

SAFETY DATA SHEET



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1. Identification

Product identifier

Product Name 2-Mercaptoethanol

Other means of identification

Catalog Number(s) 1610710, 1610710EDU, 1610710XTU
UN/ID no UN2966

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Laboratory chemicals

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 3
Acute toxicity - Dermal	Category 2
Acute toxicity - Inhalation (Vapors)	Category 3
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Skin sensitization	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Flammable liquids	Category 4

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

Label elements

Danger

Hazard statements

Toxic if swallowed
Fatal in contact with skin
Toxic if inhaled

Causes skin irritation
Causes serious eye damage
May cause an allergic skin reaction
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
Combustible liquid



Appearance Liquid

Physical state Liquid

Odor Sulfurous

Precautionary Statements - Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep away from flames and hot surfaces. - No smoking
Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection

Precautionary Statements - Response

IF IN EYES: 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
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
Rinse mouth
In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam to extinguish

Precautionary Statements - Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Precautionary Statements - Disposal

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

Other information

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%	Trade secret
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	50 - 100	*

*The exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

4. First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical attention.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical attention.
Self-protection of the first aider	Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms	Burning sensation. Itching. Rashes. Hives. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.
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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians	May cause sensitization in susceptible persons. Treat symptomatically.
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5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Water spray. Alcohol resistant foam.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. Product is or contains a sensitizer. May cause sensitization by skin contact.
Explosion data	
Sensitivity to mechanical impact	None.
Sensitivity to static discharge	Yes.
Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Do not breathe vapor or mist.
Other information	Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment	Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Dike far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal.
Methods for cleaning up	Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Dam up. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling	Use personal protection equipment. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation.
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Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks, flame and other sources of ignition (i.e., pilot lights, electric motors and static electricity). Keep in properly labeled containers. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations. Store in accordance with local regulations. Keep out of the reach of children. Store locked up. Store according to product and label instructions.
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8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Exposure Limits	This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
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Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems.
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Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection	Tight sealing safety goggles.
Hand protection	Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.
Skin and body protection	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Impervious clothing. Chemical resistant apron.
Respiratory protection	No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.
General hygiene considerations	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Do not breathe vapor or mist.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	Liquid
Color	light yellow
Odor	Sulfurous
Odor threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
pH		None known
Melting point / freezing point	-100 °C / -148 °F	
Initial boiling point and boiling range	158 °C / 316.4 °F	
Flash point	74 °C / 165.2 °F	
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known
Relative vapor density	No data available	None known
Relative density	1.1143	None known
Water solubility	Miscible in water	
Solubility(ies)	No data available	None known
Partition coefficient	No data available	None known
Autoignition temperature	295 °C / 563 °F	
Decomposition temperature	No data available	None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

Other information

Explosive properties	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available
Softening point	No information available
Molecular weight	No information available
VOC content	No information available
Liquid Density	No information available
Bulk density	No information available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	No information available.
Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks. Excessive heat.
Incompatible materials	Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known based on information supplied.

11. Toxicological information**Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

Inhalation	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation of respiratory tract. Toxic by inhalation (based on components).
Eye contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye damage. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
Skin contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Fatal in contact with skin (based on components). May cause sensitization by skin contact. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause allergic reactions with susceptible persons. Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Toxic if swallowed (based on components).

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms	Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Itching. Rashes. Hives. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.
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Acute toxicity**Numerical measures of toxicity****Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
2-Mercaptoethanol 60-24-2	= 244 mg/kg (Rat)	112 - 224 mg/kg (Rabbit)	-

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritation	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes skin irritation.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns. Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No information available.
Carcinogenicity	No information available.
Reproductive toxicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	No information available.
STOT - repeated exposure	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	No information available.
Other adverse effects	No information available.
Interactive effects	No information available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
2-Mercaptoethanol 60-24-2	EC50: =12mg/L (72h, Desmodesmus subspicatus)	-	-	EC50: =1.52mg/L (48h, Daphnia magna)

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulation

Component Information

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
2-Mercaptoethanol 60-24-2	-0.056

Other adverse effects No information available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

Waste from residues/unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging

Do not reuse empty containers.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN/ID no	UN2966
Proper shipping name	THIOGLYCOL
Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
Packing group	II
Special Provisions	IB2, T7, TP2
DOT Marine Pollutant	I
Description	UN2966, THIOGLYCOL, 6.1, II, Marine pollutant
Emergency Response Guide Number	153

TDG

UN/ID no	UN2966
Proper shipping name	THIOGLYCOL
Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
Packing group	II
Description	UN2966, THIOGLYCOL, 6.1, II

MEX

UN/ID no	UN2966
Proper shipping name	THIOGLYCOL
Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
Packing group	II
Description	UN2966, THIOGLYCOL, 6.1, II

IATA

UN number or ID number	UN2966
Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
Packing group	II
Description	UN2966, Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s., 6.1, II

IMDG

UN number or ID number	UN2966
Transport hazard class(es)	6.1
Packing group	II
EmS-No.	F-A, S-A
Marine pollutant	P
Description	UN2966, Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s., 6.1, II, Marine pollutant

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

US Federal Regulations

SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

US State Regulations**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
2-Mercaptoethanol 60-24-2	X	X	X

U.S. EPA Label Information

EPA Pesticide Registration Number Not applicable

16. Other information

NFPA	Health hazards 3	Flammability 2	Instability 0	Special hazards -
HMIS	Health hazards 3 *	Flammability 2	Physical hazards 0	Personal protection X

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	Sk*	Skin designation

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
 Environmental Protection Agency
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals
 Food Research Journal
 Hazardous Substance Database
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)
 National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
 Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)
 National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)
 U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP)

New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set
World Health Organization

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