

DIETHYL ETHER ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS Regulations (Hazardous Chemicals) Amendment 2020 and ADG requirements

SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

Product Identifier		
Product name DIETHYL ETHER		
Chemical Name	diethyl ether	
Synonyms	C4-H10-O; anaesthetic; anaesthesia ether; ethyl oxide; diethyl oxide; ether; ethoxy ethane; ethyl ether; solvent ether; 1,1-oxybisethane; sulfuric ether; inhibited diethyl ether	
Proper shipping name	DIETHYL ETHER (ETHYL ETHER)	
Chemical formula	C4H10O	
Other means of identification	Not Available	
CAS number	60-29-7	

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

As a solvent and for solvent extraction of waxes, fats, oils, perfumes, alkaloids, gums. Ether / alcohol mix is a good solvent for nitrocellulose. Used in the manufacture of gun powder and organic products, as a primer in gasoline engines. Obsolescent use as a medical anaesthetic by inhalation.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD	
Emergency telephone numbers	61 (0)418 237 771	
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	

SECTION 2 Hazards identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.

ChemWatch Hazard Ratings

	Min	Maxi	
Flammability	4		
Toxicity	2		0 = Minimum
Body Contact	2		1 = Low
Reactivity	2		2 = Moderate
Chronic	0		3 = High 4 = Extreme

Poisons Schedule Classification [1] Flammable Liquid Category 1, Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Category 3 (narcotic effects Acute Aquatic Hazard Category 3 Legend: 1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI	
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Label elements

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Hazard pictogram(s)





Hazard statement(s)

H224	Extremely flammable liquid and vapour.	
H302	Harmful if swallowed.	
H336	y cause drowsiness or dizziness.	
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.	
AUH019	May form explosive peroxides.	
AUH066	AUH066 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness and cracking.	

Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

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Y210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.		
Jse only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.		
round and bond container and receiving equipment.		
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/intrinsically safe equipment.		
Use non-sparking tools.		
Take action to prevent static discharges.		
Avoid breathing mist/vapours/spray.		
Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.		

Precautionary statement(s) Response

P370+P378	P370+P378 In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam or normal protein foam to extinguish.	
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider if you feel unwell.	
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].	
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.	
P330	P330 Rinse mouth.	

Precautionary statement(s) Storage

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P403+P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.		Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.	
	P405	Store locked up.	

Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.

SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients

Substances

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
60-29-7	>=95	diethyl ether
Not Available	}	inhibitor - typically:
123-31-9	} < 1^	hydroquinone
Not Available	}	but other materials are used also.

Legend:

1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L;

* EU IOELVs available

Mixtures

See section above for composition of Substances

SECTION 4 First aid measures

Description of first aid measures

If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

Eye Contact

- Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- ▶ Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

Skin Contact

If skin contact occurs:

Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.

Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

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	Seek medical attention in event of irritation.
Inhalation	 If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested. Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary. Transport to hospital, or doctor.
Ingestion	 If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration. Observe the patient carefully. Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious. Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink. Seek medical advice. Avoid giving milk or oils. Avoid giving alcohol. If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically for lower alkyl ethers: BASIC TREATMENT

- ▶ Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary
- Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- A low-stimulus environment must be maintained
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- Anticipate and treat, where necessary, for seizures.
- DO NOT use emetics. Where ingestion is suspected rinse mouth and give up to 200 ml water (5 ml/kg recommended) for dilution where patient is able to swallow, has a strong gag reflex and does not droot.

ADVANCED TREATMENT

- ▶ Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- Start an IV D5W TKO. If signs of hypovolaemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary oedema.
- Hypotension without signs of hypovolaemia may require vasopressors.
- ► Treat seizures with diazepam.
- Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

- Laboratory analysis of complete blood count, serum electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, glucose, urinalysis, baseline for serum aminotransferases (ALT and AST), calcium, phosphorus and magnesium, may assist in establishing a treatment regime. Other useful analyses include anion and osmolar gaps, arterial blood gases (ABGs), chest radiographs and electrocardiograph.
- ▶ Ethers may produce anion gap acidosis. Hyperventilation and bicarbonate therapy might be indicated.
- Haemodialysis might be considered in patients with impaired renal function.
- Consult a toxicologist as necessary.

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SECTION 5 Firefighting measures

Extinguishing media

- ▶ Foam
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog Large fires only.

Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Fighting

Fire Incompatibility

Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result

Advice for firefighters

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- May be violently or explosively reactive.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course. Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.
 - If safe, switch off electrical equipment until vapour fire hazard removed.
- ▶ Use water delivered as a fine spray to control the fire and cool adjacent area

Material is very volatile.

- Liquid and vapour are highly flammable.
- Severe fire hazard when exposed to heat, flame and/or oxidisers. Fire/Explosion Hazard
 - Vapour forms an explosive mixture with air.
 - Severe explosion hazard, in the form of vapour, when exposed to flame or spark.
 - Vapour may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition.

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- ▶ Heating may cause expansion / decomposition with violent rupture of containers.
- On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO)

Combustion products include:

carbon dioxide (CO2)

other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

Contains low boiling substance: Closed containers may rupture due to pressure buildup under fire conditions.

WARNING: Long standing in contact with air and light may result in the formation

of potentially explosive peroxides.

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SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

Environmental precautions

See section 12

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

۲	Remove	all	ignition	sources

Minor Spills

- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- ▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.
- Contain and absorb small quantities with vermiculite or other absorbent material.
- ▶ Wipe up.
- ▶ Collect residues in a flammable waste container.

Cover spill with foam blanket to reduce fire risk.

Chemical Class: phenols and cresols

For release onto land: recommended sorbents listed in order of priority.

SORBENT TYPE	RANK	APPLICATION	COLLECTION	LIMITATIONS
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LAND SPILL - SMALL

cross-linked polymer - particulate	1	shovel	shovel	R, W, SS
cross-linked polymer - pillow	1	throw	pitchfork	R, DGC, RT
wood fiber - pillow	1	throw	pitchfork	R, P, DGC, RT
foamed glass - pillow	2	shovel	shovel	R, W, P, DGC
sorbent clay - particulate	2	shovel	shovel	R, I, P
wood fibre - particulate	3	shovel	shovel	R, W, P, DGC

LAND SPILL - MEDIUM

cross-linked polymer - particulate	1	blower	skiploader	R,W, SS
cross-linked polymer - pillow	2	throw	skiploader	R, DGC, RT
sorbent clay - particulate	3	blower	skiploader	R, I, P
polypropylene - particulate	3	blower	skiploader	R, SS, DGC
wood fiber - particulate	4	blower	skiploader	R, W, P, DGC
expanded moneral - particulate	4	blower	skinloader	R I W P DGC

Legend

Major Spills

DGC: Not effective where ground cover is dense

R; Not reusable

I: Not incinerable

P: Effectiveness reduced when rainy

RT:Not effective where terrain is rugged

SS: Not for use within environmentally sensitive sites

W: Effectiveness reduced when windy

Reference: Sorbents for Liquid Hazardous Substance Cleanup and Control; R.W Melvold et al: Pollution Technology Review No. 150: Noyes Data Corporation 1988

Clear area of personnel and move upwind.

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- May be violently or explosively reactive.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- ► Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- Increase ventilation

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

SECTION 7 Handling and storage

Safe handling

Precautions for safe handling

- Containers, even those that have been emptied, may contain explosive vapours.
- Do NOT cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.

The tendency of many ethers to form explosive peroxides is well documented. Ethers lacking non-methyl hydrogen atoms adjacent to the ether link are thought to be relatively safe

DO NOT concentrate by evaporation, or evaporate extracts to dryness, as residues may contain explosive peroxides with DETONATION

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potential.

- Any static discharge is also a source of hazard.
- Before any distillation process remove trace peroxides by shaking with excess 5% aqueous ferrous sulfate solution or by percolation through a column of activated alumina.
- Distillation results in uninhibited ether distillate with considerably increased hazard because of risk of peroxide formation on storage.
- Add inhibitor to any distillate as required.
- When solvents have been freed from peroxides by percolation through columns of activated alumina, the absorbed peroxides must promptly be desorbed by treatment with polar solvents such as methanol or water, which should then be disposed of safely.

Contains low boiling substance:

Storage in sealed containers may result in pressure buildup causing violent rupture of containers not rated appropriately.

- ► Check for bulging containers
- Vent periodically
- Always release caps or seals slowly to ensure slow dissipation of vapours
- DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin

The substance accumulates peroxides which may become hazardous only if it evaporates or is distilled or otherwise treated to concentrate the peroxides. The substance may concentrate around the container opening for example.

Purchases of peroxidisable chemicals should be restricted to ensure that the chemical is used completely before it can become peroxidised.

