

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : 2-Methoxyethanol

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### OSHA Hazards

Combustible Liquid, Target Organ Effect, Harmful by skin absorption., Teratogen, Reproductive hazard

##### Target Organs

Blood, Kidney, Liver, Lungs, Central nervous system, Male reproductive system., Immune system., Thymus., Bone marrow

##### GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 3)  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4)  
Skin irritation (Category 3)  
Eye irritation (Category 2B)  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H303 May be harmful if swallowed.  
H312 Harmful in contact with skin.  
H316 Causes mild skin irritation.  
H320 Causes eye irritation.  
H331 Toxic if inhaled.  
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.  
 P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P311 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

**HMIS Classification**

**Health hazard:** 1  
**Chronic Health Hazard:** \*  
**Flammability:** 2  
**Physical hazards:** 0

**NFPA Rating**

**Health hazard:** 2  
**Fire:** 2  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May cause skin irritation.  
**Eyes** May cause eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Methyl Cellosolve  
 Methyl glycol  
 Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether

Formula : C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
 Molecular Weight : 76.09 g/mol

Component	Concentration
<b>2-Methoxyethanol</b>	
CAS-No.	109-86-4
EC-No.	203-713-7
Index-No.	603-011-00-4
Registration number	01-2119494721-33-XXXX

**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. Take victim immediately to hospital. 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.

**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**

Wear respiratory protection. 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.

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
2-Methoxyethanol	109-86-4	TWA	0.1 ppm 0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
Remarks	Potential for dermal absorption			
		TWA	0.1 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Hematologic effects Reproductive effects Danger of cutaneous absorption			
		TWA	25 ppm 80 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	Skin designation The value in mg/m <sup>3</sup> is approximate.			
		TWA	25 ppm 80 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
	Skin notation			

**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 ABEK (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**

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**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES****Appearance**

Form	clear, liquid
Colour	colourless

**Safety data**

pH	5.0 - 7.0 at 25 °C (77 °F)
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -85 °C (-121 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	124 - 125 °C (255 - 257 °F) - lit.
Flash point	40 °C (104 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	310 °C (590 °F)
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	2.5 %(V)
Upper explosion limit	24.5 %(V)
Vapour pressure	10 hPa (8 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Density	0.965 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.8
Relative vapour density	2.63 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY****Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

no data available

**Conditions to avoid**

Heat. 45°C

Heat, flames and sparks.

**Materials to avoid**

Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides  
Other decomposition products - no data available

**Thermal decomposition**

204 - 232 °C

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Acute toxicity**

**Oral LD50**

LD50 Oral - rat - 2,370 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Altered sleep time (including change in righting reflex). Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Other changes.

**Inhalation LC50**

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 7 h - 1500 ppm

**Dermal LD50**

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 1,280 mg/kg

**Other information on acute toxicity**

LD50 Intraperitoneal - rat - 2,500 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - rabbit - Mild skin irritation - 24 h

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - rabbit - Mild eye irritation - 24 h

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

**Carcinogenicity**

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.

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

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**

May cause reproductive disorders.

**Teratogenicity**

May cause congenital malformation in the fetus.

Presumed human reproductive toxicant

**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**

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**Synergistic effects**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: KL5775000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - 10,000 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 10,000 mg/l - 24 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

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**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.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 1188 Class: 3 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1188 Class: 3 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: ETHYLENE GLYCOL MONOMETHYL ETHER  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 1188 Class: 3 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****OSHA Hazards**

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**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, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
2-Methoxyethanol	109-86-4	2007-07-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
2-Methoxyethanol	109-86-4	2007-07-01

**California Prop. 65 Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. 2-Methoxyethanol	109-86-4	2009-02-01

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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