



LABORATORY CHEMICALS AND CONSUMABLES

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## DIETHYL ETHER

### 1. Chemical Product and Company information

**Product name:** Diethyl Ether

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### 2. Hazard Identification

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

**CAS #:** 60-29-7

**Synonym:** Ethyl Ether, Ether

**Chemical Name:** Diethyl Ether

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O

### 4. First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Cold water may be used. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Serious Inhalation:** Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a



collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## **5. Fire-fighting measures**

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Extremely flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of oxidizing materials, of acids.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Highly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Slightly explosive in presence of oxidizing materials.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Flammable liquid, soluble or dispersed in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use alcohol foam, water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, auto ignition or explosion.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Highly flammable. Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks, and flames. Vapours may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Most vapours are heavier than air. Burns with smokey greenish flame. Violent reaction or ignition on contact with halogens (e.g., bromine, chlorine), interhalogens (e.g., iodine heptafluoride), oxidants (e.g., silver perchlorate, nitrosyl perchlorate, nitryl perchlorate, chromyl chloride, fluorine nitrate, permanganic acid, nitric acid, hydrogen peroxide, peroxodisulphuric acid, iodine (VII) oxide, sodium peroxide, ozone, and liquid air), sulphur and sulphur compounds (e.g., sulphur when dried with peroxidised ether, sulfuryl chloride).

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Vapours may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapour explosion hazard indoors, outdoors, or in sewers. Run off to sewer may create a fire or explosion hazard. Containers may explode when heated. Tends to form explosive peroxides under influence of light and air and evaporated to dryness. Explosive reaction with boron triazide, bromine trifluoride, bromine pentafluoride, perchloric acid, uranyl nitrate + light, wood pulp extracts + heat. Only electrical equipment of explosion proof type (group C classification) is permitted to be operated in ether areas. May explode when brought in contact with anhydrous nitric acid.

## **6. Accidental release measures**

**Small Spill:** Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

**Large Spill:** Flammable liquid. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## **7. Handling and storage**

**Precautions:** Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapour/spray. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids, moisture.

**Storage:** Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container



tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame). Do not store above 30°C (86°F). Hygroscopic; keep container tightly closed. Air Sensitive to light.

### **8. Exposure controls/personal protection**

**Engineering Controls:** Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapours below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapour respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapour respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

### **9. Physical and chemical properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid (Volatile, mobile liquid)

**Odour:** Sweetish. Pungent. Ethereal

**Taste:** Burning. Sweet

**Colour:** Clear Colourless

**Boiling Point:** 34.6°C

**Melting Point:** -116.3°C

**Critical Temperature:** 192.7°C

**Specific Gravity:** 0.7134 (Water = 1)

**Vapour Density:** 2.56 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available

**Odour Threshold:** 0.83 ppm

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, acetone.

**Solubility:** Soluble in acetone. Partially soluble in cold water.

### **10. Stability and reactivity**

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, ignition sources, incompatible materials, light, air.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Highly reactive with oxidizing agents, acids

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Air and light sensitive. Hygroscopic. Also incompatible with bromoazide, chlorine, chlorine trifluoride, chromic anhydride, chromyl chloride, lithium aluminium hydride, nitrosyl perchlorate, nitryl perchlorate, ozone, perchloric acid, permanganate, sulphuric acid, potassium peroxide, sodium peroxide, triethyl aluminium trimethyl aluminium, bromine, iodine heptafluoride, silver perchlorate, fluorine nitrate, permanganic acid, nitric acid, hydrogen peroxide, peroxodisulfuric acid, iodine (VII) oxide, peat soils, thiotriazolyl perchlorate, sulfonyl chloride, sulphur, uranyl nitrate, acetyl peroxide, and wood pulp extracts. Can react vigorously with acetyl peroxide, air, bromoazide, ClF<sub>3</sub>, CrO<sub>3</sub>, Cr(OCl)<sub>2</sub>, LiAlH<sub>2</sub>, NOClO<sub>4</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>,



NCIO<sub>2</sub>, (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + permanganates), K<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, [(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Al + air], [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Al + air].

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

### **11. Toxicological information**

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation.

**Toxicity to Animals:** WARNING: THE LC<sub>50</sub> VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE. Acute oral toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>): 1215 mg/kg [Rat]. Acute toxicity of the vapour (LC<sub>50</sub>): 31000 0.5 hours [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. May cause damage to the following organs: skin, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** LD<sub>50</sub> [Rabbit] -Route: Skin; Dose: >20 ml/kg LDL[Man] - Route: Oral; Dose: 260 mg/kg

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** May affect genetic material (mutagenic) based on animal data.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: Causes skin irritation. It is not appreciably absorbed through intact skin. Eyes: Causes eye irritation. Can cause slight, reversible eye injury from contact with liquid or vapour. Inhalation: It is rapidly absorbed through lungs. Vapour mist causes irritation of the respiratory tract and mucous membranes. Affects behaviour, sense organs, peripheral and central nervous systems, liver and metabolism, cardiovascular system. Symptoms may include excitement, drowsiness, headache, nausea, vomiting, paleness, decreased pulse and temperature, irregular respiration, coughing, bronchodilator, increase in respiratory rate, increase in heart rate, excessive salivation, muscle relaxation, aesthetic effects, and possible kidney irritation or injury, and temporarily abnormal liver function tests. Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed. May cause gastrointestinal tract irritation with nausea, vomiting

### **12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available

**BOD<sub>5</sub> and COD:** Not available

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** WHEN RELEASED INTO THE SOIL, THIS MATERIAL IS EXPECTED TO QUICKLY EVAPORATE WHEN RELEASED INTO THE SOIL; THIS MATERIAL IS EXPECTED TO LEACH INTO GROUNDWATER. WHEN RELEASED INTO THE SOIL, THIS MATERIAL IS NOT EXPECTED TO BIODEGRADE. WHEN RELEASED INTO WATER, THIS MATERIAL IS NOT EXPECTED TO BIODEGRADE. WHEN RELEASED INTO THE WATER, THIS MATERIAL IS EXPECTED TO HAV HALFLIFE OF LESS THAN 1 DAY. WHEN RELEASED TO WATER, THIS MATERIAL IS EXP TO QUICKLY EVAPORATE. THIS MATERIAL IS NOT EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY BIOACCUMULATE. THIS MATERIAL HAS A LOG OCTANOL-WATER PARTITION COEFFICIENT LESS THAN 3.0. WHEN RELEASED INTO THE AIR, THIS MATERIAL IS EXPECTED TO BE READILY DEGRADED BY REACTION WITH PHOTOCHEMICALLY PRODUCED HYDROXYL RADICA WHEN RELEASED INTO THE AIR, THIS MATERIAL IS NOT EXPECTED TO



BE DEGRADED BY PHOTOLYSIS. WHEN RELEASED INTO THE AIR, THIS MATERIAL IS EXPECTED TO HAVE HALF-LIFE BETWEEN 1 AND 10 DAYS.

### **13. Disposal considerations**

**Waste Disposal:** Consult with Local and Regional (State) authorities (waste regulators). Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

### **14. Transport information**

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 3: Flammable liquid

**Identification:** : Diethyl ether UNNA: 1155 PG: I

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available

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