

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : *tert*-Butyl methyl ether

Product Number : 306975

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 603-181-00-X

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 1634-04-4

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

F Highly flammable R11

Xi Irritant R38

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

H315	Causes skin irritation.
Precautionary statement(s) P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

2.3 Other hazards - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms : MTBE
Methyl tert-butyl ether

Formula : C₅H₁₂O
Molecular Weight : 88.15 g/mol
CAS-No. : 1634-04-4
EC-No. : 216-653-1
Index-No. : 603-181-00-X

Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component	Classification	Concentration
tert-Butyl methyl ether		
CAS-No. 1634-04-4 EC-No. 216-653-1 Index-No. 603-181-00-X	Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; H225, H315	<= 100 %

Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

Component	Classification	Concentration
tert-Butyl methyl ether		
CAS-No. 1634-04-4 EC-No. 216-653-1 Index-No. 603-181-00-X	F, Xi, R11 - R38	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

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.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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. For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

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

6.3 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).

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe 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. For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. 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.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

A part from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	STEL	100 ppm 367 mg/m3	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
		TWA	50 ppm 183.5 mg/m3	UK. EH40 WEL - Workplace Exposure Limits
		TWA	50 ppm 183.5 mg/m3	Europe. COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2009/161/EU establishing a third list of indicative occupational exposure limit values in implementation of Council Directive 98/24/EC and amending Commission Directive 2000/39/EC
	Remarks	Indicative		
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		Indicative		

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

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

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face 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 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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 230 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, 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.

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.

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).

Control of environmental exposure

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

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: liquid
b) Odour	no data available
c) Odour Threshold	no data available
d) pH	no data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	no data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	55 - 56 °C - lit.
g) Flash point	-33.0 °C - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	no data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	no data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 15.1 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1.6 %(V)
k) Vapour pressure	1,018.7 hPa at 55.0 °C 279.2 hPa at 20.0 °C
l) Vapour density	no data available
m) Relative density	0.74 g/cm ³ at 25 °C
n) Water solubility	no data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.77log Pow: 0.94
p) Auto-ignition temperature	374.0 °C
q) Decomposition temperature	no data available
r) Viscosity	no data available
s) Explosive properties	no data available
t) Oxidizing properties	no data available

9.2 Other safety information

no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**10.1 Reactivity**

no data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

- 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**
no data available
- 10.4 Conditions to avoid**
Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.
- 10.5 Incompatible materials**
Oxidizing agents, Strong acids
- 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**
Other decomposition products - no data available
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 4,000 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - 23576 ppm

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit

Result: Skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit

Result: No eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Will not occur

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

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

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: KN5250000

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.

Central nervous system -

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 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

12.2 Persistence and degradability

no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

no data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

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.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 2398

IMDG: 2398

IATA: 2398

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER

IMDG: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER

IATA: Methyl tert-butyl ether

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 3

IMDG: 3

IATA: 3

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II

IMDG: II

IATA: II

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

no data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

no data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation

Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

F	Highly flammable
Xi	Irritant
R11	Highly flammable.
R38	Irritating to skin.

Further information

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