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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Molecular Biology Grade Ethanol

Cat No. : BP2818-4, BP2818-100, BP2818-500

Synonyms Ethyl alcohol; Absolute ethanol

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver, Blood.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Highly flammable liquid and vapor
Causes serious eye irritation
May cause drowsiness or dizziness
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - 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 discharge
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Storage

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	99-100

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
Most important symptoms/effects	Breathing difficulties. . Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: 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 Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media Water may be ineffective, Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire

Flash Point 12 °C / 53.6 °F
Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature 363 °C / 685.4 °F

Explosion Limits

Upper 19 vol %
Lower 3.3 vol %

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

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. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment.

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

7. Handling and storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

Storage Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Flammables area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Ethyl alcohol	STEL: 1000 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 1000 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 1900 mg/m ³ TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m ³	IDLH: 3300 ppm TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m ³

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Ethyl alcohol	TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1880 mg/m ³	TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1900 mg/m ³	STEL: 1000 ppm

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures

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

Personal Protective Equipment**Eye/face 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.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Clear, Colorless
Odor	sweet, Characteristic
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	No information available
Melting Point/Range	-114 °C / -173.2 °F
Boiling Point/Range	78 °C / 172.4 °F
Flash Point	12 °C / 53.6 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	19 vol %
Lower	3.3 vol %
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	No information available
Relative Density	No information available
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	363 °C / 685.4 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	C ₂ H ₆ O
Molecular Weight	46.07

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides
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
Ethyl alcohol	3450 mg/kg (Mouse)	Not listed	20000 ppm/10H (Rat)

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
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Group 1	Not listed	A3	X	Not listed

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

OSHA: (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen
 A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen
 A3 - Animal Carcinogen
 ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)
 OSHA: (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)
 X - Present
 Mexico - Occupational Exposure Limits - Carcinogens
 A1 - Confirmed Human Carcinogen
 A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen
 A3 - Confirmed Animal Carcinogen
 A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen
 A5 - Not Suspected as a Human Carcinogen

Mutagenic Effects	Mutagenic effects have occurred in humans.
Reproductive Effects	Adverse reproductive effects have occurred in humans.
Developmental Effects	Substances known to cause developmental toxicity in humans.
Teratogenicity	Teratogenic effects have occurred in humans.
STOT - single exposure	Central nervous system (CNS)
STOT - repeated exposure	Kidney Liver Blood
Aspiration hazard	Aspiration hazard

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting:
 Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness,

Endocrine Disruptor Information tiredness, nausea and vomiting
No information available

Other Adverse Effects Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ethyl alcohol	EC50 (72h) = 275 mg/l (Chlorella vulgaris)	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) LC50 = 14200 mg/l/96h	Photobacterium phosphoreum:EC50 = 34634 mg/L/30 min Photobacterium phosphoreum:EC50 = 35470 mg/L/5 min	EC50 = 9268 mg/L/48h EC50 = 10800 mg/L/24h

Persistence and Degradability Persistence is unlikely based on information available. Soluble in water
Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
Ethyl alcohol	-0.32

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 UN1170
Proper Shipping Name ETHANOL
Hazard Class 3
Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1170
Proper Shipping Name ETHANOL
Hazard Class 3
Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1170
Proper Shipping Name ETHANOL
Hazard Class 3
Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1170
Proper Shipping Name ETHANOL
Hazard Class 3
Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Ethyl alcohol	X	X	-	200-578-6	-		X	X	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

Clean Water Act Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA
Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals: Ethyl alcohol is only a considered a Proposition 65 developmental hazard when it is ingested as an alcoholic beverage

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	Developmental	-	Developmental Carcinogen

State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Ethyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Serious risk, Grade 3

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class B2 Flammable liquid
 D2A Very toxic materials
 D2B Toxic materials



16. Other information

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End of SDS