

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name 2-Methylbutane

Cat No. : O3551, O3551-4

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**Company**

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Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 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 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3
Target Organs - Central nervous system (CNS).	
Aspiration Toxicity	Category 1

Label Elements**Signal Word**

Danger

Hazard Statements

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor
May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways
May cause drowsiness or dizziness

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
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
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Keep cool

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

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

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
Do NOT induce vomiting

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)

Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking

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.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If vomiting

occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.

Most important symptoms and effects

Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire

Flash Point

-51 °C / -59.8 °F

Method -

No information available

Autoignition Temperature

420 °C / 788 °F

Explosion Limits

Upper

7.6%

Lower

1.4%

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge 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 (CO₂).

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.

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Health
3

Flammability
4

Instability
0

Physical hazards
N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions

Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Environmental Precautions

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

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

Handling

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.

Storage.

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	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Isopentane	TWA: 1000 ppm			TWA: 600 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.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face 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.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	Petroleum distillates
Odor Threshold	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 ₂)
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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Teratogenicity	No information available.
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STOT - single exposure	Central nervous system (CNS)
STOT - repeated exposure	None known

Aspiration hazard	Aspiration hazard
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Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
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Endocrine Disruptor Information	No information available
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Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
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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.
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Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation	No information available.
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Mobility

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

Component	log Pow
Isopentane	3.3

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**

UN-No UN1265
 Proper Shipping Name PENTANES
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

TDG

UN-No UN1265
 Proper Shipping Name PENTANES
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

IATA

UN-No UN1265
 Proper Shipping Name PENTANES
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1265
 Proper Shipping Name PENTANES
 Hazard Class 3
 Packing Group I

15. Regulatory information**United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Isopentane	78-78-4	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - US EPA (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), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Isopentane	78-78-4	X	-	201-142-8	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23537

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

SARA 313	Not applicable
SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories	See section 2 for more information
CWA (Clean Water Act)	Not applicable
Clean Air Act	Not applicable
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration	Not applicable
CERCLA	Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Isopentane	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
Isopentane	Release STQs - 10000lb

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Severe risk, Grade 4

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

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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