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Safety Data Sheet

B-Mercaptoethanol

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SECTION 1 Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Substance
Substance name : 2-mercaptoethanol
Chemical name : 2-Mercaptoethanol ; Mercaptoethanol
CAS-No. : 60-24-2
Product code : P001_103M
Formula : C2H6OS
BIG No : 10274

1.2. Other means of identification

Synonyms : 1-ethanol-2-thiol / 1-hydroxy-2-mercaptoethane / 1-mercapto-2-hydroxyethane / 2-hydroxy-1-ethanethiol / 2-hydroxyethanethiol / 2-hydroxyethyl mercaptan / 2-ME / 2-mercapto-1-ethanol / 2-mercaptoethanol / 2-mercaptoethyl alcohol / 2-thioethanol / beta-hydroxyethanethiol / beta-hydroxyethylmercaptan / beta-mercaptoethanol / BME / emery 5791 / ethanol, 2-mercapto- / ethylene glycol, monothio- / ethylene thioglycol / hydroxyethyl mercaptan / mercapto-2 ethanol / METH / monothioethyleneglycol / monothioglycol / thioethylene glycol / thioglycol / thiomonoglycol / USAF EK-4196

Other means of identification : Ethanol, 2-mercapto-
EC-No. : 200-464-6

1.3. Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Use of the substance/mixture : Solvent,Pesticide: intermediate product

1.4. Supplier's details

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1.5. Emergency phone number

Emergency number : Chemtrec **1-800-424-9300** (USA/Canada), **+1-703-527-3887** (Intl)

SECTION 2 Hazard Identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS US classification

Flammable liquid, Category 4	H227	Combustible liquid.
Acute toxicity (oral), Category 3	H301	Toxic if swallowed.
Acute toxicity (dermal), Category 3	H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
Acute toxicity (inhalation), Category 3	H331	Toxic if inhaled.
Acute toxicity (inhalation:dust,mist), Category 4	H332	Harmful if inhaled.
Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 2	H315	Causes skin irritation.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1	H318	Causes serious eye damage.
Skin sensitization, Category 1A	H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Specific target organ toxicity — Repeated exposure, Category 2	H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment — Acute Hazard, Category 1	H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.

Full text of H statements : see section 16

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2.2. Label elements

GHS US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS US)



Signal word (GHS US)

: Danger

Hazard statements (GHS US)

: H227 - Combustible liquid
H301+H311+H331 - Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H315 - Causes skin irritation
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction
H318 - Causes serious eye damage
H332 - Harmful if inhaled
H373 - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life

Precautionary statements (GHS US)

: P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P260 - Do not breathe dust, fume, gas, mist, vapors, spray.
P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272 - Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
P280 - Wear protective gloves.
P301+P310 - If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center or doctor.
P302+P352 - If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.
P304+P340 - If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310 - Immediately call a poison center or doctor.
P311 - Call a poison center or doctor.
P312 - Call a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell.
P314 - Get medical advice or attention if you feel unwell.
P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label).
P330 - Rinse mouth.
P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice or attention.
P361+P364 - Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P370+P378 - In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.
P391 - Collect spillage.
P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.
P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 - Store locked up.
P501 - Dispose of contents and/or container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulations.

2.3. Hazards associated with known or reasonably anticipated uses

No additional information available

2.4. Hazards not otherwise classified

No additional information available

2.5. Unknown acute toxicity

No additional information available

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SECTION 3 Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Substance type : Mono-constituent

Name	Common Name (Synonyms)	Product identifier	%	GHS US classification
2-mercaptoethanol (Main constituent)	1-ethanol-2-thiol / 1-hydroxy-2-mercaptoethane / 1-mercapto-2-hydroxyethane / 2-hydroxy-1-ethanethiol / 2-hydroxyethanethiol / 2-hydroxyethyl mercaptan / 2-ME / 2-mercapto-1-ethanol / 2-mercaptoethanol / 2-mercaptoethyl alcohol / 2-thioethanol / beta-hydroxyethanethiol / beta-hydroxyethylmercaptan / beta-mercaptoethanol / BME / emery 5791 / ethanol, 2-mercapto- / ethylene glycol, monothio- / ethylene thioglycol / hydroxyethyl mercaptan / mercapto-2 ethanol / METH / monothioethylene glycol / monothioglycol / thioethylene glycol / thioglycol / thiomonoglycol / USAF EK-4196	CAS-No.: 60-24-2	100	Flam. Liq. 4, H227 Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation), H331 Acute Tox. 4 (Inhalation:dust,mist), H332 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1A, H317 STOT RE 2, H373 Aquatic Acute 1, H400

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

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SECTION 4 First aid measures

4.1. Description of necessary first-aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Allow affected person to breathe fresh air. Allow the victim to rest. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Call a doctor.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Wash with plenty of soap and water. Specific measures (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label). Wash skin with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain emergency medical attention. Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician. Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label). Call a physician immediately.
Self protection of the first-aiders	: First aid workers will be equipped with suitable personal protective equipment.

