

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** 2-Methylbutane

**Cat No. :** C39722

**CAS-No** 78-78-4  
**Synonyms** Isopentane; 2-Methylbutane; Butane, 2-methyl; 1,1-Dimethylpropane; Dimethylethylmethane; 1,1,2-Trimethylethane

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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**Importer/Distributor**  
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### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Flammable liquids</b>	Category 1
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	
<b>Aspiration Toxicity</b>	Category 1
<b>Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified</b>	Category 1
Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking	

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
 Danger

**Hazard Statements**

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor  
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways  
May cause drowsiness and dizziness  
Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Keep container tightly closed  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Use non-sparking tools  
Take action to prevent static discharges

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell  
Do NOT induce vomiting  
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

**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

**Other Hazards**

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Isopentane	78-78-4	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact**

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

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. Risk of serious damage to the lungs (by aspiration). If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like 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>	Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire
<b>Flash Point</b>	-51 °C / -59.8 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	420 °C / 788 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	7.6%
<b>Lower</b>	1.4%
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Extremely 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>).

### 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>
3	4	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
<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. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Refrigerator/flammables. Flammables area. Incompatible

Materials. Strong oxidizing agents.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Isopentane	TWA: 600 ppm TWA: 1770 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1000 ppm	TWA: 1000 ppm	TWA: 1000 ppm	TWA: 1000 ppm		

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye 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.

#### Hand Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	> 480 minutes	0.38 mm	As tested under EN374-3
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.3 mm	Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Recommended Filter type:** low boiling organic solvent Type AX Brown conforming to EN371

### Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Physical State**  
**Appearance**  
**Odor**  
**Odor Threshold**

Liquid  
Colorless  
Petroleum distillates  
No information available

pH	Not applicable
Melting Point/Range	-160 °C / -256 °F
Boiling Point/Range	30 °C / 86 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	-51 °C / -59.8 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	7.6%
Lower	1.4%
Vapor Pressure	990 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.48 (Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity	0.620
Solubility	insoluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	420 °C / 788 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available
Molecular Formula	C5 H12
Molecular Weight	72.15

## 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> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Toxicologically Synergistic Products	No information available
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#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	No information available
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Isopentane	78-78-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects	No information available
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Reproductive Effects	No information available.
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Developmental Effects	No information available.
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<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>STOT - single exposure</b>	Central nervous system (CNS)
<b>STOT - repeated exposure</b>	None known
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Aspiration hazard
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like 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

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
Isopentane	Not listed	Oncorhynchus mykiss: LC50: 3.1 mg/L/96h	Not listed	EC50: = 2.3 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Isopentane	4

## 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

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1265
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	PENTANES
<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	I

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### IATA

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<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	I

### IMDG/IMO

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<b>Hazard Class</b>	3
<b>Packing Group</b>	I

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Isopentane	78-78-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	201-142-8	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Isopentane	78-78-4	X	KE-23537	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Legend:**

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Isopentane	Part 5, Isomer Groups Part 4 Substance		

### Other International Regulations

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

#### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Isopentane	78-78-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Isopentane	78-78-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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<b>Revision Summary</b>	New emergency telephone response service provider.

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