

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name 2-Mercaptoethanol (Reagent)
Cat No. : O3446I-100
CAS-No 60-24-2
Synonyms 2-Hydroxy-1-ethanethiol; Thioglycol
Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

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

Flammable liquids	Category 4
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 2
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Combustible liquid
Toxic if swallowed
Fatal in contact with skin
Causes skin irritation
May cause an allergic skin reaction
Causes serious eye damage
Toxic if inhaled

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
 Keep cool

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

Skin

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water
 Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
 Rinse mouth

Fire

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

Storage

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

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	99

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
 Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes eye burns. May cause allergic skin reaction. Breathing difficulties. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	73 °C / 163.4 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	295 °C / 563 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	2.7 vol %
Lower	1.1 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Sulfur oxides Sulfides

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.

NFPA

Health 4	Flammability 2	Instability 1	Physical hazards N/A
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Environmental Precautions	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. See Section 12 for additional ecological information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Remove all sources of ignition. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not ingest. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Storage	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
Engineering Measures	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. 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	Light yellow
Odor	Stench
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	5.2 (0.1M)
Melting Point/Range	-100 °C / -148 °F
Boiling Point/Range	157 - 158 °C / 314.6 - 316.4 °F
Flash Point	73 °C / 163.4 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	2.7 vol %
Lower	1.1 vol %
Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.69
Specific Gravity	1.110
Solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	295 °C / 563 °F
Decomposition Temperature	> 157°C
Viscosity	3.43 cP at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C ₂ H ₆ O S
Molecular Weight	78.13

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions. heat sensitive. Water reactive.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Metals, Heavy metal salts
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sulfur oxides, Sulfides
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
2-Mercaptoethanol	LD50 = 244 mg/kg (Rat)	150 µL/kg (Rabbit) 112 - 224 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed

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, respiratory system and skin
Sensitization	May cause sensitization by skin contact
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
2-Mercaptoethanol	60-24-2	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects No information available.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure None known

STOT - repeated exposure None known

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
2-Mercaptoethanol	EC50: = 12 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	LC50: 46 - 100 mg/L, 96h static (Leuciscus idus)	= 125 mg/L EC50 Pseudomonas putida 17 h	EC50: = 1.52 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

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

Component	log Pow
2-Mercaptoethanol	-0.056

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 UN2966
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN2966
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN2966
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2966
 Proper Shipping Name THIOGLYCOL
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
2-Mercaptoethanol	X	X	-	200-464-6	-		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 Hazard Categories	See section 2 for more information
CWA (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 does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
2-Mercaptoethanol	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	No information available
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16. Other information

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