4.2. Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms	: Odour tolerance may develop. Toxic if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Fatal in contact with skin. Toxic if inhaled. Causes serious eye damage. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. Harmful if inhaled. Toxic if swallowed. Toxic in contact with skin.
Symptoms/effects	: Causes damage to organs.
Symptoms/effects after inhalation	: Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation. Harmful if inhaled. Toxic if inhaled.
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Repeated exposure to this material can result in absorption through skin causing significant health hazard. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. Irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Causes serious eye damage. Serious damage to eyes.
Symptoms/effects after ingestion	: Toxic if swallowed. Swallowing a small quantity of this material will result in serious health hazard.
Chronic symptoms	: Skin rash/inflammation.

4.3. Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Other medical advice or treatment	: Treat symptomatically.
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SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Foam. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water spray. Sand.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Do not use a heavy water stream.

5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard	: Combustible liquid.
Explosion hazard	: May form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture.
Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire	: On burning: release of toxic and corrosive gases/vapours (sulphur oxides, carbon monoxide - carbon dioxide).

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5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Precautionary measures fire	: Exposure to fire/heat: keep upwind. Exposure to fire/heat: consider evacuation. Exposure to fire/heat: seal off low-lying areas. Exposure to fire/heat: have neighbourhood close doors and windows.
Firefighting instructions	: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Prevent fire-fighting water from entering environment. Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.
Protection during firefighting	: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures	: Remove ignition sources. Use special care to avoid static electric charges. No open flames. No smoking. Stop leak if safe to do so. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters. Absorb spillage to prevent material-damage.
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For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment	: Gloves (EN 374). Face shield (EN 166). Protective clothing (EN 14605 or EN 13034). Large spills/in enclosed spaces: self-contained breathing apparatus (EN 136 + EN 137). Large spills/in enclosed spaces: gas-tight suit (EN 943).
Emergency procedures	: Ventilate spillage area. Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. No open flames, no sparks, and no smoking.

For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
Emergency procedures	: Ventilate area. Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Stop leak if safe to do so.
Environmental precautions	: Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters. Avoid release to the environment.

6.2. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

For containment	: Collect spillage. Contain any spills with dikes or absorbents to prevent migration and entry into sewers or streams. Stop leak, if possible without risk.
Methods for cleaning up	: Take up liquid spill into absorbent material. Soak up spills with inert solids, such as clay or diatomaceous earth as soon as possible. Collect spillage. Store away from other materials. Notify authorities if product enters sewers or public waters.
Other information	: Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection. For further information refer to section 13.

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SECTION 7 Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapor. No open flames. No smoking. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear personal protective equipment. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
Hygiene measures	: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Always wash hands after handling the product.
Additional hazards when processed	: Handle empty containers with care because residual vapors are flammable. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including incompatibilities

Technical measures	: Proper grounding procedures to avoid static electricity should be followed.
Storage conditions	: Keep only in the original container in a cool, well ventilated place away from : Keep container closed when not in use. Keep in fireproof place. Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep cool.
Storage area	: Store in a cool area. Keep out of direct sunlight. Store in a dry area. Ventilation at floor level. Fireproof storeroom. Keep locked up. Provide for a tub to collect spills. Provide the tank with earthing. Unauthorized persons are not admitted. Meet the legal requirements.
Incompatible products	: Strong bases. Strong acids.
Incompatible materials	: Sources of ignition. Direct sunlight. Heat sources.
Information on mixed storage	: KEEP SUBSTANCE AWAY FROM: oxidizing agents. reducing agents. (strong) acids. (strong) bases. alcohols. water/moisture.
Maximum storage period	: 24 months
Heat-ignition	: KEEP SUBSTANCE AWAY FROM: heat sources.
Special rules on packaging	: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: closing. dry. clean. correctly labelled. meet the legal requirements. Secure fragile packagings in solid containers.
Packaging materials	: Store always product in container of same material as original container.

