

Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Methyl *tert*-butyl ether

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : MTBE
tert-Butyl methyl ether
Methyl *tert*-butyl ether

Formula : C₅H₁₂O
Molecular Weight : 88.15 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
tert-Butyl methyl ether			
1634-04-4	216-653-1	603-181-00-X	-

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**Emergency Overview****OSHA Hazards**

Flammable Liquid, Irritant, Carcinogen

Target Organs

Kidney, Central nervous system

HMIS Classification

Health Hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 3
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating

Health Hazard: 2
Fire: 3
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
Eyes	Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable properties

Flash point -33.0 °C (-27.4 °F) - closed cup

Ignition temperature 374 °C (705 °F)

Suitable extinguishing media

For small (incipient) fires, use media such as "alcohol" foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide. For large fires, apply water from as far as possible. Use very large quantities (flooding) of water applied as a mist or spray; solid streams of water may be ineffective. Cool all affected containers with flooding quantities of water.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

Methods for cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and place in container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Store in cool place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Components with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	TWA	50 ppm	2007-01-01	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Kidney damage Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans: The agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at a relatively high dose, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histologic type(s), or by mechanism(s) that may not be relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemiologic studies do not confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans. Available evidence does not suggest that the agent is likely to cause cancer in humans except under uncommon or unlikely routes or levels of exposure.				

Personal protective equipment**Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type AXBEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves.

Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses

Skin and body protection

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Appearance**

Form liquid

Safety data

pH no data available
Melting point no data available
Boiling point 55 - 56 °C (131 - 133 °F) - lit.
Flash point -33.0 °C (-27.4 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature 374 °C (705 °F)
Lower explosion limit 1.6 %(V)

Upper explosion limit 15.1 %(V)
Vapour pressure 1,018.7 hPa (764.1 mmHg) at 55.0 °C (131.0 °F)
279.2 hPa (209.4 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)
Density 0.74 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility no data available
Partition coefficient: log Pow: 1.77
n-octanol/water log Pow: 0.94

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Storage stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

Materials to avoid

Oxidizing agents, Strong acids

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Nature of decomposition products not known.

Hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 4,000 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 23576 ppm

Irritation and corrosion

Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation

Eyes - rabbit - No eye irritation

Sensitisation

Will not occur

Chronic exposure

This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be possibly carcinogenic based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (tert-Butyl methyl ether)

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness, Central nervous system depression, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) is reported to metabolize to tert-butyl alcohol and formaldehyde by microsomal demethylation, MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) should be considered a "potential human carcinogen" due to an increase in leydig interstitial cell tumors of testes in male rats and an increase in lymphomas, leukemias, and uterine sarcomas in female rats., In another unpublished study MTBE was shown to be carcinogenic due to "increased incidence of a rare type of kidney tumor" in male rats and an "increase in the incidence of hepatocellular adenomas" in female mice., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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Additional Information

RTECS: KN5250000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Elimination information (persistence and degradability)

no data available

Ecotoxicity effects

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 672.00 mg/l - 96 h
	LC50 - other fish - > 1,000.00 mg/l - 96 h

Further information on ecology

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

UN-Number: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN-Number: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D
Proper shipping name: METHYL BUTYL ETHER
Marine pollutant: No

IATA

UN-Number: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Flammable Liquid, Irritant, Carcinogen

DSL Status

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

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SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth, or any other reproductive defects.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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