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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Butyllithium solution

Product Number : 186171  
Brand : Aldrich

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview****OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Pyrophoric, Target Organ Effect, Corrosive, Reproductive hazard

**Target Organs**

Peripheral nervous system., Kidney, Testes.

**GHS Classification**

Flammable liquids (Category 2)

Pyrophoric liquids (Category 1)

Substances, which in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 2)

Skin corrosion (Category 1B)

Serious eye damage (Category 1)

Reproductive toxicity (Category 2)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Inhalation (Category 2)

Aspiration hazard (Category 1)

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2)

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 2)

**GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225

Highly flammable liquid and vapour.

H250

Catches fire spontaneously if exposed to air.

H261

In contact with water releases flammable gases.

H304

May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.

H314

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H336

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

H361f Suspected of damaging fertility.  
 H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.  
 H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary statement(s)**

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.  
 P222 Do not allow contact with air.  
 P231 + P232 Handle under inert gas. Protect from moisture.  
 P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
 P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
 P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.  
 P331 Do NOT induce vomiting.  
 P422 Store contents under inert gas.

**HMIS Classification**

**Health hazard:** 3  
**Chronic Health Hazard:** \*  
**Flammability:** 4  
**Physical hazards:** 3

**NFPA Rating**

**Health hazard:** 3  
**Fire:** 3  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 3

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.  
**Eyes** Causes eye burns.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed. Aspiration hazard if swallowed - can enter lungs and cause damage.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Lithium-1-butanide  
 n-BuLi  
 n-BuLi n-Butyllithium solution Butyl lithium Lithium-1-butanide

Formula : C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Li  
 Molecular Weight : 64.06 g/mol

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Hexanes, isomers</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Repr. 2; STOT SE 3; STOT RE 2; Asp. Tox. 1; Aquatic Chronic 2; H225, H304, H315, H336, H361f, H373, H411	70 - 90 %
<b>Butyllithium</b>		
CAS-No.	109-72-8	Pyr. Sol. 1; Water-react. 2; Skin Corr. 1B; H250, H261, H314, EUH014
EC-No.	203-698-7	
		10 - 30 %

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

**4. 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**

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**

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

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****Conditions of flammability**

Flammable in the presence of a source of ignition when the temperature is above the flash point. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame/hot surface. No smoking.

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Dry powder

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Lithium oxides

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, 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.

**Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Contain spillage, pick up with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and transfer to a container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Do not flush with water.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****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.

**Conditions for safe storage**

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.

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.

Recommended storage temperature: 2 - 8 °C

Handle under nitrogen, protect from moisture. Reacts violently with water.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (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).

#### Hand 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. Protective gloves against thermal risks

#### Eye protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Faceshield (8-inch minimum). Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, 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.

#### Hygiene measures

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

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	liquid
Colour	no data available

### Safety data

pH	no data available
Melting point/freezing point	no data available
Boiling point	no data available
Flash point	-26 °C (-15 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	no data available
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	no data available
Density	0.68 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)
Water solubility	no data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
Relative vapour density	no data available
Odour	no data available

Odour Threshold no data available

Evaporation rate no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Vapours may form explosive mixture with air.

Reacts violently with water.

### Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight. Exposure to moisture.

### Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents, Reacts violently with water., Chlorine, Fluorine, Perchlorates.

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Lithium oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

no data available

#### Inhalation LC50

no data available

#### Dermal LD50

no data available

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes: no data available

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

## Teratogenicity

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

### Aspiration hazard

no data available

### Potential health effects

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<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye burns.

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms:, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., pulmonary edema, Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting., Lung irritation, chest pain, Gastrointestinal disturbance, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated., Warning: contains n-hexane (CAS#110-54-3) a suspected neurotoxin., May cause nervous system disturbances.

### Synergistic effects

no data available

### Additional Information

RTECS: Not available

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

no data available

### Persistence and degradability

no data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

### Mobility in soil

no data available

### PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

### Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 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.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 3394 Class: 4.2 (4.3) Packing group: I  
 Proper shipping name: Organometallic substance, liquid, pyrophoric, water-reactive (Butyllithium, Hexanes, isomers)  
 Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
 Marine pollutant: No  
 Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 3394 Class: 4.2 (4.3) Packing group: I EMS-No: F-G, S-M  
 Proper shipping name: ORGANOMETALLIC SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, PYROPHORIC, WATER-REACTIVE (Butyllithium, Hexanes, isomers)  
 Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 3394 Class: 4.2 (4.3)  
 Proper shipping name: Organometallic substance, liquid, pyrophoric, water-reactive (Butyllithium, Hexanes, isomers)  
 IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport  
 IATA Cargo: Not permitted for transport

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****OSHA Hazards**

Flammable liquid, Pyrophoric, Target Organ Effect, Corrosive, Reproductive hazard

**SARA 302 Components**

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

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hexanes, isomers	-	
Butyllithium	109-72-8	2007-03-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Hexanes, isomers	-	
Butyllithium	109-72-8	2007-03-01

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Text of H-code(s) and R-phras(e)s mentioned in Section 3**

Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Asp. Tox.	Aspiration hazard
EUH014	Reacts violently with water.
Flam. Liq.	Flammable liquids
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H261	In contact with water releases flammable gases.
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H315	Causes skin irritation.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H361f	Suspected of damaging fertility.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Pyr. Sol.	Pyrophoric solids
Repr.	Reproductive toxicity
Skin Corr.	Skin corrosion
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation
STOT RE	Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

**Further information**

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