SECTION 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station.
Environmental exposure controls	: Avoid release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment:

Avoid all unnecessary exposure.

Materials for protective clothing:
Excellent resistance: butyl rubber. Good resistance: Nitrile rubber. Polyvinylchloride (PVC). plastics. rubber. Poor resistance: neoprene (chloroprene rubber)
Hand protection:
Wear protective gloves.

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Eye protection:
Chemical goggles or safety glasses. Safety glasses
Skin and body protection:
Wear suitable protective clothing
Respiratory protection:
Wear appropriate mask. [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



Other information:

Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Appearance	: Liquid.
Color	: Colourless to light yellow
Odor	: Repulsive odour
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: 4.6 – 6 (50 %)
Melting point	: < -100 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: 156 °C (1013 hPa)
Flash point	: 74 °C (Open cup, 1013 hPa)
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: < 1
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable. Combustible liquid.
Vapor pressure	: 1.33 hPa (20 °C)
Vapor pressure at 50°C	: 11 hPa
Relative vapor density at 20°C	: 2.7
Relative density	: 1.11 (20 °C)
Relative density of saturated gas/air mixture	: 1
Density	: 1110 kg/m ³ (20 °C)
Molecular mass	: 78.13 g/mol
Solubility	: Soluble in water. Soluble in ethanol. Soluble in ether. Soluble in other organic solvents. Water: 100 g/100ml (20 °C)
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	: -0.056 -0.056 (Experimental value, Equivalent or similar to OECD 107, 25 °C)
Auto-ignition temperature	: 295 °C (1013 hPa, T3)
Decomposition temperature	: 157 °C
Viscosity, kinematic	: 2.9 mm ² /s (20 °C, Calculated)
Viscosity, dynamic	: 3.22 mPa·s (20 °C)
Explosion limits	: 2.3 – 18 % Source: National Institute of Technology and Evaluation
Particle characteristics	: Particle size : Not applicable (liquid)

9.2. Data relevant with regard to physical hazard classes (supplemental)

VOC content	: 100 %
Other properties	: Gas/vapour heavier than air at 20°C. Clear. Slightly volatile. Acid reaction.

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SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Reacts violently with (strong) oxidizers: (increased) risk of fire. Reacts violently with many compounds e.g.: with (strong) bases and (strong) reducers. Decomposes slowly on exposure to water (moisture) with (some) acids.

10.2. Chemical stability

Combustible liquid. May form flammable/explosive vapor-air mixture.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Not established.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Direct sunlight. Extremely high or low temperatures. Open flame. Overheating. Heat. Sparks. Avoid contact with hot surfaces. No flames, no sparks. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong acids. Strong bases.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

fume. Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide. May release flammable gases.

SECTION 11 Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral) : Toxic if swallowed.
Acute toxicity (dermal) : Toxic in contact with skin.
Acute toxicity (inhalation) : Toxic if inhaled. Inhalation:dust,mist: Harmful if inhaled.

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
LD50 oral rat	98 – 168 mg/kg body weight (OECD 401: Acute Oral Toxicity, Rat, Male / female, Read-across, Oral, 14 day(s))
LD50 dermal rabbit	112 – 224 mg/kg body weight (Other, 24 h, Rabbit, Male / female, Experimental value, Dermal, 14 day(s))
LC50 Inhalation - Rat	2.03 mg/l (Other, 4 h, Rat, Male, Experimental value, Inhalation (vapours), 14 day(s))
ATE US (oral)	98 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (dermal)	112 mg/kg body weight
ATE US (gases)	700 ppmV/4h
ATE US (vapors)	2 mg/l/4h
ATE US (dust, mist)	2.03 mg/l/4h

Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes skin irritation.
pH: 4.6 – 6 (50 %)

Serious eye damage/irritation : Causes serious eye damage.
pH: 4.6 – 6 (50 %)

Respiratory or skin sensitization : May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified

Carcinogenicity : Not classified

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

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2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
NOAEL (animal/male, F0/P)	75 mg/kg body weight Animal: rat, Animal sex: male, Guideline: other., Guideline: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)
NOAEL (animal/female, F0/P)	15 mg/kg body weight Animal: rat, Animal sex: female, Guideline: other., Guideline: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test)

