

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** MEM chloride

**Cat No. :** AC185980000; AC185980100; AC185980250; AC185981000

**CAS-No** 3970-21-6  
**Synonyms** beta-Methoxyethoxymethyl chloride

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
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**Emergency Telephone Number**

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**CHEMTREC** Tel. No.**US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**: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 3  |
| Acute oral toxicity                              | Category 4  |
| Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors               | Category 4  |
| Skin Corrosion/Irritation                        | Category 2  |
| Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation                | Category 2  |
| Carcinogenicity                                  | Category 1A |
| Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) | Category 3  |
| Target Organs - Respiratory system.              |             |

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**  
Flammable liquid and vapor

Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation  
May cause cancer  
Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Use personal protective equipment as required  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear eye/face protection  
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  
Keep cool

#### Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

#### Skin

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention

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

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

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)

WARNING. Cancer - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

| Component                            | CAS-No    | Weight % |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Ethane, 1-(chloromethoxy)-2-methoxy- | 3970-21-6 | >94      |
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether              | 542-88-1  | <0.5     |

#### 4. First-aid measures

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>General Advice</b>                      | Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.  |
| <b>Eye Contact</b>                         | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.  |
| <b>Skin Contact</b>                        | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.  |
| <b>Inhalation</b>                          | Remove to fresh air. 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. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. |
| <b>Ingestion</b>                           | Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.   |
| <b>Most important symptoms and effects</b> | Difficulty in breathing. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting   |
| <b>Notes to Physician</b>                  | Treat symptomatically  |

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>     | Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers. |
| <b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>   | No information available  |
| <b>Flash Point</b>                      | 54 °C / 129.2 °F  |
| <b>Method -</b>                         | No information available  |
| <b>Autoignition Temperature</b>         | No information available  |
| <b>Explosion Limits</b>                 |   |
| <b>Upper</b>                            | No data available   |
| <b>Lower</b>                            | No data available   |
| <b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b> | No information available  |
| <b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>  | No information available  |

#### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

#### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Hydrogen chloride gas.

#### 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.

#### NFPA

|               |                     |                    |                         |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Health</b> | <b>Flammability</b> | <b>Instability</b> | <b>Physical hazards</b> |
| 2             | 2                   | 1                  | N/A                     |

## 6. Accidental release measures

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Personal Precautions</b>                 | Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. |
| <b>Environmental Precautions</b>            | Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.   |
| <b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b> | Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.  |

## 7. Handling and storage

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Handling</b> | Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. |
| <b>Storage</b>  | Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.   |

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

| Component               | ACGIH TLV      | OSHA PEL | NIOSH IDLH | Mexico OEL (TWA) |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|------------------|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | TWA: 0.001 ppm |          |            | TWA: 0.001 ppm   |

### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Engineering Measures</b>          | Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. |
| <b>Personal Protective Equipment</b> |   |
| <b>Eye/face Protection</b>           | 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. Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.                     |
| <b>Skin and body protection</b>      | Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.   |
| <b>Respiratory Protection</b>        | 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.     |
| <b>Hygiene Measures</b>              | Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.  |

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Physical State</b>      | Liquid                                |
| <b>Appearance</b>          | Colorless                             |
| <b>Odor</b>                | No information available              |
| <b>Odor Threshold</b>      | No information available              |
| <b>pH</b>                  | No information available              |
| <b>Melting Point/Range</b> | No data available                     |
| <b>Boiling Point/Range</b> | 50 - 52 °C / 122 - 125.6 °F @ 13 mmHg |

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Flash Point                            | 54 °C / 129.2 °F         |
| Evaporation Rate                       | No information available |
| Flammability (solid,gas)               | Not applicable           |
| Flammability or explosive limits       |                          |
| Upper                                  | No data available        |
| Lower                                  | No data available        |
| Vapor Pressure                         | No information available |
| Vapor Density                          | 4.3                      |
| Specific Gravity                       | 1.090                    |
| Solubility                             | miscible                 |
| Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water | No data available        |
| Autoignition Temperature               | No information available |
| Decomposition Temperature              | No information available |
| Viscosity                              | No information available |
| Molecular Formula                      | C4 H9 Cl O2              |
| Molecular Weight                       | 124.57                   |

## 10. Stability and reactivity

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Reactive Hazard                  | None known, based on information available  |
| Stability                        | Stable under normal conditions.   |
| Conditions to Avoid              | Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. |
| Incompatible Materials           | Strong oxidizing agents   |
| Hazardous Decomposition Products | Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Hydrogen chloride gas                        |
| Hazardous Polymerization         | Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  |
| Hazardous Reactions              | None under normal processing.   |

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

##### Oral LD50

Category 4. ATE = 300 - 2000 mg/kg.

##### Dermal LD50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 2000 mg/kg.

##### Vapor LC50

Category 4. ATE = 10 - 20 mg/l.

