

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

## 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : *tert*-Butyl methyl ether

Product Number : 306975  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 603-181-00-X

CAS-No. : 1634-04-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

## 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
USA

Telephone : +1 800-325-5832  
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## 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

H315

Causes skin irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P240

Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

P241

Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

P242

Use only non-sparking tools.

P243

Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P303 + P361 + P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated

P332 + P313	clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P362	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P370 + P378	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: MTBE Methyl tert-butyl ether
Formula	: C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O
Molecular weight	: 88.15 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 1634-04-4
EC-No.	: 216-653-1
Index-No.	: 603-181-00-X
Registration number	: 01-2119452786-27-XXXX

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>tert-Butyl methyl ether</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; H225, H315	90 - 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

## 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	TWA	50 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Kidney damage Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans		
		PEL	40 ppm 144 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## Personal protective equipment

### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 230 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### Body Protection

Impervious clothing, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type AXBEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: liquid  |
| b) Odour  | No data available   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available   |
| d) pH   | No data available   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -108.6 °C (-163.5 °F)  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 55 - 56 °C (131 - 133 °F) - lit.  |
| g) Flash point                                  | -33.0 °C (-27.4 °F) - closed cup  |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available   |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 15.1 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 1.6 %(V)                           |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 1,018.7 hPa (764.1 mmHg) at 55.0 °C (131.0 °F)<br>279.2 hPa (209.4 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F) |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available   |
| m) Relative density                             | 0.74 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)   |

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| n) | Water solubility                       | 42 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 105  |
| o) | Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: 1.06  |
| p) | Auto-ignition temperature              | 374.0 °C (705.2 °F)  |
| q) | Decomposition temperature              | No data available  |
| r) | Viscosity                              | 0.464 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 20 °C (68 °F) - 0.409 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 40 °C (104 °F) - |
| s) | Explosive properties                   | No data available  |
| t) | Oxidizing properties                   | No data available  |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents, Strong acids

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 4,000 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 23576 ppm

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Will not occur

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: KN5250000

Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness, Central nervous system depression, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) is reported to metabolize to tert-butyl alcohol and formaldehyde by microsomal demethylation, MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) should be considered a "potential human carcinogen" due to an increase in leydig interstitial cell tumors of testes in male rats and an increase in lymphomas, leukemias, and uterine sarcomas in female rats., In another unpublished study MTBE was shown to be carcinogenic due to "increased incidence of a rare type of kidney tumor" in male rats and an "increase in the incidence of hepatocellular adenomas" in female mice., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Central nervous system -

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 672.00 mg/l - 96 h LC50 - other fish - > 1,000.00 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 472 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae	EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 491 mg/l - 96 h

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	Result: 0 % - Not readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301D)
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### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 2398

Class: 3

Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

#### IMDG

UN number: 2398      Class: 3      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER

#### IATA

UN number: 2398      Class: 3      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Methyl tert-butyl ether

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### SARA 302 Components

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

#### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	2007-07-01

#### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	2007-07-01

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	2007-07-01

#### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
tert-Butyl methyl ether	1634-04-4	2007-07-01

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### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation

#### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	3
Physical Hazard	0

#### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

Further information

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