STOT-single exposure : Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure : May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
LOAEL (oral,rat,90 days)	50 mg/kg body weight Animal: rat, Guideline: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test), Guideline: OECD Guideline 407 (Repeated Dose 28-Day Oral Toxicity Study in Rodents)
NOAEL (oral,rat,90 days)	15 mg/kg body weight Animal: rat, Guideline: OECD Guideline 422 (Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction / Developmental Toxicity Screening Test), Guideline: OECD Guideline 407 (Repeated Dose 28-Day Oral Toxicity Study in Rodents)

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
Viscosity, kinematic	2.9 mm ² /s (20 °C, Calculated)

Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms : Odour tolerance may develop. Toxic if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Fatal in contact with skin. Toxic if inhaled. Causes serious eye damage. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. Harmful if inhaled. Toxic if swallowed. Toxic in contact with skin.

Symptoms/effects : Causes damage to organs.

Symptoms/effects after inhalation : Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation. Harmful if inhaled. Toxic if inhaled.

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Repeated exposure to this material can result in absorption through skin causing significant health hazard. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. Irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Causes serious eye damage. Serious damage to eyes.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Toxic if swallowed. Swallowing a small quantity of this material will result in serious health hazard.

Chronic symptoms : Skin rash/inflammation.

SECTION 12 Ecological information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Ecology - general : Very toxic to aquatic life.

Ecology - air : Not included in the list of substances which may contribute to the greenhouse effect (IPCC). Not included in the list of fluorinated greenhouse gases (Regulation (EU) No 2024/573). Photolysis in the air. Not classified as dangerous for the ozone layer (Regulation (EC) No 2024/590).

Ecology - water : Very toxic to aquatic life.

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute) : Very toxic to aquatic life.

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic) : Not classified

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
LC50 - Fish [1]	37 mg/l (DIN 38412-15, 96 h, Leuciscus idus, Static system, Fresh water, Experimental value, Lethal)
EC50 - Crustacea [1]	0.4 mg/l (OECD 202: Daphnia sp. Acute Immobilisation Test, 48 h, Daphnia magna, Static system, Fresh water, Experimental value, Locomotor effect)

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2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
ErC50 algae	19 mg/l (OECD 201: Alga, Growth Inhibition Test, 72 h, Desmodesmus subspicatus, Static system, Fresh water, Experimental value, GLP)
EC50 72h - Algae [1]	12 mg/l Source: International Uniform Chemical Information Database
LOEC (chronic)	0.1264 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna Duration: '21 d'
NOEC (chronic)	> 0.0632 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna Duration: '21 d'

12.2. Persistence and degradability

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
Persistence and degradability	Non degradable in the soil. Biodegradable in water. Not established.
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	0.105 g O ₂ /g substance
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	1.894 g O ₂ /g substance

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	-0.056 -0.056 (Experimental value, Equivalent or similar to OECD 107, 25 °C)
Bioaccumulative potential	Not bioaccumulative. Not established.

12.4. Mobility in soil

2-mercaptoethanol (60-24-2)	
Organic Carbon Normalized Adsorption Coefficient (Log Koc)	0.28 – 0.403 (log Koc, SRC PCKOCWIN v2.0, Calculated value)
Ecology - soil	Highly mobile in soil.

12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
Fluorinated greenhouse gases	: No
Other information	: Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

Regional legislation (waste)	: Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
Waste treatment methods	: Waste treatment methods.
Sewage disposal recommendations	: Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
Product/Packaging disposal recommendations	: Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations. Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation. Disposal must be done according to official regulations.
Additional information	: Handle empty containers with care because residual vapors are flammable. Do not re-use empty containers.
Ecological waste information	: Avoid release to the environment. Hazardous waste due to toxicity.

SECTION 14 Transport information

In accordance with DOT / TDG / IATA

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14.1. UN number

UN-No. (DOT) : UN2966
UN-No. (TDG) : UN2966
UN-No. (IATA) : 2966

14.2. UN Proper Shipping Name

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Thioglycol
Proper Shipping Name (TDG) : THIOGLYCOL
Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : thioglycol

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

DOT

Transport hazard class(es) (DOT) : 6.1
Hazard labels (DOT) : 6.1



TDG

Transport hazard class(es) (TDG) : 6.1
Hazard labels (TDG) : 6.1



IATA

Transport hazard class(es) (IATA) : 6.1
Hazard labels (IATA) : 6.1



14.4. Packing group

Packing group (DOT) : II
Packing group (TDG) : II
Packing group (IATA) : II

14.5. Environmental hazards

Dangerous for the environment : Yes
Marine pollutant : Yes



Other information : No supplementary information available.

