1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: tert-Butyl methyl ether

Product Number: 34875
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 603-181-00-X

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

Company: Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103
USA

Telephone: +1 800-325-5832
Fax: +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #: (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
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.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

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.
P233: Keep container tightly closed.
P240: Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242: Use only non-sparking tools.
P243: Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P264: Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P280: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P321 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

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 components

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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. 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.

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

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
no data available
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.

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.

7. **HANDLING AND STORAGE**

7.1 **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.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
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)**
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated.

8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSOAL PROTECTION**

8.1 **Control parameters**

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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.
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 multipurpose 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.

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### 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 (131 - 133 °F) - lit. |
| g) Flash point | -33.0 °C (-27.4 °F) - 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 (764.1 mmHg) at 55.0 °C (131.0 °F)
279.2 hPa (209.4 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F) |
| l) Vapour density | no data available |
| m) Relative density | 0.74 g/cm³ at 25 °C (77 °F) |
| n) Water solubility | no data available |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: 1.77 log Pow: 0.94 |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature | 374.0 °C (705.2 °F) |
| q) Decomposition temperature | no data available |
9.2 Other safety information
no data available

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
Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

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

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
Dermal: no data available
no data available

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)
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
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 -

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

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 472 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae
EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 491 mg/l - 96 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability
Biodegradability
Result: 0 % - Not readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301D)

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

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. 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 tert-BUTYL ETHER
Marine pollutant: No

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

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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SARA 311/312 Hazards
Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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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

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HMIS Rating
Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: 
Flammability: 3
Physical Hazard: 0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 2
Fire Hazard: 3
Reactivity Hazard: 0
Further information
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