

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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SRM Number: 2291  
MSDS Number: 2291  
SRM Name: Ethyl-t-butyl Ether in Reference  
Gasoline (Nominal 2.7 Weight Percent Oxygen)

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**Description:** This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use as a primary standard for the calibration of instruments used for the determination of the oxygen content of motor fuels. A unit of SRM 2291 consists of two ampoules of solution of ethyl-t-butyl ether in reference gasoline and one ampoule of reference gasoline without the ethyl-t-butyl ether to use as a blank. Each 20 mL ampoule contains approximately 18 mL of solution.

**Substance:** Gasoline and gasoline with ethyl-t-butyl ether.

**Other Designations:**

Gasoline (gasoline, unleaded; motor spirits; petrol; mid-grade gasoline; "A" grade gasoline [NRCA]).

Ethyl-t-butyl ether (2-ethoxy-2methylpropane; ether, tert-butyl ethyl; 1,1,-dimethylethyl ethyl ether; ethyl tert-butyl ether; ETBE).

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**NFPA Ratings (Scale 0–4):** Health = 1 Fire = 3 Reactivity = 0

**Note:** The two different formulations (gasoline and gasoline with ethyl-t-butyl ether) have many of the same physical properties and present similar health hazards to the user. This MSDS applies to both formulations unless otherwise noted. Gasoline contains many different components at varying concentrations (See Section 3, "Composition and Information on Hazardous Ingredients").

**Major Health Hazards:** Potentially fatal on contact with the skin, harmful if swallowed, respiratory tract irritation, skin irritation, eye irritation, aspiration hazard, blood damage, liver damage, central nervous system depression, nerve damage, and cancer.

**Physical Hazards:** Extremely flammable liquid and vapor. Vapor may cause flash fire.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute and Chronic)**

**Inhalation:** Irritation, ringing in ears, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, drowsiness, symptoms of drunkenness, disorientation, visual disturbances, lung congestions, blood disorders, paralysis, convulsions, and coma. Long-term effects may include hearing loss, kidney damage, nerve damage, reproductive effects, brain damage, and cancer.

**Skin Contact:** Short-term contact may cause irritation, blisters, rash, and kidney damage; long-term contact may cause burns and tingling sensation.

**Eye Contact:** Tearing and irritation.

**Ingestion:** Vomiting, digestive disorders, chest pain, difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, headache, drowsiness, symptoms of drunkenness, disorientation, visual disturbances, dilated pupils, bluish skin color, lung congestion, lung damage, liver damage, paralysis, convulsions, and coma. Long-term effects may include impotence and cancer.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**

In the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens  
In the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs  
By the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Yes	No
X <sup>(a)</sup>	
X <sup>(a,b,c)</sup>	
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<sup>(a)</sup> NTP lists benzene as *known human carcinogen*. IARC lists benzene as Group 1 (*carcinogenic to humans*). OSHA lists benzene as a cancer hazard (see 29 CFR 1910.1028).

<sup>(b)</sup> IARC lists gasoline and possible components as Group 2B (*possibly carcinogenic to humans*).

<sup>(c)</sup> IARC lists toluene as Group 3 (*not classifiable*).

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**3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS**

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Component	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Concentration (%)
Gasoline	8006-61-9	232-349-1	100
<b>Components<sup>(a)</sup></b>			
Toluene	108-88-3	203-625-9	0 – 15
Ethyl-t-butyl ether <sup>(b)</sup>	637-92-3	211-309-7	17
Benzene	71-43-2	200-753-7	0 – 5

<sup>(a)</sup> This material is a complex mixture that has not been tested as a whole. Concentrations of the components are listed as required by OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.1200 (g)(2)(i)(C)(1), for MSDS information with hazardous components (1 % or greater) and carcinogens (0.1 % or greater).

<sup>(b)</sup> Ethyl-t-butyl ether is not present in the ampoule labeled “Gasoline Blank”.

**EC Classification**

Gasoline: T, Carc. Cat. 2, Muta Cat. 2, Xn

Toluene: F, Repr. Cat. 3, Xn, Xi

Ethyl-t-butyl ether: Not classified.

Benzene: F, Carc. Cat. 1, Muta. Cat. 2, T, Xn, Xi

**EC Risk Phrases (R No):** 11, 36/38, 45, 46, 48/23/24/25, 48/20, 63, 65, 67

**EC Safety Phrases (S No):** 36/37, 45, 46, 53, 62

**EC Risk/Safety Phrases:** See Section 15, “Regulatory Information”.

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse affected area with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical assistance if necessary.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Contact local poison control center or physician immediately. Never make an unconscious person vomit or drink fluids. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to help prevent aspiration. If person is unconscious, turn head to side. Get help immediately.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Severe fire hazard. The vapor is heavier than air. Vapors or gases may ignite at distant ignition sources and flash back. Vapor/air mixtures are explosive.

**Extinguishing Media:** Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, fine water spray, and regular foam.

**Fire Fighting:** Avoid inhalation of combustion by-products.

**Flash Point:** –45 °C (–49 °F)

**Method Used:** Estimate.

**Autoignition Temperature:** 280 °C to 456 °C (536 °F to 853 °F)

**Flammability Limits in Air****UPPER (Volume %):** 7.6**LOWER (Volume %):** 1.2

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**Occupational Release:** Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material and collect in appropriate container for proper disposal. Subject to California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act 1986 (Proposition 65). Keep out of water supplies and sewers.

**Disposal:** Refer to Section 13, "Disposal Considerations".

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards.