14.6. Transport in bulk

Not applicable

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14.7. Special precautions for user

DOT

UN-No. (DOT) : UN2966
DOT Special Provisions (49 CFR 172.102) : IB2 - Authorized IBCs: Metal (31A, 31B and 31N); Rigid plastics (31H1 and 31H2); Composite (31HZ1). Additional Requirement: Only liquids with a vapor pressure less than or equal to 110 kPa at 50 C (1.1 bar at 122 F), or 130 kPa at 55 C (1.3 bar at 131 F) are authorized.
T7 - 4 178.274(d)(2) Normal..... 178.275(d)(3)
TP2 - a. The maximum degree of filling must not exceed the degree of filling determined by the following: (image) Where: tr is the maximum mean bulk temperature during transport, tf is the temperature in degrees celsius of the liquid during filling, and a is the mean coefficient of cubical expansion of the liquid between the mean temperature of the liquid during filling (tf) and the maximum mean bulk temperature during transportation (tr) both in degrees celsius. b. For liquids transported under ambient conditions may be calculated using the formula: (image) Where: d15 and d50 are the densities (in units of mass per unit volume) of the liquid at 15 C (59 F) and 50 C (122 F), respectively.
DOT Packaging Exceptions (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 153
DOT Packaging Non Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 202
DOT Packaging Bulk (49 CFR 173.xxx) : 243
DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27) : 5 L
DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75) : 60 L
DOT Vessel Stowage Location : A - The material may be stowed "on deck" or "under deck" on a cargo vessel and on a passenger vessel.

TDG

UN-No. (TDG) : UN2966
Explosive Limit and Limited Quantity Index : 0.1 L
Excepted quantities (TDG) : E4
Passenger Carrying Road Vehicle or Passenger Carrying Railway Vehicle Index : 5 L

IATA

Transport regulations (IATA) : Subject to the provisions
PCA Excepted quantities (IATA) : E4
PCA Limited quantities (IATA) : Y641
PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA) : 1L
PCA packing instructions (IATA) : 654
PCA max net quantity (IATA) : 5L
CAO packing instructions (IATA) : 662
CAO max net quantity (IATA) : 60L
ERG code (IATA) : 6L

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

15.1. Federal regulations

Commercial status of components according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

Name	CAS-No.	Listing	Commercial status	Flags
2-mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	Not present	-	

15.2. International regulations

CANADA

No additional information available

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EU-Regulations

No additional information available

National regulations

No additional information available

15.3. State regulations

No additional information available

SECTION 16 Other information

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Other information : None.

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements	
H227	Combustible liquid
H301	Toxic if swallowed
H311	Toxic in contact with skin
H315	Causes skin irritation
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction
H318	Causes serious eye damage
H331	Toxic if inhaled
H332	Harmful if inhaled
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life

Abbreviations and acronyms	
ACGIH	American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists
ADN	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF	Bioconcentration factor
BLV	Biological limit value
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
CAS-No.	Chemical Abstract Service number
CLP	Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
COD	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
CSA	Chemical safety assessment
DMEL	Derived Minimal Effect level
DNEL	Derived-No Effect Level

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Abbreviations and acronyms	
EC-No.	European Community number
EC50	Median effective concentration
ED	Endocrine disruptor
EN	European Standard
EWC	European waste catalogue
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LC50	Median lethal concentration
LD50	Median lethal dose
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
Log Kow	Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)
Log Pow	Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)
MAK	maximum workplace concentration
NOAEC	No-Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL	No-Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No-Observed Effect Concentration
N.O.S.	Not Otherwise Specified
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PBT	Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
PPE	Personal protection equipment
RID	Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
STP	Sewage treatment plant
TF	Technical function
ThOD	Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)
TLM	Median Tolerance Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
vPvB	Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative
UFI	Unique Formula Identifier

NFPA health hazard

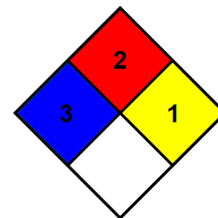
: 3 - Materials that, under emergency conditions, can cause serious or permanent injury.

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- NFPA fire hazard : 2 - Materials that must be moderately heated or exposed to relatively high ambient temperatures before ignition can occur.
- NFPA reactivity : 1 - Materials that in themselves are normally stable but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures.



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