

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Ethanol

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### OSHA Hazards

Flammable liquid, Target Organ Effect, Carcinogen

##### Target Organs

Nerves., Liver, HeartNerves., Liver, Heart

##### GHS Classification

Flammable liquids (Category 2)  
Skin irritation (Category 2)  
Eye irritation (Category 2B)  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.  
H315 + H320 Causes skin and eye irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

#### HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2  
Chronic Health Hazard: \*  
Flammability: 3

**Physical hazards:** 0  
**NFPA Rating**  
**Health hazard:** 2  
**Fire:** 3  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Ethyl alcohol  
Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O  
Molecular Weight : 46.07 g/mol

Component	Concentration
<b>Ethanol</b>	
CAS-No. 64-17-5	-
EC-No. 200-578-6	
Index-No. 603-002-00-5	

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**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**

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.

**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**

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

**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

**Further information**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### Personal precautions

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.

### Environmental precautions

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

### 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).

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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.

Hygroscopic.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Ethanol	64-17-5	TWA	1,000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
Remarks	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans			
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
	The value in mg/m <sup>3</sup> is approximate.			
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits

### 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.

#### Full contact

Material: butyl-rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.3 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 897 / Aldrich Z677647, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.2 mm  
Break through time: 38 min  
Material tested: Dermatril® P (KCL 743 / Aldrich Z677388, 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.

### Eye 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 and 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.

### 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, clear  
Colour colourless

### Safety data

pH no data available  
Melting point/freezing point Melting point/range: -114 °C (-173 °F)  
Boiling point 78 °C (172 °F)  
Flash point 14.0 °C (57.2 °F) - closed cup  
Ignition temperature 363 °C (685 °F)  
Auto-ignition temperature 363.0 °C (685.4 °F)  
Lower explosion limit 3.3 %(V)  
Upper explosion limit 19 %(V)  
Vapour pressure 59.5 hPa (44.6 mmHg) at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)  
Density 0.789 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)  
Water solubility completely soluble  
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.

## Conditions to avoid

Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

## Materials to avoid

Alkali metals, Ammonia, Oxidizing agents, Peroxides

## Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - 7,060 mg/kg

Remarks: Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Other changes.

#### Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 10 h - 20000 ppm

#### Dermal LD50

no data available

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - No skin irritation - 24 h - OECD Test Guideline 404

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Mild eye irritation - 24 h - OECD Test Guideline 405

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

### Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenicity - mouse - Oral

Tumorigenic:Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Liver:Tumors. Blood:Lymphomas including Hodgkin's disease.

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.

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

Reproductive toxicity - Human - female - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Apgar score (human only). Effects on Newborn: Other neonatal measures or effects. Effects on Newborn: Drug dependence.

### 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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**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

Central nervous system depression, narcosis, Damage to the heart., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

**Synergistic effects**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: KQ6300000

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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**

no data available

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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.

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

UN number: 1170 Class: 3 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Ethanol  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1170 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: ETHANOL  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 1170 Class: 3  
Proper shipping name: Ethanol

Packing group: II

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

Flammable liquid, Target Organ Effect, Carcinogen

**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, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethanol	64-17-5	2007-03-01

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethanol	64-17-5	2007-03-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Ethanol	64-17-5	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.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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