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Acute effects: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

Chronic effects: N.A.

IHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

Target organs: N.A.

SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: N.A.

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## SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Data not yet available.

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## SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

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## SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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Shipping name: Not regulated. Hazard class: N/A. UN number: N/A.

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## SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION

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Not listed.

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## SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION

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N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

N/A = Not applicable

**Consult your copy of the Flinn Science Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals.**

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