

## SECTION 1: CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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L14359

Product Name: **(S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid, 98%**  
Manufacturer/Supplier Name: Alfa Aesar - A Johnson Matthey Company  
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**CHEMTREC Numbers:****For emergencies in the US, call CHEMTREC: 800-424-9300****For emergencies outside US, call INTERNATIONAL: (703)527-3887****For Nonemergency, call: (800)262-8200**[To Top of page](#)

## SECTION 2 : COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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**Chemical Name** (S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid  
**CAS#** 1730-91-2  
**% Weight (Typical)** 98

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## SECTION 3 : HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**Emergency Overview:** Corrosive. Combustible. Strong, offensive odor.

**(S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid:**

**Route of Exposure:** Eyes. Skin. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Eye Contact:** Corrosive, contact causes severe eye burns which may result in permanent tissue and corneal damage.

**Skin Contact:** Corrosive causes skin burns and severe irritation.

**Inhalation:** Corrosive. Strongly irritating to the respiratory tract.

**Ingestion:** Risk of internal burns if ingested.

**Target Organs:** Eyes. Skin. Respiratory system. G.I. Tract. Central Nervous System.

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**SECTION 4 : FIRST AID MEASURES****Catalog No. L14359**

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<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Assure adequate flushing of the eyes by separating the eyelids with fingers. Get immediate medical attention if irritation persists, or symptoms of overexposure become apparent.
<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Immediately wash skin with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes, while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention especially, if irritation develops, persists, or symptoms of overexposure become apparent.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or give oxygen by trained personnel. Keep warm. Get immediate medical attention.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	If swallowed, call a physician or poison control center immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless instructed by medical personnel. Get medical attention.

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**SECTION 5 : FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES****Catalog No. L14359**

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<b>Fire:</b>	Combustible liquid.
<b>Flash Point:</b>	73°C (163.4°F)
<b>Upper Flammable or Explosive Limit:</b>	5.7 vol %
<b>Lower Flammable or Explosive Limit:</b>	1.2 vol %
<b>Extinguishing Media:</b>	Use dry powder or carbon dioxide when fighting a fire involving this material.
<b>Unsuitable Media:</b>	Water extinguishers are not recommended.
<b>Protective Equipment:</b>	As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

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**SECTION 6 : ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Catalog No. L14359**

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<b>Personal Precautions:</b>	Use proper personal protective equipment as listed in section 8.
<b>Spill Cleanup Measures:</b>	Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Absorb spill with dry inert material such as dry sand, earth, or vermiculite, then place in suitable container. Refer to section 13 for proper disposal.
<b>Environmental Precautions:</b>	Do not allow material to enter drains or streams.

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**SECTION 7 : HANDLING and STORAGE****Catalog No. L14359**

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<b>Handling:</b>	This product should be handled only by, or under the close supervision of, those properly qualified in the handling and use of potentially hazardous chemicals, who should take into account the fire, health and chemical hazard data. It should always be handled in an efficient fume hood or equivalent system. The user should consider that the toxicological and physiological properties of many compounds are not yet well determined and that new hazardous products may arise from reactions between chemicals. Care should be taken to prevent any chemical from coming into contact with the skin or eyes and from contaminating personal clothing.
<b>Storage:</b>	Store in a cold, below 5 degrees celcius, dry, well ventilated area away from sources of heat and incompatible substances. Keep container tightly closed and cold when not in use.
<b>Hygiene Practices:</b>	Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid inhaling vapor or mist.

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**SECTION 8 : EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION**Catalog No. L14359

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Engineering Controls:	Use appropriate engineering control such as process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. Where such systems are not effective wear suitable personal protective equipment, which performs satisfactorily and meets OSHA or other recognized standards. Consult with local procedures for selection, training, inspection and maintenance of the personal protective equipment.
Skin Protection Description:	Wear suitable protective clothing to prevent contact with skin.
Hand Protection Description:	Wear appropriate protective gloves. Consult glove manufacturers for glove permeability data.
Eye/Face Protection:	Wear appropriate protective glasses or splash goggles as described by 29 CFR 1910.133, OSHA eye and face protection regulation, or the European standard EN 166.
Respiratory Protection:	A NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Protection provided by air purifying respirators is limited to airborne concentrations that are typically within 10 times the exposure limit. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for an uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, or any other circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection. A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.
Other Protective:	Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

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**SECTION 9 : PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**Catalog No. L14359

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Physical State/Appearance:	Liquid
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Stench - Rancid
Vapor Pressure:	1 mbar @ 20°C (68°F)
Flash Point:	73°C (163.4°F)
Upper Explosive Limit:	5.7 vol %
Lower Explosive Limit:	1.2 vol %
Boiling Point:	78-80°C (172.4-176°F) /15mm
Melting Point:	No data
Solubility in Water:	Slightly soluble.
Density:	0.938
Molecular Formula:	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular Weight:	102.14

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**SECTION 10 : STABILITY and REACTIVITY**Catalog No. L14359

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Conditions to Avoid:	High temperatures, flames and sparks.
Incompatibilities with Other Materials:	Strong oxidizing agents. Strong reducing agents. Bases.
Possible Decomposition Product:	Carbon monoxide.

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**SECTION 11 : TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Catalog No. L14359****(S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid :**

**Eye Effect:** No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date.  
**Skin Effects:** Oral - rabbit LD50: 1368 mg/kg (supplier data for racemic substance).  
**Ingestion Effects:** Oral - rat LD50: 1752 mg/kg (supplier data for racemic substance).  
**Inhalation Effects:** No data reported in the cited references as of the revision date.

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**SECTION 12 : ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Catalog No. L14359**

**Ecotoxicity:** No information provided.  
**Bioaccumulation:** No information provided.  
**Biodegradation:** No information provided.  
**Environmental Stability:** No information provided.

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**SECTION 13 : DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Catalog No. L14359**

**Waste Disposal:** Consult with the US EPA Guidelines listed in 40 CFR Part 261.3 for the classifications of hazardous waste prior to disposal. Furthermore, consult with your state and local waste requirements or guidelines, if applicable, to ensure compliance. Arrange disposal in accordance to the EPA and/or state and local guidelines, by a licensed disposal company.

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**SECTION 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION****Catalog No. L14359**

**DOT Shipping Name:** Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s. ((S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid)  
**DOT Hazard Class:** 8  
**DOT Identification Number:** UN3265  
**DOT Packing Group:** II  
**DOT Subpart E Labeling Requirement:** 8

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**SECTION 15 : REGULATORY INFORMATION****Catalog No. L14359**

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**(S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid :**

**TSCA 8(b): Inventory Status:** Not listed on the TSCA inventory. Research and development use only.

**TSCA 12(b): Export Notification** None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

**State:** (S)-(+)-2-Methylbutyric acid is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ. California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

**Risk Phrases:** R21/22 Harmful in contact with skin and if swallowed.  
R34 Causes burns.

**Safety Phrase:** S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
S45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately

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**SECTION 16 : ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****Catalog No. L14359**

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**MSDS Preparation Date:** January 1, 2002, Version 1

**MSDS Revision Date:** April 14, 2003.

**MSDS Author:** Actio Corporation.

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