

ACR38905

## tert-Butyl methyl ether

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

**产品说明:**  
**Product Description:** 叔丁基甲醚, 纯  
tert-Butyl methyl ether

**Cat No. :** 389050000; 389050010; 389050025  
**Synonyms** 2-Methyl-2-methoxy propane; MTBE; Methyl tert-butyl ether  
**CAS No** 1634-04-4  
**Molecular Formula** C5 H12 O

**Supplier** **UK entity/business name**  
Fisher Scientific UK  
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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

### SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Physical State**

Liquid

**Appearance**

Colorless

**Odor**

Petroleum distillates

**Emergency Overview**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Causes skin irritation. May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Flammable liquids.        | Category 2 |
| Acute Oral Toxicity       | Category 5 |
| Skin Corrosion/Irritation | Category 2 |

#### Label Elements



**Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapor  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H303 - May be harmful if swallowed

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment  
P241 - Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment  
P242 - Use non-sparking tools  
P243 - Take action to prevent static discharges  
P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower  
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell  
P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish  
P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**Storage**

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Physical and Chemical Hazards**

Vapors may cause flash fire or explosion. Highly flammable.

**Health Hazards**

Causes skin irritation. May be harmful if swallowed.

**Environmental hazards**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility. The product contains volatile organic compounds (VOC) which will evaporate easily from all surfaces.

Contains a known or suspected endocrine disruptor. Contains a substance on the National Authorities Endocrine Disruptor Lists.

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

| Component               | CAS No    | Weight % |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | 1634-04-4 | >95      |

**SECTION 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.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

**Most important symptoms and effects**

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

**Self-Protection of the First Aider**

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

**Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

**SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

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

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

**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.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal Precautions**

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

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**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.

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on 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. Use only under a chemical fume hood. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded.

**Storage**

Flammables area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. May form explosive peroxides on prolonged storage.

**Specific Use(s)**

Use in laboratories

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Control Parameters**

| Component               | China   | Taiwan                                    | Thailand | Hong Kong                                 |
|-------------------------|---|---|----------|---|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | TWA: 180 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>STEL: 270 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | TWA: 40 ppm<br>TWA: 144 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |          | TWA: 40 ppm<br>TWA: 144 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |

| Component               | ACGIH TLV   | OSHA PEL | NIOSH | The United Kingdom  | European Union  |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------|-------|---|---|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | TWA: 50 ppm |          |       | STEL: 100 ppm 15 min<br>STEL: 367 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min<br>TWA: 50 ppm 8 hr<br>TWA: 183.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr | TWA: 50 ppm (8h)<br>TWA: 183.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8h)<br>STEL: 100 ppm (15min)<br>STEL: 367 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (15min) |

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**Monitoring methods**

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents. MDHS70 General methods for sampling airborne gases and vapours MDHS 88 Volatile organic compounds in air. Laboratory method using diffusive samplers, solvent desorption and gas chromatography MDHS 96 Volatile organic compounds in air - Laboratory method using pumped solid sorbent tubes, solvent desorption and gas chromatography

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. 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 safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

| Glove material | Breakthrough time | Glove thickness | EU standard | Glove comments                             |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Nitrile rubber | < 211 minutes     | 0.38 mm         | Level 4     | Permeation rate 1 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /min  |
| Viton (R)      | < 152 minutes     | 0.7 mm          | Level 4     | Permeation rate 17 µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /min |
| Neoprene       |                   |                 | EN 374      | As tested under EN374-3 Determination of   |
| Natural rubber |                   |                 |             | Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals      |
| PVC            |                   |                 |             |  |

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, 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.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**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.

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

Small scale/Laboratory use      Maintain adequate ventilation

Hygiene Measures      Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls      No information available.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

