

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name tert-Butyl methyl ether

Cat No. : AC177040000; AC177040010; AC177040025; AC177040051;
AC177040100; AC177040250; AC177042500

CAS-No 1634-04-4
Synonyms 2-Methyl-2-methoxy propane; MTBE; Methyl tert-butyl ether

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

WHMIS 2015 Classification Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Lungs.	

Label Elements

Signal Word
Danger

Hazard Statements
Highly flammable liquid and vapor

Causes skin irritation
May cause respiratory irritation



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
Keep container tightly closed
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment
Use only non-sparking tools
Take precautionary measures against static discharges
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

Storage

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other Hazards

Contains a known or suspected endocrine disruptor

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
Most important symptoms/effects	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like

Notes to Physician headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point -28 °C / -18.4 °F

Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature 224 °C / 435.2 °F

Explosion Limits

Upper 15.1 vol %

Lower 1.6 vol %

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	3	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment as required. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

7. Handling and storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use only under a chemical fume hood. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

Storage. Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. May form explosive peroxides on prolonged storage. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Methyl tert-butyl ether	TWA: 50 ppm TWA: 180 mg/m ³	TWA: 50 ppm	TWA: 40 ppm	TWA: 40 ppm TWA: 144 mg/m ³	TWA: 50 ppm		

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Hand Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	< 211 minutes	0.38 mm	Permeation rate 1 µg/cm ² /min
Viton (R)	< 152 minutes	0.7 mm	Permeation rate 17 µg/cm ² /min
Neoprene			As tested under EN374-3
Natural rubber			Determination of Resistance to
PVC			Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	Petroleum distillates
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-110 °C / -166 °F

Boiling Point/Range	54 - 56 °C / 129.2 - 132.8 °F
Flash Point	-28 °C / -18.4 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	15.1 vol %
Lower	1.6 vol %
Vapor Pressure	268 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	0.2
Specific Gravity	0.740
Solubility	Slightly soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	224 °C / 435.2 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.36 mPa.s at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C5 H12 O
Molecular Weight	88.15

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl tert-butyl ether	LD50 = 2963 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 10000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 85 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

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

Irritation	Irritating to eyes and skin
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen. Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Not listed	Not listed	A3	Not listed	A3

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen
A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen
A3 - Animal Carcinogen

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Mutagenic Effects	Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.
Reproductive Effects	No information available.
Developmental Effects	No information available.
Teratogenicity	No information available.
STOT - single exposure	Lungs
STOT - repeated exposure	None known
Aspiration hazard	No information available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

Endocrine Disruptor Information

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Japan - Endocrine Disruptor Information
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Group III Chemical	Not applicable	Not applicable

Other Adverse Effects Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methyl tert-butyl ether	800 mg/L EC50 > 72 h 184 mg/L EC50 = 96 h	887 mg/L LC50 96 h 100 mg/L LC50 96 h 929 mg/L LC50 96 h 672 mg/L LC50 96 h	EC50 = 11.4 mg/L 30 min EC50 = 8.23 mg/L 5 min EC50 = 9.67 mg/L 15 min	EC50: = 542 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1.06

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

TDG

UN-No	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

IATA

UN-No	UN2398
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Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II
IMDG/IMO	
UN-No	UN2398
Proper Shipping Name	METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	216-653-1	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	X	KE-23648	X	X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	Part 1, Group A Substance Part 4 Substance		

Other International Regulations

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Methyl tert-butyl ether	1634-04-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y40

16. Other information

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