- A responsible person should maintain an inventory of peroxidisable chemicals or annotate the general chemical inventory to indicate which chemicals are subject to peroxidation. An expiration date should be determined. The chemical should either be treated to remove peroxides or disposed of before this date.
- The person or laboratory receiving the chemical should record a receipt date on the bottle. The individual opening the container should add an opening date.
- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- ► DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked
- Avoid smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke
- Vapour may ignite on pumping or pouring due to static electricity.

Easily peroxidisable

- Products formed as a result of peroxidation are not only safety hazards but may chemically alter the chemical behavior of the parent compound.
- ▶ Should have a warning label affixed bearing the date of receipt in the laboratory and the date on which the label was first opened.
- Store-room items should have the label affixed by the Store-room whilst for non- storeroom items or materials synthesised in the laboratory, an individual chemist should be responsible for warning labels.
- WARNING: This product may form peroxides to a hazardous level by concentration (by distillation, evaporation, etc.)
- Should be evaluated every twelve months after opening, redated if safe or else discarded.
- The oxidation of iodide to iodine or the conversion of colourless ferrothiocyanate to red ferrithiocyanate by peroxides are simple and convenient tests for most peroxides.
- ▶ Before distilling or evaporating test for peroxides. Leave at least 10% bottoms.

Rotate all stock to prevent ageing. Use on FIFO (First In-First Out) basis

- ► Store in original containers in approved flame-proof area.
- No smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.
 DO NOT store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapours may be trapped.
- ► Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store away from incompatible materials in a cool, dry well ventilated area.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- ▶ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Other information

- ▶ Packing as supplied by manufacturer.
- Plastic containers may only be used if approved for flammable liquid.
- Check that containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks
- For low viscosity materials (i): Drums and jerry cans must be of the non-removable head type. (ii): Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.
- For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C)
- ▶ For manufactured product having a viscosity of at least 250 cSt. (23 deg. C)
- Manufactured product that requires stirring before use and having a viscosity of at least 20 cSt (25 deg. C): (i) Removable head packaging; (ii) Cans with friction closures and (iii) low pressure tubes and cartridges may be used.
- Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages
- In addition, where inner packagings are glass and contain liquids of packing group I there must be sufficient inert absorbent to absorb any spillage, unless the outer packaging is a close fitting moulded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic.

Avoid reaction with halogens, interhalogen compounds, sulfur and sulfur compounds.

Ethers

·may react violently with strong oxidising agents and acids.

-can act as bases.- they form salts with strong acids and addition complexes with Lewis acids; the complex between diethyl ether and boron trifluoride is an example.

Storage incompatibility

Suitable container

·are generally stable to water under neutral conditions and ambient temperatures.

are hydrolysed by heating in the presence of halogen acids, particularly hydrogen iodide
 are relatively inert In other reactions, which typically involve the breaking of the carbon-oxygen bond

- The tendency of many ethers to form explosive peroxides is well documented.
- Ethers lacking non-methyl hydrogen atoms adjacent to the ether link are thought to be relatively safe.
- When solvents have been freed from peroxides (by percolation through a column of activated alumina for example), the absorbed peroxides must promptly be desorbed by treatment with the polar solvents methanol or water, which should be discarded safely.

SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Source Ingredient Material name TWA STEL Peak Notes

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Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
Australia Exposure Standards	diethyl ether	Ethyl ether	400 ppm / 1210 mg/m3	1520 mg/m3 / 500 ppm	Not Available	Not Available
Australia Exposure Standards	hydroquinone	Hydroquinone	2 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
diethyl ether	500 ppm	3200* ppm	19000*** ppm
hydroquinone	3 mg/m3	20 mg/m3	120 mg/m3

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
diethyl ether	1,900 ppm	Not Available
hydroquinone	50 mg/m3	Not Available

Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are:

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.

For flammable liquids and flammable gases, local exhaust ventilation or a process enclosure ventilation system may be required.

Personal protection











Eve and face protection

- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly.

Skin protection

See Hand protection below

- Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC.
- Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, e.g. Rubber

NOTE:

- The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.
- Contaminated leather items, such as shoes, belts and watch-bands should be removed and destroyed.

Hands/feet protection

The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.

Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage

Body protection

See Other protection below

- Overalls
- PVC Apron.
- ▶ PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
- Eyewash unit.