|   |                                  |   |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Appearance                              | Colorless                        |   |
| Physical State                          | Liquid                           |   |
| Odor                                    | Petroleum distillates            |   |
| Odor Threshold                          | No data available                |   |
| pH                                      | No information available         |   |
| Melting Point/Range                     | -110 °C / -166 °F                |   |
| Softening Point                         | No data available                |   |
| Boiling Point/Range                     | 54 - 56 °C / 129.2 - 132.8 °F    |   |
| Flash Point                             | -28 °C / -18.4 °F                | Method - No information available           |
| Evaporation Rate                        | No data available                |   |
| Flammability (solid,gas)                | Not applicable                   | Liquid                                      |
| Explosion Limits                        | Lower 1.6 vol%<br>Upper 8.4 vol% |   |
| Vapor Pressure                          | 268 mbar @ 20 °C                 |   |
| Vapor Density                           | 0.2                              | (Air = 1.0)                                 |
| Specific Gravity / Density              | 0.740                            |   |
| Bulk Density                            | Not applicable                   | Liquid                                      |
| Water Solubility                        | 51 g/L (20°C)                    |   |
| Solubility in other solvents            | No information available         |   |
| Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) |                                  |   |
| Component                               | log Pow                          |   |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether                 | 1.06                             |   |
| Autoignition Temperature                | 224 °C / 435.2 °F                |   |
| Decomposition Temperature               | No data available                |   |
| Viscosity                               | 0.36 mPa.s at 20 °C              |   |
| Explosive Properties                    |                                  | Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air |
| Oxidizing Properties                    | No information available         |   |
| Molecular Formula                       | C5 H12 O                         |   |
| Molecular Weight                        | 88.15                            |   |

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Stability                        | Stable under normal conditions.   |
| Hazardous Reactions              | None under normal processing.   |
| Hazardous Polymerization         | Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  |
| Conditions to Avoid              | Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. |
| Materials to avoid               | Strong oxidizing agents.  |
| Hazardous Decomposition Products | Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).  |

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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## Product Information

## (a) acute toxicity;

| Component               | LD50 Oral                 | LD50 Dermal                   | LC50 Inhalation            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | LD50 = 2963 mg/kg ( Rat ) | LD50 = 10000 mg/kg ( Rabbit ) | LC50 = 85 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h |

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory  
Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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## (e) germ cell mutagenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals

## (f) carcinogenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen  
Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect

## (g) reproductive toxicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## (h) STOT-single exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## (i) STOT-repeated exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

## (j) aspiration hazard;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Other Adverse Effects

Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.

## Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

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

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Ecotoxicity effects

Do not empty into drains. .

| Component               | Freshwater Fish  | Water Flea                               | Freshwater Algae                             | Microtox   |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | 887 mg/L LC50 96 h<br>100 mg/L LC50 96 h<br>929 mg/L LC50 96 h<br>672 mg/L LC50 96 h | EC50: = 542 mg/L, 48h<br>(Daphnia magna) | 800 mg/L EC50 > 72 h<br>184 mg/L EC50 = 96 h | EC50 = 11.4 mg/L 30 min<br>EC50 = 8.23 mg/L 5 min<br>EC50 = 9.67 mg/L 15 min |

## Persistence and Degradability

Persistence

Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

## Bioaccumulative Potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

tert-Butyl methyl ether

| Component               | log Pow | Bioconcentration factor (BCF) |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | 1.06    | No data available             |

**Mobility in soil**

The product contains volatile organic compounds (VOC) which will evaporate easily from all surfaces. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility. Disperses rapidly in air.

**Endocrine Disruptor Information**

| Component               | EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List | EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances | Japan - Endocrine Disruptor Information |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | Group III Chemical                       |  |   |

**Persistent Organic Pollutant  
Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance.  
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**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Other Information**

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations.

**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****Road and Rail Transport**

UN-No UN2398  
Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN2398  
Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

**IATA**

UN-No UN2398  
Proper Shipping Name METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

**Special Precautions for User** No special precautions required

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****International Inventories**

X = listed, China (IECSC), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL).

| Component               | The Inventory of Hazardous Chemicals (2015 Edition) | List of dangerous goods GB 12268 - 2012 | TCSI | IECSC | EINECS    | TSCA | DSL | PICCS | ENCS | ISHL | AICS | KECL     |
|-------------------------|---|---|------|-------|-----------|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|----------|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | X   | X                                       | X    | X     | 216-653-1 | X    | X   | X     | X    | X    | X    | KE-23648 |

## National Regulations

| Component                                    | Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Methyl tert-butyl ether<br>1634-04-4 ( >95 ) | Class IV (20 wt%)                     |

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Revision Summary** Not applicable.

## Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Fire prevention and fighting, identifying hazards and risks, static electricity, explosive atmospheres posed by vapours and dusts.

Chemical incident response training.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

## Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS



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