

# Safety data sheet

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Product: **BUTYLGLYCOL**

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## 1. Substance/preparation and manufacturer/supplier identification

**Product name:**  
**BUTYLGLYCOL**

Use: process chemical, solvent(s)

Manufacturer/supplier:  
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## 2. Hazard identification

Classification of the substance and mixture:  
Flammable liquids: Cat.4  
Eye irritation: Cat.2A  
Acute toxicity: Cat.4 (oral)  
Skin irritation: Cat.2

Label elements and precautionary statement:

Pictogram:



Signal Word:  
Warning

## Hazard Statement:

|      |                                |
|------|--------------------------------|
| H227 | Combustible liquid.            |
| H319 | Causes serious eye irritation. |
| H315 | Causes skin irritation.        |
| H302 | Harmful if swallowed.          |

## Precautionary Statements (Prevention):

|      |  |
|------|--|
| P280 | Wear protective gloves and eye protection or face protection.                                  |
| P280 | Wear eye protection.   |
| P210 | Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. |
| P270 | Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  |
| P264 | Wash contaminated body parts thoroughly after handling.  |

## Precautionary Statements (Response):

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| P305 + P351 + P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P301 + P312        | IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.   |
| P302 + P352        | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  |
| P330               | Rinse mouth.   |
| P332 + P313        | If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.  |
| P337 + P313        | If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.   |
| P362 + P364        | Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.   |
| P370 + P378        | In case of fire: Use alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder or water spray for extinction.                           |

## Precautionary Statements (Storage):

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| P403 | Store in a well-ventilated place. |
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## Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

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|------|---|
| P501 | Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point. |
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## Other hazards which do not result in classification:

If applicable information is provided in this section on other hazards which do not result in classification but which may contribute to the overall hazards of the substance or mixture.  
See section 12 - Results of PBT and vPvB assessment.

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### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical nature

Substance nature: Substance

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2-butoxyethanol (Content (W/W): > 99 %)  
CAS Number: 111-76-2

### **Hazardous ingredients**

2-butoxyethanol

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Content (W/W): > 99 % - < 100 % | Flam. Liq.: Cat. 4        |
| CAS Number: 111-76-2            | Eye Irrit.: Cat. 2A       |
|                                 | Acute Tox.: Cat. 4 (oral) |
|                                 | Skin Irrit.: Cat. 2       |

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## **4. First-Aid Measures**

General advice:

Remove contaminated clothing. If the patient is likely to become unconscious, place and transport in stable sideways position (recovery position). If not breathing, give artificial respiration. First aid personnel should pay attention to their own safety.

If inhaled:

Keep patient calm, remove to fresh air, seek medical attention.

On skin contact:

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

On contact with eyes:

Wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open, consult an eye specialist.

On ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth and then drink 200-300 ml of water, seek medical attention.

Note to physician:

Symptoms: Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11.

Hazards: Skin resorption hazard.

Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11.

(Further) symptoms and / or effects are not known so far

Treatment: Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote.

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## **5. Fire-Fighting Measures**

Suitable extinguishing media:

dry powder, water spray, carbon dioxide, alcohol-resistant foam

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:

water jet

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Additional information:

Use extinguishing measures to suit surroundings.

Specific hazards:

Flammable liquid Cool endangered containers with water-spray. See SDS section 7 - Handling and storage.

Special protective equipment:

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus. Special protective equipment for firefighters

Further information:

Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel. Fight fire from maximum distance.

Further information:

Extend fire extinguishing measures to the surroundings. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with official regulations.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions:

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Use antistatic tools.

Environmental precautions:

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods for cleaning up or taking up:

For large amounts: Pump off product.

For residues: Pick up with suitable absorbent material (e.g. sand, sawdust, general-purpose binder, kieselguhr). Dispose of absorbed material in accordance with regulations.

Additional information: High risk of slipping due to leakage/spillage of product.

Release of substance/product can cause fire or explosion. Shut off or stop source of leak. Shut off or stop released substance/product under safe conditions.

Pack in tightly closed containers for disposal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Ensure thorough ventilation of stores and work areas. Prevent contact with air/oxygen (formation of peroxide).

Protection against fire and explosion:

Prevent electrostatic charge - sources of ignition should be kept well clear - fire extinguishers should be kept handy.

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### Storage

Further information on storage conditions: Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place.

Storage stability:

Storage temperature:  $\leq 35\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

The stability data given is only valid when stored under oxygen free inert gases or in containers that are impermeable to oxygen.

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## 8. Exposure controls and personal protection

### Components with occupational exposure limits

2-butoxyethanol, 111-76-2;

TWA value 20 ppm (ACGIHTLV)

TWA value 121 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ; 25 ppm (OEL (SG))

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection:

Gas filter for gases/vapours of organic compounds (boiling point  $>65\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , e. g. EN 14387 Type A)

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves (EN ISO 374-1)

Suitable materials also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding  $> 480$  minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1):

butyl rubber (butyl) - 0.7 mm coating thickness

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing.

Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side-shields (frame goggles) (e.g. EN 166)

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. apron, protecting boots, chemical-protection suit (according to EN 14605 in case of splashes or EN ISO 13982 in case of dust).

General safety and hygiene measures:

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid inhalation of vapour. Wearing of closed work clothing is required additionally to the stated personal protection equipment.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

|         |            |
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| Form:   | liquid     |
| Colour: | colourless |
| Odour:  | ether-like |

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| Odour threshold:           | not determined   |   |
| pH value:                  | (20 °C)<br>miscible, neutral   |   |
| pKA:                       | 15<br>(20 °C)<br>The substance does not dissociate.  | (calculated)  |
| Melting point:             | -74.8 °C<br>Literature data.   |   |
| Boiling point:             | 173.5 °C<br>(1,013 hPa)  | (other)   |
| Flash point:               | 67 °C  | (DIN 51758, closed cup)                                       |
| Evaporation rate:          | Value can be approximated from<br>Henry's Law Constant or vapor<br>pressure.   |   |
| Flammability (solid/gas):  | Combustible liquid.  | (derived from flash point)                                    |
| Lower explosion limit:     | 1.1 %(V)<br>For liquids not relevant for<br>classification and labelling., The<br>lower explosion point may be 5 - 15<br>°C below the flash point. |   |
| Upper explosion limit:     | 10.6 %(V)<br>For liquids not relevant for<br>classification and labelling.   |   |
| Ignition temperature:      | 232 °C   | (DIN EN 14522)  |
| Thermal decomposition:     | No decomposition if stored and<br>handled as prescribed/indicated.   |   |
| Self ignition:             | Temperature: 20 °C<br>Based on its structural properties the<br>product is not classified as self-<br>igniting.                                    | Test type: Spontaneous self-<br>ignition at room-temperature. |
| Self heating ability:      | not applicable, the product is a liquid  |   |
| SADT:                      | No data available.   |   |
| Explosion hazard:          | Based on the chemical structure<br>there is no indication of explosive<br>properties.  |   |
| Fire promoting properties: | Based on its structural properties<br>the product is not classified as<br>oxidizing.   |   |
| Vapour pressure:           | 0.8 hPa<br>(20 °C)<br>Literature data.   | (measured)  |
|                            | 1.17 hPa<br>(25 °C)<br>Literature data.  | (measured)  |

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|   |  |   |
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| Density:  | 0.9000 g/cm <sup>3</sup><br>(20 °C, 1,013 hPa)   | (DIN 51757)                             |
| Relative density:                                   | 0.9000<br>(20 °C)  |   |
| Relative vapour density (air):                      | 4.08<br>(20 °C)<br>Heavier than air.   | (calculated)                            |
| Solubility in water:                                | Literature data.<br>900 g/l<br>(20 °C)   |   |
| Solubility (qualitative) solvent(s):                | organic solvents<br>soluble  |   |
| Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Pow): | 0.81<br>(25 °C)<br>The data refers to the undissociated form of the substance.                         | (measured)                              |
| Adsorption/water - soil:                            | KOC: 2.82; log KOC: 0.45   | (calculated)                            |
| Surface tension:                                    | 65 mN/m<br>(20 °C; 2 g/l)  | (other, other)                          |
| Viscosity, dynamic:                                 | 3.3 mPa.s<br>(20 °C)<br>The value was determined by calculation from the detected kinematic viscosity. | (calculated (from kinematic viscosity)) |
| Viscosity, kinematic:                               | 3.642 mm <sup>2</sup> /s<br>(20 °C)  | (Capillary viscometer)                  |
| Molar mass:   | 118.18 g/mol   |   |

#### Particle characteristics

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Specific Surface Area: | No data available. |
| Particle Shape:        | No data available. |
| Dustiness:             | No data available. |

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

Conditions to avoid:  
 No special precautions other than good housekeeping of chemicals.

Thermal decomposition: No decomposition if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Substances to avoid:  
 strong oxidizing agents

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Corrosion to metals: No corrosive effect on metal.

Hazardous reactions:

Reacts with light metals, with evolution of hydrogen. Reacts with strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products:

No hazardous decomposition products if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Chemical stability:

The product is stable if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Reactivity:

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated. When heated can give off ignitable vapours.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

### Routes of exposure

#### Acute oral toxicity

Experimental/calculated data:

LD50 guinea pig (oral): 1,200 mg/kg (similar to OECD guideline 401)

#### Acute inhalation toxicity

LC0 guinea pig (by inhalation): > 2.25 mg/l 4 h (similar to OECD guideline 403)

No mortality was observed. The European Union (EU) has classified this substance as 'toxic' (Cat. 3). The vapour was tested.

#### Acute dermal toxicity

LD50 guinea pig (dermal): > 2,000 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 402)

#### Acute toxicity other routes

LD50 mouse (intraperitoneal): 1,174 mg/kg

#### Assessment of acute toxicity

Of moderate toxicity after single ingestion. The inhalation of a highly enriched/saturated vapor-air-mixture represents an unlikely acute hazard. Virtually nontoxic after a single skin contact.

#### Symptoms

Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11.