Other protection

- Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.
- Fome plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity.
- For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets).
- Non sparking safety or conductive footwear should be considered. Conductive footwear describes a boot or shoe with a sole made from a conductive compound chemically bound to the bottom components, for permanent control to electrically ground the foot an shall dissipate static electricity from the body to reduce the possibility of ignition of volatile compounds. Electrical resistance must range between 0 to 500,000 ohms. Conductive shoes should be stored in lockers close to the room in which they are worn. Personnel who have been issued conductive footwear should not wear them from their place of work to their homes and return.

Recommended material(s)

GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

"Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the computergenerated selection:

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Material	СРІ
PE/EVAL/PE	Α

Respiratory protection

Type AX Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required. Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum	Half-Face	Full-Face	Powered Air	
Protection Factor	Respirator	Respirator	Respirator	
up to 10 x ES	Air-line*	AX-2	AX-PAPR-2 ^	

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PVA	A
TEFLON	A
BUTYL	С
NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE/NATURAL	С
NITRILE	С
VITON	С
VITON/NEOPRENE	С

^{*} CPI - Chemwatch Performance Index

- B: Satisfactory; may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion
- C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

NOTE: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

up to 20 x ES	-	AX-3	-
20+ x ES	-	Air-line**	-

- $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{*}}}$ Continuous-flow; $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{**}}}$ Continuous-flow or positive pressure demand
- ^ Full-face

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Cartridge respirators should never be used for emergency ingress or in areas of unknown vapour concentrations or oxygen content.
- The wearer must be warned to leave the contaminated area immediately on detecting any odours through the respirator. The odour may indicate that the mask is not functioning properly, that the vapour concentration is too high, or that the mask is not properly fitted. Because of these limitations, only restricted use of cartridge respirators is considered appropriate.
- Cartridge performance is affected by humidity. Cartridges should be changed after 2 hr of continuous use unless it is determined that the humidity is less than 75%, in which case, cartridges can be used for 4 hr. Used cartridges should be discarded daily, regardless of the length of time used

SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Clear very highly volatile and very highly flammable liquid; slightly soluble in and floats on water. Pleasant aromatic odour. Burning taste. Diethyl ether is hygroscopic; i.e. absorbs moisture from the air. Mixes with aliphatic alcohols, benzene, chloroform.		
Physical state	Liquid	Relative density (Water = 1)	0.714 at 20 C.
Odour	Not Available	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	180-190
pH (as supplied)	Not Applicable	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	-116	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	34.6	Molecular weight (g/mol)	74.12
Flash point (°C)	-45	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	37.5 (BuAc=1)	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	48	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	1.85	Volatile Component (%vol)	100
Vapour pressure (kPa)	58.64 at 20 C.	Gas group	IIB
Solubility in water	Partly miscible	pH as a solution (%)	Not Applicable
Vapour density (Air = 1)	2.55	VOC g/L	Not Available

SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	See section 7		
Chemical stability	Loss or depletion of inhibitor. Presence of a stabilising inhibitor prevents/retards peroxide formation. Lunstable in the presence of incompatible materials. Product is considered stable. Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.		
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7		
Conditions to avoid	See section 7		
Incompatible materials	See section 7		
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5		

SECTION 11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by sleepiness, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of co-ordination, and vertigo.

Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

Inhaled

There is some evidence to suggest that the material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.

When inhaled, diethyl ether can cause rapid loss of consciousness, and with continuous exposure, respiratory muscle weakness, stoppage of breathing and death. At lower doses, mild nasal irritation occurs, and at higher doses, dizziness may be experienced. Minor vapour exposure

