



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Malathion	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1374408	
CAS number	121-75-5	
Synonyms	Carbofos	
Chemical name	Diethyl 2-[(dimethoxyphosphorothioyl)thio]succinate	
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Manufacturer		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTRAC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTRAC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 3
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B
	Sensitization, skin	Category 1
	Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		
Signal word	Danger	
Hazard statement	Toxic if swallowed. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes eye irritation. May cause cancer.	
Precautionary statement		
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Avoid breathing vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.	
Response	If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Rinse mouth. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.	
Storage	Store locked up.	

Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Malathion	Carbofos	121-75-5	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation

If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash skin with soap and water. In case of eczema or other skin disorders: Seek medical attention and take along these instructions. For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Eye contact

Rinse with water. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Ingestion

If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth thoroughly. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if substance is ingested. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Irritant effects. Nervous system effects.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

General information

Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Water. Foam. Powder. Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Unsuitable extinguishing media

None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions

As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

General fire hazards

No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of vapors. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Absorb spillage with suitable absorbent material. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Material	Type	Value	Form
Malathion (CAS 121-75-5)	PEL	15 mg/m ³	Total dust.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Material	Type	Value	Form
Malathion (CAS 121-75-5)	TWA	1 mg/m ³	Inhalable fraction and vapor.

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Material	Type	Value
Malathion (CAS 121-75-5)	TWA	10 mg/m ³

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Exposure guidelines

US - California OELs: Skin designation

Malathion (CAS 121-75-5) Can be absorbed through the skin.

US - Minnesota Haz Subs: Skin designation applies

Malathion (CAS 121-75-5) Skin designation applies.

US - Tennessee OELs: Skin designation

Malathion (CAS 121-75-5) Can be absorbed through the skin.

US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values: Skin designation

Malathion (CAS 121-75-5) Can be absorbed through the skin.

US NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards: Skin designation

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US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

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Appropriate engineering controls

For laboratory operations, use good technique and limit open handling. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.

Skin protection

Hand protection Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.

Other Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.

Respiratory protection

Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
Physical state	Liquid.
Form	Liquid.
Color	Colorless. Light yellow. Clear.
Odor	Characteristic. Stench.
Odor threshold	13.5 mg/m ³
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	37.22 °F (2.9 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	312.8 - 314.6 °F (156 - 157 °C) 0.7 mmHg
Flash point	325.4 °F (163.0 °C) (Pensky-Martens closed cup).
Evaporation rate	Negligible.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	0.0000005 kPa (77 °F (25 °C))
Vapor density	11.3
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	0.2 g/l Slightly soluble.
Solubility (other)	Cyclohexane: Miscible. Acetone: Miscible. Esters: Miscible. Alcohol: Miscible.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	2.36
Auto-ignition temperature	532.4 °F (278 °C)
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	16.4 cP
Viscosity temperature	104 °F (40 °C)
Other information	
Chemical family	Organophosphate.
Molecular formula	C ₁₀ H ₁₉ O ₆ PS ₂
Molecular weight	330.36
Specific gravity	1.23 at 20 °C
Surface tension	37.1 mN/m (75.2 °F (24 °C))

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents. Magnesium. Amines. Strong alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions. POx, SOx.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Eye contact	Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion	Toxic if swallowed.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Gastrointestinal disturbances. Behavior, mood, or mental changes. Headache. Dizziness. Drowsiness. Seizures. Increased sweating. Runny nose. Blurred vision. Pinpoint pupils. Difficulty breathing. Bluish skin. Weakness. Irregular heartbeat.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Toxic if swallowed.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Malathion (CAS 121-75-5)		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	290 mg/kg
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	2460 - 6150 mg/kg
		4100 mg/kg
Inhalation		
LC50	Rat	> 5.2 mg/l, 4 hours
Skin corrosion/irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes eye irritation.	

Local effects

Eye irritation
Result: Slight irritation; cleared in 7 days.
Species: Rabbit
Eye irritation
Result: Volunteers were exposed to 85 mg/m³ for 2 hours experienced eye irritation 5-10 minutes after initial exposure.
Species: Human
Skin irritation
Result: Negative.
Species: Rabbit

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin sensitization	May cause an allergic skin reaction. Contact dermatitis has been reported in the literature.

Guinea pig sensitization tests
Result: Mixed results.

Germ cell mutagenicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
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Mutagenicity
Chromosome aberration
Result: Mixed.
Dominant lethal test
Result: Negative.
Species: Rat
Mouse bone marrow
Result: Mixed.

Carcinogenicity May cause cancer.
Case-control studies of occupational exposures
Result: Increased risk of prostate cancer. Positive association with non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
Species: Human

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Malathion (CAS 121-75-5) 2A Probably carcinogenic to humans.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Reproductivity

0 - 400 mg/kg/day Reproductivity / developmental, administered orally during gestation.

Result: No fetal abnormalities observed.

Species: Rabbit

0 - 800 mg/kg/day Reproductivity / developmental, administered orally during gestation.

Result: No adverse effects on offspring noted.

Species: Rat

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Aspiration hazard Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Malathion (CAS 121-75-5)		
<i>Acute</i>		
Other	IC50	Pseudokirchnerella subcapitata 4.06 mg/l, 72 hours
<i>Aquatic</i>		
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (Daphnia magna) 0.0007 - 0.0014 mg/l, 48 hours
Fish	LC50	Bluegill (Lepomis macrochirus) 0.04 - 0.052 mg/l, 96 hours
<i>Chronic</i>		
Crustacea	NOEC	Daphnia magna 0.06 µg/l, 21 days
Persistence and degradability	Biodegradable.	
Bioaccumulative potential		
Mobility in soil	No data available.	
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.	

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN3018
UN proper shipping name	Organophosphorous pesticide, liquid, toxic (Malathion)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	6.1
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III

IATA

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Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	6.1
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed with restrictions.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed with restrictions.
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	Not established.

DOT; IATA



15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

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Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Yes

Classified hazard categories

- Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
- Serious eye damage or eye irritation
- Respiratory or skin sensitization
- Carcinogenicity

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Chemical name	CAS number	% by wt.
Malathion	121-75-5	100

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Clean Water Act (CWA) Hazardous substance
Section 112(r) (40 CFR 68.130)

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations**California Proposition 65**

WARNING: This product can expose you to Malathion, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

Malathion (CAS 121-75-5)

Listed: May 20, 2016

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**Issue date** 10-29-2008**Revision date** 04-27-2020**Version #** 05

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