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Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Target Organ Effect, Irritant, Carcinogen

Target Organs

Central nervous system, Liver, Kidney

Other hazards which do not result in classification

May form explosive peroxides.

GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 2)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)
Skin Irritation (Category 3)
Eye Irritation (Category 2A)
Carcinogenicity (Category 2)
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 : Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H303 : May be harmful if swallowed.
H316 : Causes mild skin irritation.
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.
H335 : May cause respiratory irritation.
H351 : Suspected of causing cancer.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 : Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

P261 : Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P281 : Use personal protective equipment as required.
P305 + P351 + P338 : IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Other hazards
May form explosive peroxides.

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.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : THF
Formula : C₄H₈O
Molecular Weight : 72.11 g/mol

Component	Concentration
Tetrahydrofuran	
CAS-No.	109-99-9
EC-No.	203-726-8
Index-No.	603-025-00-0
	90 - 100 %

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. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability
Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.
Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Further Information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, 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 and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist. Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

Conditions for safe 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.

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

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	TWA	50 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Kidney damage Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans Danger of cutaneous absorption			
		STEL	100 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Central Nervous System impairment Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Kidney damage Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans Danger of cutaneous absorption			
		STEL	250 ppm 735 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m ³	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
The value in mg/m ³ is approximate.				
		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		ST	250 ppm 735 mg/m ³	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m ³	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000

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. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Splash contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 18 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

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, clear
Colour colourless

Safety data

pH no data available
Melting point/freezing point -108.0 °C (-162.4 °F)
Boiling point 65.0 - 67.0 °C (149.0 - 152.6 °F)
Flash point -17.0 °C (1.4 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature 321 °C (610 °F)
Auto-ignition temperature 321.0 °C (609.8 °F)
Lower explosion limit 1.8 %(V)
Upper explosion limit 11.8 %(V)
Vapour pressure 152.0 hPa (114.0 mmHg) at 15.0 °C (59.0 °F)
190.7 hPa (143.0 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)
213.3 hPa (160.0 mmHg) at 25.0 °C (77.0 °F)
373.3 hPa (280.0 mmHg) at 38.0 °C (100.4 °F)

Density	0.89 g/cm3
Water solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: < 1
Viscosity, kinematic	0.512 mm2/s at 25 °C (77 °F) 0.403 mm2/s at 50 °C (122 °F)
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

Materials to avoid

Oxidizing agents, Oxygen

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,050 - 2,850 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 54 mg/l

Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rat - > 2,000 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Mild skin irritation - Draize Test

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Risk of serious damage to eyes. - Draize Test

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

guinea pig - Did not cause sensitisation on laboratory animals.

Germ cell mutagenicity

In vivo tests did not show mutagenic effects

Genotoxicity in vitro - Ames test - S. typhimurium - negative

Carcinogenicity

Suspected human carcinogens

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

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.

Reproductive toxicity

No toxicity to reproduction

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

May cause drowsiness or dizziness. - Nervous system

May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

No aspiration toxicity classification

Potential health effects

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

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Central nervous system depression, Cough, chest pain, Difficulty in breathing, Exposure to high airborne concentrations can cause anesthetic effects., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional information

RTECS: LU5950000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 2,160 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 382 mg/l - 24 h

Toxicity to algae Growth inhibition IC50 - Algae - 3,700 mg/l - 192 h

Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability Method: OECD Test Guideline 301

Remarks: According to the results of tests of biodegradability this product is not readily biodegradable.

Bioaccumulative potential

No bioaccumulation is to be expected (log Pow <= 4).

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available

Other adverse effects
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. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. 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: 2056 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Tetrahydrofuran
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG

UN number: 2056 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D
Proper shipping name: TETRAHYDROFURAN
Marine pollutant: No

IATA

UN number: 2056 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Tetrahydrofuran

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Target Organ Effect, Irritant, Carcinogen

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

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	2007-03-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	2007-03-01

California Prop. 65 Components

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

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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