A: Best Selection

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may produce headache, nausea and vomiting. There may be a severe fall in blood pressure, throat spasm, convulsions, reduced blood flow to the kidneys and liver damage Following inhalation, ethers cause lethargy and stupor. Inhaling lower alkyl ethers results in headache, dizziness, weakness, blurred vision, seizures and possible coma. Material is highly volatile and may guickly form a concentrated atmosphere in confined or unventilated areas. The vapour may displace and replace air in breathing zone, acting as a simple asphyxiant. This may happen with little warning of overexposure. Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual. Ingestion Ingestion of alkyl ethers may produce stupor, blurred vision, headache, dizziness and irritation of the nose and throat. Respiratory distress and asphyxia may result. Repeated exposure may cause skin cracking, flaking or drying following normal handling and use. Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual, systemic effects may result following absorption. Alkyl ethers may defat and dehydrate the skin producing dermatoses. Absorption may produce headache, dizziness, and central nervous system depression. Skin Contact Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected. The material may cause severe inflammation of the skin either following direct contact or after a delay of some time. Repeated exposure can cause contact dermatitis which is characterised by redness, swelling and blistering. Eye contact with alkyl ethers (vapour or liquid) may produce irritation, redness and tears. There is some evidence that material may produce eye irritation in some persons and produce eye damage 24 hours or more after instillation. Eve Moderate inflammation may be expected with redness; conjunctivitis may occur with prolonged exposure Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying with cracking, irritation and possible dermatitis following. Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure. There is limited evidence that, skin contact with this product is more likely to cause a sensitisation reaction in some persons compared to the Chronic Diethyl ether is used as a medical anaesthetic. While medically "safe", the hazard is due to its high volatility, potential of vapour explosion and fire. Abuse of ether by repeated inhalation may present like chronic alcoholism. Repeated exposures by workers produced loss of appetite, exhaustion, headache, sleepiness, dizziness, excitation and psychic disturbances, protein in the urine, and increased viscosity of the blood.

	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >14280 mg/kg ^[2]	Eye (rabbit): 100 mg - moderate
diethyl ether	Inhalation(Rat) LC50; 32000 ppm4h ^[1]	Eye: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) ^[1]
	Oral(Rat) LD50; 855-2352 mg/kg ^[2]	Skin (rabbit):360 mg (open)-mild
		Skin: no adverse effect observed (not irritating) ^[1]
	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
hydroquinone	Dermal (rabbit) LD50: >2000 mg/kg ^[1]	Skin (human): 2% - mild
	Oral(Rat) LD50; 367.3 mg/kg ^[1]	Skin (human): 5% - SEVERE

Chronic exposure to alkyl ethers may result in loss of appetite, excessive thirst, fatigue, and weight loss.

The following information refers to contact allergens as a group and may not be specific to this product.

specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested. Animal testing shows that hydroquinone is rapidly and extensively absorbed from the gut and lung. Absorption via the skin is slow, but may be accelerated with alcohols. Hydroquinone distributes rapidly and widely among tissues. It is rapidly excreted from the body, mostly via the urine. In animals, hydroquinone has moderate oral acute toxicity. Limited data suggests that in animals, hydroquinone may cause temporary eye irritation and cloudiness of the cornea; in rabbits, hydroquinone caused slight irritation of the eye. Hydroquinone may be a skin sensitizer in

HYDROQUINONE

Repeated dosing in animals caused tremors and reduced activity, reduced weight gain, convulsions, and kidney disease. If applied to skin, it caused minor irritation.

Reproductive toxicity: Animal testing has so far not shown reproductive toxicity.

Genetic toxicity: Testing for the genetic toxicity of hydroquinone has given conflicting results.

Cancer-causing potential: Animal testing has shown limited evidence of cancer-causing activity.

Interaction with phenols: A number of studies have shown that hydroquinone can interact with phenols and other phenolic compounds, causing a number of toxic effects on cells, the immune system and genetic toxicity.

The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:

NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans. Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

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The material may cause severe skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin. Repeated exposures may produce severe ulceration.

Acute Toxicity	✓	Carcinogenicity	×
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	×	Reproductivity	×
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	×	STOT - Single Exposure	✓
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	×	STOT - Repeated Exposure	×
Mutagenicity	×	Aspiration Hazard	×

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Data available to make classification

SECTION 12 Ecological information

Toxicity

	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	BCF	1008h	Fish	0.9-1.4	7
Pathadadaa	EC50(ECx)	504h	Crustacea	>100mg/l	2
diethyl ether	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	>100mg/l	2
	LC50	96h	Fish	2560mg/l	2
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	1378.63mg/L	5
	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	ErC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.335mg/l	1
	EC50	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	<0.033mg/l	2
hydroquinone	LC50	96h	Fish	0.044mg/l	2
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	0.061mg/l	2
	NOEC(ECx)	72h	Algae or other aquatic plants	0.002mg/l	2
Legend:		IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registe Aquatic Toxicity Data (Estimated) 4. US EPA, Ed			

log Kow: 0.77-0.89 Koc: 11-73 Half-life (hr) air: 29 Half-life (hr) H2O surface water: 3.1-36 Henrys atm m3 /mol: 0.00128 BOD 5: 0.03 ThOD: 2.6 BCF: 1.3-2.8 Fish LD50 (24 h): 7000 mg/L Bioaccumulation: unlikely processes Abiotic: photox,RxnOH*

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

Most ethers are very resistant to hydrolysis, and the rate of cleavage of the carbon-oxygen bond by abiotic processes is expected to be insignificant.