#### Irritation

Assessment of irritating effects:

Eye contact causes irritation. Skin contact causes irritation.

Experimental/calculated data:

Skin corrosion/irritation rabbit: Irritant. (BASF-Test)

Serious eye damage/irritation rabbit: Irritant. (OECD Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory/Skin sensitization



**Assessment of sensitization:**

Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies.

**Experimental/calculated data:**

Guinea pig maximization test guinea pig: Non-sensitizing. (OECD Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity****Assessment of mutagenicity:**

The substance was not mutagenic in bacteria. The substance was not mutagenic in mammalian cell culture. The substance was not mutagenic in studies with mammals.

**Carcinogenicity****Assessment of carcinogenicity:**

Indication of possible carcinogenic effect in animal tests. A clear indication of an increased risk of cancer in humans has so far not been shown. IARC Group 3 (not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity).

**Reproductive toxicity****Assessment of reproduction toxicity:**

The results of animal studies gave no indication of a fertility impairing effect.

**Developmental toxicity****Assessment of teratogenicity:**

In animal studies the substance did not cause malformations.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)**

Based on the available information there is no specific target organ toxicity to be expected after a single exposure.

**Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)****Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:**

Damages blood cells. Due to the species specific mode of action, the effects are not expected to occur in humans.

**Aspiration hazard**

not applicable

**Other relevant toxicity information**

Skin resorption hazard.

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**12. Ecological Information**

## Ecotoxicity

### Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

There is a high probability that the product is not acutely harmful to aquatic organisms. Based on long-term (chronic) toxicity study data, the product is very likely not harmful to aquatic organisms. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations.

### Toxicity to fish:

LC50 (96 h) 1,474 mg/l, *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (OECD Guideline 203, static)  
Nominal concentration. Literature data.

### Aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (48 h) 1,550 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (OECD Guideline 202, part 1, static)  
Nominal concentration. Literature data.

### Aquatic plants:

EC50 (72 h) 1,840 mg/l (growth rate), *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* (OECD Guideline 201, static)  
Nominal concentration. Literature data.

### Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:

Toxic limit concentration (16 h) > 700 mg/l, *Pseudomonas putida* (DIN 38412 Part 8, static)  
Nominal concentration. Literature data.

### Chronic toxicity to fish:

No observed effect concentration (21 d) > 100 mg/l, *Brachydanio rerio* (OECD Guideline 204, semistatic)  
Nominal concentration. Literature data. Limit concentration test only (LIMIT test).

### Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:

No observed effect concentration (21 d), 100 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (OECD Guideline 211, semistatic)  
Nominal concentration. Literature data.

### Assessment of terrestrial toxicity:

No data available concerning terrestrial toxicity.

## Mobility

### Assessment transport between environmental compartments:

The substance will not evaporate into the atmosphere from the water surface.  
Adsorption to solid soil phase is not expected.

## Persistence and degradability

### Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H<sub>2</sub>O):

Readily biodegradable (according to OECD criteria).

### Elimination information:

90 % CO<sub>2</sub> formation relative to the theoretical value (28 d) (OECD 301B; ISO 9439; 92/69/EWG, C.4-C) (aerobic, activated sludge)

### Assessment of stability in water:

Substance is readily biodegradable, therefore hydrolysis is not expected to be relevant.

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### Bioaccumulation potential

Assessment bioaccumulation potential:

Because of the n-octanol/water distribution coefficient (log Pow) accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

Bioaccumulation potential:

No data available.

### Other adverse effects

Adsorbable organically-bound halogen (AOX):

This product contains no organically-bound halogen.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Must be disposed of or incinerated in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging:

Contaminated packaging should be emptied as far as possible; then it can be passed on for recycling after being thoroughly cleaned.

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

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## 14. Transport Information

### Domestic transport:

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
|                              | Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations |
| UN number or ID number       | Not applicable   |
| UN proper shipping name:     | Not applicable   |
| Transport hazard class(es):  | Not applicable   |
| Packing group:               | Not applicable   |
| Environmental hazards:       | Not applicable   |
| Special precautions for user | None known   |

### Sea transport

IMDG

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
|                              | Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations |
| UN number or ID number:      | Not applicable   |
| UN proper shipping name:     | Not applicable   |
| Transport hazard class(es):  | Not applicable   |
| Packing group:               | Not applicable   |
| Environmental hazards:       | Not applicable   |
|                              | Marine pollutant: no   |
| Special precautions for user | None known   |

### Air transport

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| UN number or ID number       | Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations |
| Proper shipping name:        | Not applicable   |
| Transport hazard class(es):  | Not applicable   |
| Packing group:               | Not applicable   |
| Environmental hazards:       | Not applicable   |
| Special precautions for user | None known   |

### Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Regulation:         | IBC-Code                         |
| Product name:       | Ethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers |
| Pollution category: | Y                                |
| Ship Type:          | 3                                |

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## 15. Regulatory Information

### Other regulations

If other regulatory information applies that is not already provided elsewhere in this safety data sheet, then it is described in this subsection.

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## 16. Other Information

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