**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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**Exposure Limits:** There are no specific occupational limits established for gasoline. The following limits are for the individual components.

Exposure Limits			
Components	OSHA (PEL)	ACGIH (TLV)	NIOSH (REL)
Benzene	0.5 ppm Action level 1 ppm TWA <sup>(a)</sup> 5 ppm STEL (15 min) 25 ppm Ceiling	0.5 ppm TWA 2.5 ppm STEL Skin <sup>(b)</sup>	0.1 ppm TWA 1 ppm STEL 500 ppm IDLH
Toluene	200 ppm TWA 300 ppm Ceiling	20 ppm TWA	100 ppm TWA (375 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA) 150 ppm STEL (560 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL) 500 ppm IDLH
Ethyl-t-butyl ether	No occupational limits established.	5 ppm TWA	No occupational limits established.

<sup>(a)</sup> Cancer hazard, Flammable, See 29 CFR 1910.128; a 10 ppm TWA applies to industry segments exempt from the benzene standard (29 CFR 1910.128).

<sup>(b)</sup> Potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous route.

**Ventilation:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Respirator:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 24 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety goggles. An eyewash station and drench shower should be readily available near the handling and use areas.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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**Appearance and Odor:** Clear, colorless to amber liquid; gasoline odor (0.25 ppm threshold)

**Molecular Formula:** Not applicable.

**Molar Mass:** Not applicable.

**Density:** 5.6 to 6.5 lbs/gal

**Specific Gravity (water = 1):** 0.7 to 0.8 at 15.6 °C

**Percent volatile (%):** 100

**Boiling Point:** 27 °C to 225 °C (81 °F to 437 °F)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>	Will Occur	X	Will Not Occur
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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** The following system disorders may be affected: central nervous, kidney, liver, blood, nervous, eye, metabolic, immune, allergies, respiratory, and skin.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Components	Ecotoxicity Data
Gasoline	Fish: Rainbow trout ( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> ) LC <sub>50</sub> : 56 mg/L (96 h) Algae: Green algae ( <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> ) EC <sub>50</sub> : 4700 mg/L (72 h)
Toluene	Fish: Rainbow trout ( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> ) LC <sub>50</sub> : 5.8 mg/L (96 h) [semi-static] Fathead minnow ( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> ) LC <sub>50</sub> : 12.6 mg/L (96 h) [static] Algae: Green algae ( <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> ) EC <sub>50</sub> : 12.5 mg/L (72 h) [static] Invertebrate: Freshwater water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> ) EC <sub>50</sub> : 11.5 mg/L (48 h)
Ethyl-t-butyl ether	No data available.
Benzene	Fish: Rainbow trout ( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> ) LC <sub>50</sub> : 5.3 mg/L (96 h) [flow-through] Algae: Green algae ( <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> ) EC <sub>50</sub> : 29 mg/L (72 h) Invertebrate: Freshwater water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> ) EC <sub>50</sub> : 10 mg/L (48 h)

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Subject to disposal regulations, U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Number D001. Hazardous waste number: D018. Dispose of in accordance with U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262 for concentrations at or above the regulatory level (0.5 mg/L).

Toluene waste number U220

Benzene waste number U019 (ignitable waste); 0.5 mg/L regulatory level.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** Gasoline, Hazard Class 3, UN1203, Packing Group II.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4):

Gasoline and ethyl-t-butyl ether are not regulated.

Toluene [1000 lb final RQ (454 kg)].

Benzene [10 lb final RQ (4.54 kg) received an adjusted RQ of 10 lbs based on potential carcinogenicity in a August 14, 1989 final rule].

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Gasoline, ethyl-t-butyl ether, toluene, and benzene are not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Gasoline, ethyl-t-butyl ether, toluene, and benzene are not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65):

Gasoline and ethyl-t-butyl ether are not regulated.

Toluene (1.0 % de minimis concentration).

Benzene (0.1 % de minimis concentration).

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Gasoline, ethyl-t-butyl ether, toluene, and benzene are not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: Yes

CHRONIC HEALTH: Yes

FIRE: Yes

REACTIVE: No

PRESSURE: No

### State Regulations:

California Proposition 65:

Warning: This material contains a chemical (benzene) known to the state of California to cause cancer.

Warning: This material contains chemicals (toluene, benzene, ethyl-t-butyl ether) known to the state of California to cause reproductive/developmental effects.

### Canadian Regulations:

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

## European Regulations

### EC Classification

Gasoline: T – Toxic, Carc. Cat. 2, Xn – Harmful, Muta Cat. 2

Toluene: F – Flammable, Xn – Harmful, Repr. Cat. 3, Xi – Irritant

Ethyl-t-butyl ether: Not classified.

Benzene: F – Flammable, T – Toxic, Carc. Cat. 1, Xn – Harmful, Muta. Cat. 2, Xi – Irritant

### EC Risk Phrases (R No):

R11 – Highly flammable.

R36/38 – Irritating to eyes and skin.

R45 – May cause cancer.

R46 – May cause heritable genetic damage.

R48/23/24/25 – Toxic: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

R48/20 – Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.

R63 – Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.

R65 – Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed.

R67 – Vapours may cause drowsiness or dizziness.

### EC Safety Phrases (S No):

S36/37 – Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

S45 – In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show label where possible).

S46 – If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

S53 – Avoid exposure – obtain special instructions before use.

S62 – If swallowed, do not induce vomiting; seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

## National Inventory Status

**U.S. Inventory (TSCA):** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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