Direct photolysis will not be an important removal process since aliphatic ethers do not absorb light at wavelengths >290 nm

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
diethyl ether	LOW	LOW
hydroquinone	LOW	LOW

Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation	
diethyl ether	LOW (BCF = 9.1)	
hydroquinone	LOW (BCF = 65)	

Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility	
diethyl ether	LOW (KOC = 4.395)	
hydroquinone	LOW (KOC = 434)	

SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.

Otherwise:

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- ▶ Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

• Reduction

Product / Packaging disposal

- ► Reuse
- ► Recycling
- ► Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

- ▶ DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- ▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or

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- disposal facility can be identified.

 Dispose of by: burial in a land-fill specifically licensed to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material).
- ▶ Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

SECTION 14 Transport information

Labels Required



Marine Pollutant
HAZCHEM

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Land transport (ADG)

1155		
DIETHYL ETHER (ETHYL ETHER)		
Class 3 Subrisk Not Applicable		
<u>I</u>		
Not Applicable		
Special provisions Not Applicable Limited quantity 0		

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	1155			
UN proper shipping name	Ethyl ether; Diethyl ether			
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class ICAO / IATA Subrisk ERG Code	3 Not Applicable 3AH		
Packing group	I			
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable			
Special precautions for user		Qty / Pack Packing Instructions	Not Applicable 361 30 L 351 1 L Forbidden Forbidden	

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	1155		
UN proper shipping name	DIETHYL ETHER (ETHYL ETHER)		
Transport hazard class(es)			
Packing group			
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable		
Special precautions for user	EMS Number F-E , S-D Special provisions Not Applicable Limited Quantities 0		

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
diethyl ether	Not Available

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Product name	Group
hydroquinone	Not Available

Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code

Product name	Ship Type
diethyl ether	Not Available
hydroquinone	Not Available

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

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

diethyl ether is found on the following regulatory lists

Australia Hazardous Chemical Information System (HCIS) - Hazardous Chemicals Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 2

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule 4 $\,$

hydroquinone is found on the following regulatory lists

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Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule ${\bf 5}$

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule $\bf 6$

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

Australia Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) - Schedule ${\bf 6}$

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

Chemical Footprint Project - Chemicals of High Concern List

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC

National Inventory Status

National Inventory	Status		
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes		
Canada - DSL	Yes		
Canada - NDSL	No (diethyl ether; hydroquinone)		
China - IECSC	Yes		
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes		
Japan - ENCS	Yes		
Korea - KECI	Yes		
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes		
Philippines - PICCS	Yes		
USA - TSCA	Yes		
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes		
Mexico - INSQ	Yes		
Vietnam - NCI	Yes		
Russia - FBEPH	Yes		
Legend:	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory and are not exempt from listing(see specific ingredients in brackets)		

SECTION 16 Other information

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SDS Version Summary

version summary				
Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated		
7.1.1.1	27/11/2015	Acute Health (inhaled), Acute Health (swallowed), Advice to Doctor, Storage (storage incompatibility), Supplier Information, Synonyms		
8.1.1.1	03/09/2020	Expiration. Review and Update		
8.1.2.1	26/04/2021	Regulation Change		
8.1.3.1	03/05/2021	Regulation Change		
8.1.4.1	06/05/2021	Regulation Change		
8.1.5.1	10/05/2021	Regulation Change		
8.1.5.2	30/05/2021	Template Change		
8.1.5.3	04/06/2021	Template Change		
8.1.5.4	05/06/2021	Template Change		
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8.1.6.6	11/06/2021	Template Change
8.1.6.7	15/06/2021	Template Change
8.1.7.7	17/06/2021	Regulation Change

Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

Definitions and abbreviations

PC-TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average

PC-STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit

TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit。

IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations

ES: Exposure Standard

OSF: Odour Safety Factor NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level

LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

LOD: Limit Of Detection

OTV: Odour Threshold Value BCF: BioConcentration Factors

BEI: Biological Exposure Index AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

DSL: Domestic Substances List

NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List

IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China

EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

NLP: No-Longer Polymers

ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act

TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory

INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas

NCI: National Chemical Inventory

FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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