
1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Methyl *tert*-butyl ether

Product Number : 48027

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

Flammable liquid, Irritant, Carcinogen

Target Organs

Kidney, Central nervous 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.

H315 Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

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

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 : 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	-

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

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

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

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 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. 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. 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.

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

impervious clothing, 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

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/cm ³ at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.77 log Pow: 0.94

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, Strong acids

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 4,000 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 23576 ppm

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - No eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Will not occur

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

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.

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.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

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

no data available

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

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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

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.

Additional Information

RTECS: KN5250000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Toxicity**

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

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

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: 2398 Class: 3 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
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

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	2007-07-01

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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