#### Component Information

| Component               | LD50 Oral  | LD50 Dermal  | LC50 Inhalation          |
|-------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | LD50 = 280 mg/kg ( Rat )<br>LD50 = 210 µL/kg ( Rat ) | LD50 = 370 mg/kg ( Rabbit )<br>LD50 = 280 µL/kg ( Rabbit ) | LC50 = 7 ppm ( Rat ) 7 h |

**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** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** Possible cancer hazard. May cause cancer based on animal data. The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

| Component                        | CAS-No    | IARC       | NTP        | ACGIH      | OSHA       | Mexico     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ethane,<br>1-(chloromethoxy)-2-m | 3970-21-6 | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |

|                         |          |         |       |    |   |    |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|-------|----|---|----|
| ethoxy-                 |          |         |       |    |   |    |
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | 542-88-1 | Group 1 | Known | A1 | X | A1 |

IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)

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Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans

NTP: (National Toxicity Program)

Known - Known Carcinogen

Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Mutagenic Effects</b>                          | No information available  |
| <b>Reproductive Effects</b>                       | No information available.   |
| <b>Developmental Effects</b>                      | No information available.   |
| <b>Teratogenicity</b>                             | No information available.   |
| <b>STOT - single exposure</b>                     | Respiratory system  |
| <b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>                   | None known  |
| <b>Aspiration hazard</b>                          | No information available  |
| <b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b> | Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting |
| <b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>            | No information available  |
| <b>Other Adverse Effects</b>                      | The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.                      |

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Persistence and Degradability</b> | Persistence is unlikely based on information available.         |
| <b>Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation</b> | No information available.                                       |
| <b>Mobility</b>                      | Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility. |

## 13. Disposal considerations

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Waste Disposal Methods</b> | 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

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>UN-No</b>                   | UN1992  |
| <b>Proper Shipping Name</b>    | Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s.                               |
| <b>Technical Name</b>          | Ethane, 1-(chloromethoxy)-2-methoxy-, Bis(chloromethyl) ether |
| <b>Hazard Class</b>            | 3   |
| <b>Subsidiary Hazard Class</b> | 6.1   |
| <b>Packing Group</b>           | III   |

### TDG

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| <b>UN-No</b> | UN1992 |
|--------------|--------|

**Proper Shipping Name** Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** III

**IATA**

**UN-No** UN1992  
**Proper Shipping Name** Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** III

**IMDG/IMO**

**UN-No** UN1992  
**Proper Shipping Name** Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 3  
**Subsidiary Hazard Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** III

## 15. Regulatory information

**United States of America Inventory**

| Component                               | CAS-No    | TSCA | TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive | TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags |
|---|-----------|------|---|-----------------------------|
| Ethane,<br>1-(chloromethoxy)-2-methoxy- | 3970-21-6 | X    | ACTIVE  | -                           |
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether                 | 542-88-1  | X    | ACTIVE  | -                           |

**Legend:**

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

| Component                               | CAS-No    | DSL | NDSL | EINECS    | PICCS | ENCS | AICS | IECSC | KECL     |
|---|-----------|-----|------|-----------|-------|------|------|-------|----------|
| Ethane,<br>1-(chloromethoxy)-2-methoxy- | 3970-21-6 | -   | X    | 223-589-8 | -     | -    | -    | -     | -        |
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether                 | 542-88-1  | X   | -    | 208-832-8 | X     | -    | -    | X     | KE-02982 |

**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

| Component               | CAS-No   | Weight % | SARA 313 - Threshold Values % |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | 542-88-1 | <0.5     | 0.1                           |

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

| Component                               | CWA - Hazardous Substances | CWA - Reportable Quantities | CWA - Toxic Pollutants | CWA - Priority Pollutants |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ethane,<br>1-(chloromethoxy)-2-methoxy- | -                          | -                           | X                      | -                         |
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether                 | -                          | -                           | X                      | -                         |

**Clean Air Act**

| Component | HAPS Data | Class 1 Ozone Depletors | Class 2 Ozone Depletors |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|

|                         |   |  |   |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | X |  | - |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

| Component               | Specifically Regulated Chemicals | Highly Hazardous Chemicals |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | -                                | TQ: 100 lb                 |

**CERCLA**

| Component               | Hazardous Substances RQs | CERCLA EHS RQs |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | 10 lb                    | 10 lb          |

**California Proposition 65** This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

| Component               | CAS-No   | California Prop. 65 | Prop 65 NSRL | Category   |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | 542-88-1 | Carcinogen          | 0.02 µg/day  | Carcinogen |

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

| Component                                   | Massachusetts | New Jersey | Pennsylvania | Illinois | Rhode Island |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Ethane,<br>1-(chloromethoxy)-2-met<br>hoxy- | -             | -          | X            | -        | -            |
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether                     | 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 contains the following DHS chemicals:

**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

| Component               | DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard |
|-------------------------|---|
| Bis(chloromethyl) ether | Release STQs - 1000lb                         |

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** Moderate risk, Grade 2

## 16. Other information

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